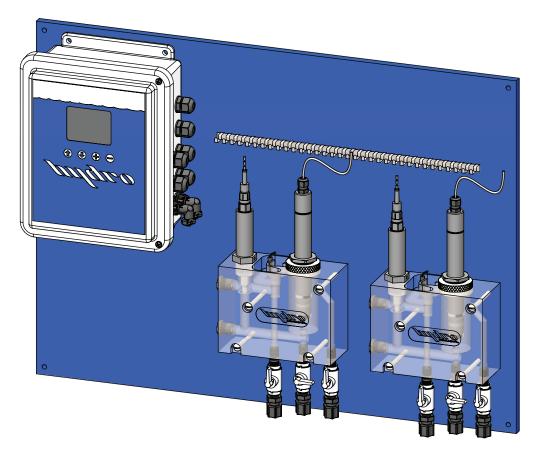


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# Hydro Instruments Series 260 Residual Analyzer

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# I. FUNCTIONS AND CAPABILITIES

# 1. Basic Concept

The RPH-260 residual analyzer is a multi-parameter instrument that can be used to measure a variety of disinfectants including: Free Chlorine, Total Chlorine, Chlorine Dioxide and Chlorite.

Certain chemical species produce an electrical signal in the disinfectant sensor. The strength of this signal is a function of their concentration. This signal is read by the RPH-260 monitor as the sample water continuously flows across the disinfectant sensor at a controlled rate.

Parameters that can influence residual readings such as temperature and pH are compensated for either automatically or manually in software. A temperature sensor is used to compensate for changes in temperature. An optional pH electrode can be used for automatic pH compensation or a static pH value can be manually entered. Alternatively, sample water pH can be chemically adjusted / controlled via a separate chemical feed system.

The RPH-260 includes two separate PID control loops, which can be enabled or disabled as desired. The PID control can be setup as flow pacing (i.e. proportional control), residual (i.e. set-point control) or compound loop (i.e. PID) control. The program accepts a proportional 4-20mA input for the flow pacing and compound loop control and uses its own readings for the residual and compound loop control.

# 2. Chlorine Chemistry

When Chlorine dissolves in water it forms Hypochlorous Acid according to the following reactions:

Chlorine Gas:  $Cl_2$  $Cl_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow HOCI + HCI$ 

Sodium Hypochlorite: NaOCI NaOCI +  $H_2O \leftrightarrow$  HOCI + Na<sup>+</sup> + OH<sup>-</sup>

Calcium Hypochlorite: Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O  $\leftrightarrow$  2HOCl + Ca<sup>++</sup> + 2OH<sup>-</sup>

Hypochlorous Acid is a weak acid that partially dissociates into a Hydrogen Ion and a Hypochlorite Ion as follows:

 $\mathsf{HOCI}\longleftrightarrow\mathsf{H}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}+\mathsf{OCI}^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ 

The degree of dissociation depends on the pH and the Temperature. Regardless of Temperature, below a pH of 5 the dissociation of HOCI remains virtually zero and above a pH of 10 the dissociation of HOCI is virtually 100%. Figure 1 shows this dissociation curve at several Temperatures. The sum of Hypochlorous Acid and Hypochlorite Ion is referred to as Free Available Chlorine.

When Ammonia Nitrogen is present in the water, some or all of the Free Available Chlorine will be converted into Chloramine compounds according to the following reactions:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{NH}_3 + \mathsf{HOCI} \longrightarrow \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} + \mathsf{NH}_2\mathsf{CI} \text{ (Monochloramine)} \\ \mathsf{NH}_3 + 2\mathsf{HOCI} \longrightarrow 2\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} + \mathsf{NHCI}_2 \text{ (Dichloramine)} \\ \mathsf{NH}_3 + 3\mathsf{HOCI} \longrightarrow 3\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} + \mathsf{NCI}_3 \text{ (Nitrogen Trichloride)} \end{array}$ 

The sum of the Chloramine compounds is referred to as "Combined Chlorine". The sum of Free Chlorine and Combined Chlorine is referred to as "Total Chlorine".

## 3. Measurement

The information provided in this document focuses on Free Chlorine and Total Chlorine measurement. Other disinfectant sensors are available and may have their own separate documentation.

**Free Chlorine:** Free Chlorine is the sum of Hypochlorous Acid and Hypochlorite Ion. These two forms exist in equilibrium and their concentration depends on the pH and temperature of the sample water as shown in Figure 1.

Total Chlorine: The sum of Free Chlorine and Combined Chlorine is Total Chlorine.

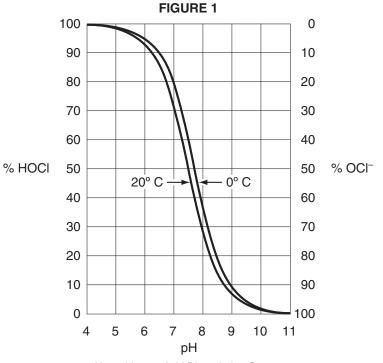
**pH:** Sample water pH is an important consideration and each disinfectant sensor has a pH range in which it can be reliably used.

The analyzer can be outfitted with an optional pH electrode and set up to monitor sample water pH or to automatically compensate for pH dissociation via software.

Some disinfectant sensors have a natural pH dependence, meaning the signal tracks with the dissociation curve of the hypochlorous acid. When using a disinfectant sensor that has a natural pH dependence, the pH of the sample water must be kept constant or a pH electrode can be used to automatically compensate.

Some disinfectant sensors have a reduced dependence on pH. These sensors are better suited for applications that have high and/or varying pH levels.

**Temperature:** A thermistor is used to continuously measure the sample water temperature. Significant temperature fluctuations of the sample water can affect readings. The analyzer software uses the temperature reading to automatically compensate for these effects.



Hypochlorous Acid Dissociation Curves

# 4. Basic Specifications

Power: 100-250 VAC, 50/60 Hz or 24 VDC, 10 W max.

- Inputs: (Qty.1) 4-20mA PV1 for PID control
  - (Qty.1) 4-20mA Sample water pressure sensor (Optional)
  - (Qty.1) Contact input Sample water flow switch (Optional)

Outputs: (Qty.4) Isolated 4-20 mA

Digital Communication: Modbus RS-485

Relay Contacts: (Qty.4) SPDT, 10 Amps @ 120 VAC or 24 VDC, resistive load, 5 Amps @ 240 VAC, resistive load.

**IMPORTANT:** When the relay controls an inductive load (e.g. a solenoid motor), external surge protection must be installed. With no surge protection the kickback voltage can irreparably damage the relay. The relay must be protected from this kickback voltage using a diode, metal oxide varistor (MOV) or transient voltage suppressor (TSV).

A diode is the best protection when powering with a DC power supply. The diode should be connected directly across the load and must have a reverse breakdown voltage higher than the power supply being used and must be rated for a higher current than the maximum load current.

A MOV or TSV is the best protection when powering with an AC power supply. The surge suppressor should be located as close to the inductive load as possible. If the suppressor cannot be mounted at the load, it must be mounted to the relay board terminals.

# **II. RESIDUAL ANALYZER COMPONENTS**

## 1. Monitor

The monitor provides the front end and back end interface for the entire residual analyzer. It features a 320x240 resolution, graphical color display. The residual, temperature and other readings are displayed here on the main operating screen.

Navigating through the menus is done with the four push-buttons on the face of the monitor. The buttons functions as follows:

- Moves the boxed selection up.
- Moves to the next screen if there is no boxed selection or moves the boxed selection down.
- + Enter the boxed selected menu or increase the boxed selected value.
- $\bigcirc$  Decrease the boxed selected value.

NOTE: When adjusting a parameter, the value displayed is immediately used and automatically saved.

All I/O connections are made inside the monitor. See Figure 15 for more information.

**Data Logger (Optional)**: Data logger data is written to an internal, removable MicroSDHC card. The MicroSDHC card is included, but is not installed, when this option is supplied.

## 2. Sensors & Electrodes

**Thermistor:** The sample water temperature is continuously measured by the analyzers thermistor (i.e. temperature sensor).

**Disinfectant Sensor**: The disinfectant sensor continuously measures the residual concentration of the target species in the sample water.

**pH Electrode (Optional)**: A pH electrode can be installed into the flow cell and used to monitor sample water pH and compensate for the effects of pH as described in Section I. If the pH electrode is included its readings will be displayed on the main operating screen.

**ORP Electrode (Optional)**: If the optional oxidation reduction potential (ORP) electrode has been included for monitoring sample water ORP, it will be installed into a small separate acrylic flow cell specific for it. This assembly will be included on the wall mounting panel of the RPH-260.

**Conductivity Electrode (Optional)**: If the optional conductivity electrode has been included for monitoring sample water conductivity, it will be installed into a small separate acrylic flow cell specific for it. This assembly will be included on the wall mounting panel of the RPH-260.

# 3. Flow Cell

For most disinfectant sensors a single piece Open Flow Cell that is open to atmospheric pressure will be supplied. The open flow cell is designed to maintain a constant pressure across the disinfectant sensor to minimize readings inaccuracies that occur due to changing sample water pressure. This flow cell also uses the cross flow insert beneath the disinfectant sensor to push away air bubbles that could collect on the sensors membrane cap.

For disinfectant sensors that use a self-cleaning mechanism (e.g. the F3 type), the analyzer will instead include a two piece Pressurized Flow Cell arrangement that includes a flow meter with flow adjustment valve. The pressurized flow cell allows for higher flow rates necessary to activate the disinfectant sensors self-cleaning mechanism.

Drawings for the Open Flow Cell and Pressurized Flow Cell can be found in the back of this document.

**Sample Water Flow Switch (Optional)**: The sample water flow switch is a separate accessory that can be installed into the sample water line at the inlet of the flow cell. It is used to indicate if sample water flow to the analyzer has stopped. It is a normally open contact that will close when water flow is applied. Should sample water flow stop, the switch will open and indicate an alarm on the monitor. An alarm relay can be set to remotely indicate that sample water flow has stopped.

# **III. INSTALLATION**

## 1. Sample Water Connection and Control

The residual analyzer requires a constant supply of sample water at a controlled rate and pressure.

**Flow:** The sample water flow rate should be controlled at a rate appropriate for the flow cell being used. A flow meter and rate control valve installed upstream of the analyzer may be necessary to achieve and maintain this flow rate.

Open Flow Cell: 4 to 8 GPH (15 to 30 l/h)

Pressurized Flow Cell: 12 to 24 GPH (45 to 90 l/h)

**Pressure:** Where the sample point has a high water pressure, a pressure-reducing valve must be installed to deliver the sample water to the residual analyzer. Alternatively, if the sample point pressure is too low, then it may be necessary to use a sample pump to deliver the sample water to the residual analyzer.

Open Flow Cell: 5 PSI (0.3 bar) max.

Pressurized Flow Cell: 15 PSI (1 bar) recommended

**Other Considerations:** The connection to the sample point should be made in such a way to avoid receiving air or sediment from the pipe.

Biological growth inside the sample piping will have some disinfectant chemical demand. This can cause measurement inaccuracies of the sample water (e.g. The chlorine residual could decrease as the sample water passes through the sample water piping). For this reason, it may be necessary to periodically disinfect the sample water piping to prevent biological growth.

It is generally not recommended to use a sample water filter. As the filter collects particles it can develop a chlorine demand causing the chlorine residual in the sample water to be reduced, leading to inaccurate readings. However, in certain installations with significant amounts of solids in the sample water (e.g. iron and manganese) the use of a sample water filter may be necessary. Where a filter is necessary, it will need to be maintained frequently.

## 2. Sample Water Disposal

Since no reagent chemical is being injected, the disposal of the water leaving the residual analyzer is usually not a significant concern.

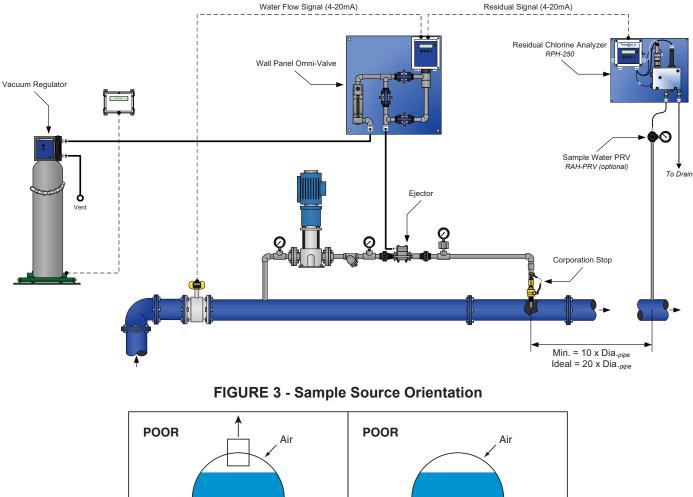
# 3. Sample Point Location

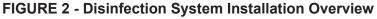
There are at least two general concepts to consider when selecting the sample point location. First, is to select a point that allows reliable determination of the chemical residual concentration at the most critical point for the installation. Second, is to take into consideration the chemical injection control timing. A balance between these considerations must be reached.

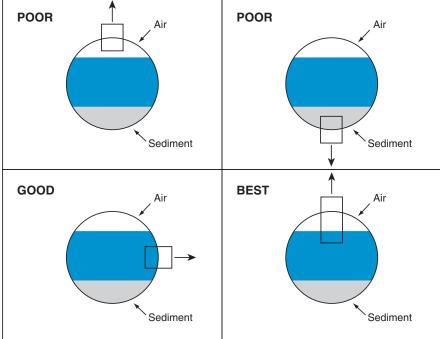
Each system is unique, but in general the goal of the chemical injection is to achieve some result by maintaining a chemical residual concentration in the system (e.g. To maintain a specific chlorine residual at the exit of the drinking water facility). The location should be selected so that the injected chemical is already fully mixed so that an accurate sample can be sent to the residual analyzer.

Consideration should be given to the sample point location with regards for use as a control signal for chemical injection. If there is a long time delay between chemical injection changes and the change being detected by the measurement cell, then chemical injection control is adversely affected. The delay time should be kept as short as possible. Less than 5 minutes is recommended.

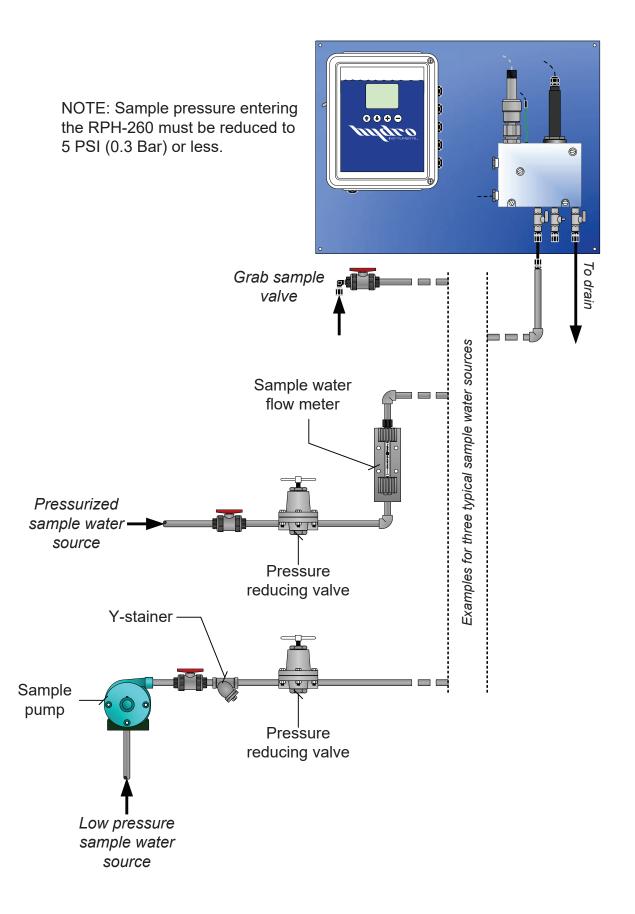
It is recommended for the analyzers sample point to be 20X the pipe diameter downstream of chemical injection, but a minimum of 10X the pipe diameter must be observed.



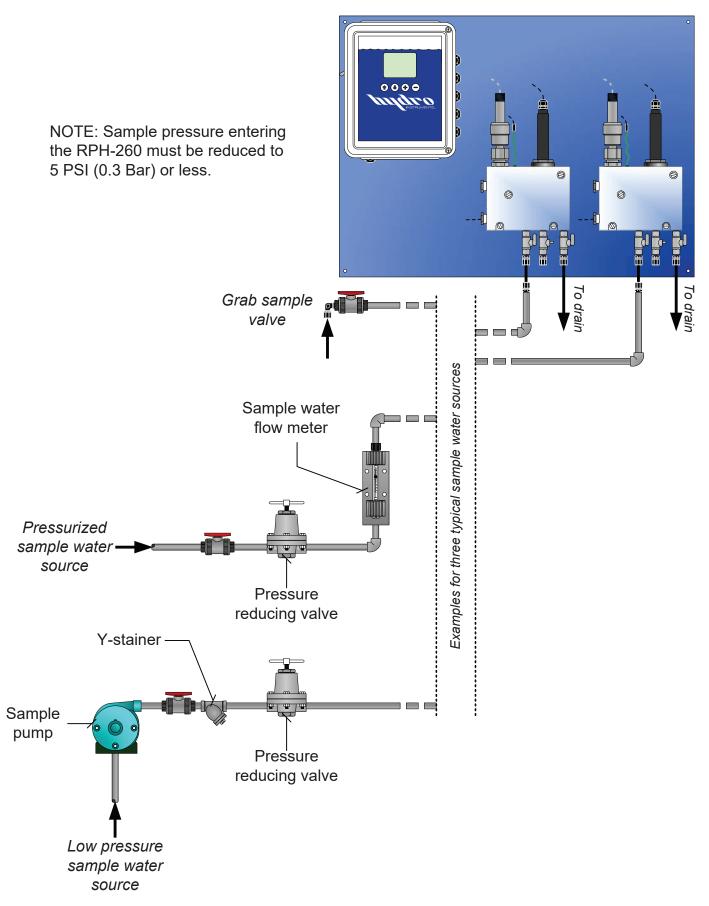




#### FIGURE 4 Sampling Examples for RPH-261 Single Disinfectant Sensor



#### FIGURE 5 Sample Sources for RPH-262 Two Disinfectant Sensors



# **IV. DISINFECTANT SENSORS**

# 1. Commissioning The Disinfectant Sensor

Most disinfectant sensors use a membrane cap and are shipped with the membrane cap installed. The membrane cap must be removed and filled with electrolyte before use.

For sensors that do not have a membrane cap such as the F3 type, these sensors have an electrolyte hull that is pre-filled at the factory. For additional information specific to these sensors see the supplemental F3 & D3 Self-Cleaning Sensor Instructions document.

**WARNING:** When removing the membrane cap do not touch the electrode finger as this may irreparably damage the silver chloride coating.

# a. Membrane Cap & Electrolyte

Membrane caps are specific to the type of disinfectant sensor. The correct membrane cap must be used for proper operation. The membrane cap type is stamped into its side.

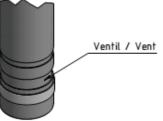
Electrolyte solutions are specific to the type of disinfectant sensor. The correct electrolyte must be used for proper operation. The electrolyte type is listed on the bottles label.

NOTE: The electrolyte has an expiration date printed on the bottle. Do not use electrolyte that has expired.

For membrane cap and electrolyte part numbers and their corresponding disinfectant sensors, see Dwg. No. RPH-260 BOM in this document.

# b. Preparation

- i. Remove the protective cap off the membrane cap.
- ii. Lift the rubber ring on the membrane cap to expose the vent hole.
- iii. Unthread the membrane cap from the disinfectant sensor and place the rubber ring back into its groove.



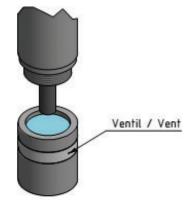
iv. Fill the membrane cap with electrolyte to just below the threads.

NOTE: Do not shake the electrolyte before filling the cap. Air bubbles must not be present in the electrolyte.



v. Hold the sensor vertically and thread the membrane cap on. Make sure to thread the membrane cap on completely. It will be tight against the sensor body.

NOTE: Some electrolyte will be displaced out of the cap and through the vent hole. Use water to rinse off any electrolyte residue on the sensor.



vi. The sensor is now prepared to be installed into the flow cell.



# 2. Installation Into Flow Cell

The Sensor must be installed into the Flow Cell at an appropriate height to allow the sample water to flow across the membrane as well as prevent air bubble formation.

## a. Open Flow Cell

See parts drawing RPH-OFC for details.

- i. Install the AFC-INS-CRF Cross Flow Insert into the flow cell.
- ii. Install the Probenut and O-Ring into the Threaded Holder but do not fully tighten.
- iii. Slide the holder assembly onto body of sensor until it is approximately 3in. (7.6cm) up from the bottom. Tighten the Probenut and Holder so it stays in place on the sensor.
- iv. Place the assembly into top of the flow cell. There should be a small gap, about ¼ in. to ¾ in., between the tip of the sensor and the recess of the Cross Flow Insert.

## b. Pressurized Flow Cell

See parts drawing RPH-PFC for details.

- i. Slide the Probenut and O-Ring onto body of sensor until it is approximately 4in. (10.2cm) up from the bottom.
- ii. Place the assembly into top of the flow cell and tighten the Probenut to hold the sensor in place. There should be a small gap, about 1/4 in. to 3/8 in., between the tip of the sensor and the top of the Flow Control Plug, part no. PFC-FCP.

# 3. Cable Connections

**Grounding:** Analyzers are supplied with a sample water ground pin to prevent electrical interferences that may be present in the sample water. The sample water ground pin is tied into the incoming AC ground.

**Disinfectant Sensors with mA Outputs:** The disinfectant sensor is powered from the MB129 circuit board with an isolated 24VDC output, terminal (VO+). This isolated output must be used to power the sensor to prevent electrical interferences and may not be connected to anything else.

The disinfectant sensor outputs a 4-20mA signal that is received by the MB129 circuit board, terminal (AI1).

## 4. Sensor Conditioning

The disinfectant sensor requires conditioning prior to generating stable values.

Before calibration is carried out, the analyzer should be operated with disinfectant in the sample water for a period of time.

For newly installed disinfectant sensors, allow the sensor to run in for the prescribed start-up time. This time will vary based on the type of sensor being used and can take 1 to 48 hours.

Startup Times		
Sensor Type	Start-up Time	
F1	Approx. 1 hour	
F2	Approx. 2 hours	
F3	1 to 48 hours	
T1	Approx. 2 hours	

NOTE: After membrane cap and/or electrolyte replacement, allow the sensor to run in for the prescribed start-up time. Refer to the 'RPH Disinfectant Sensor Selection' Guide for more sensor start-up times.

# 5. Decommissioning and Storage

If the analyzer is going to be taken out of operation for a period of time, the disinfectant sensor(s) will need to be prepared for storage.

- a. Remove the membrane Cap
- b. Rinse the electrolyte out of the membrane cap with warm water.
- c. Rinse the electrode finger with warm water.

NOTE: The electrolyte must be completely removed from the membrane cap and electrode finger.

- d. Allow to dry in air.
- e. Loosely screw the membrane cap onto the sensor to protect the electrode finger during storage. Make sure that the membrane is not in contact with the electrode finger.

NOTE: If the membrane cap has been in use for a period of time, it is recommended that a new membrane cap be installed when the sensor is placed back into service.

# V. PH ELECTRODES

# 1. Commissioning The pH Electrode

The pH electrode is shipped in a cap containing a solution of pH buffer and potassium chloride. The electrode should only be removed from this solution when it is ready to be installed and used.

# 2. Installation Into Flow Cell

## a. Mounting

See parts drawing RPH-OFC or RPH-PFC for details.

i. Remove the electrode from its buffer cap and place it into its mounting gland. Secure it into place by gently threading it into the gland, rotating clockwise until it stops.

## b. Wiring

Analyzers ordered with a pH electrode will have its connection pre-wired and only the electrode needs to be connected to its quick-disconnect cap & cable assembly after mounting.

i. Connect the quick-disconnect cap & cable assembly to the top of the pH electrode by gently threading the cap on, rotating clockwise until it stops.

# 3. Cable Connections

If a pH electrode is not being used a jumper wire must be connected between the AI3 & AIC terminals on the MB128 circuit board. Failure to install the jumper will cause the A/D converter to be inaccurate.

NOTE: If a pH electrode is being used for automatic pH compensation, it is normal for the chlorine residual reading to be effected when the pH probe is removed from the flow cell.

# 5. Decommissioning and Storage

If the analyzer is going to be taken out of operation for a period of time, the pH electrode should be store in pH storage solution or in a pH 4 buffer if storage solution is not available.

NOTE: Do not store the pH electrode in deionized (DI) water as this will damage the electrode.

# 6. Additional Information

For additional information see the pH & ORP Electrode - General Instructions document.

# VI. CALIBRATION AND PROGRAMMING

# 1. Operating the Keypad

- **b.** Selection and Adjustment: Depending on the selection, pressing the + button will:
  - · Jump to the screen with the selected title
  - Increase an adjustable numeric value (typically by a preset increment and within a specific range)
  - · Cycle through selectable parameters from a list
  - Begin a hold or calibration process (typically prompted to press and hold + button)
  - Do nothing (if there is no selection cursor on screen)

## 2. Modes of the RPH-260 Residual Analyzer

**Operation Mode:** This is the standard mode which appears during initial powering of the unit. This is the mode used during normal operation of the analyzer. In this mode the screen will display the current residual reading, water temperature, pH and any alarm conditions that may exist.

When a value is displayed in red, this indicates that the value is outside of a set parameter. A value displayed in red indicates an alarm condition.

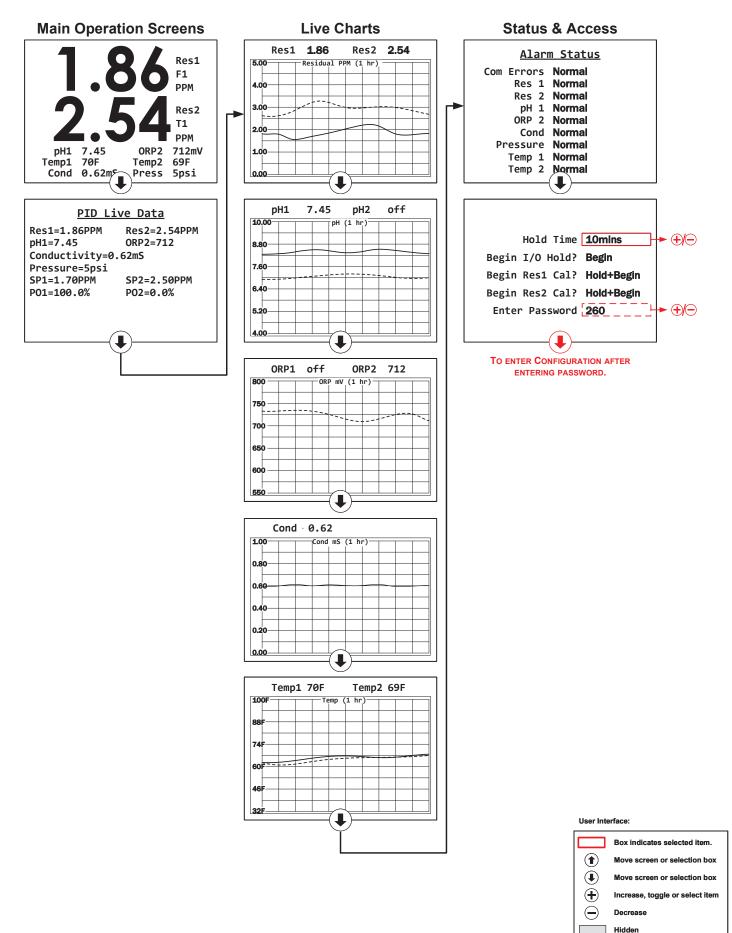
**Configuration and Calibration Mode (Programming):** This mode is used to set up the display options, operational parameters and other features.

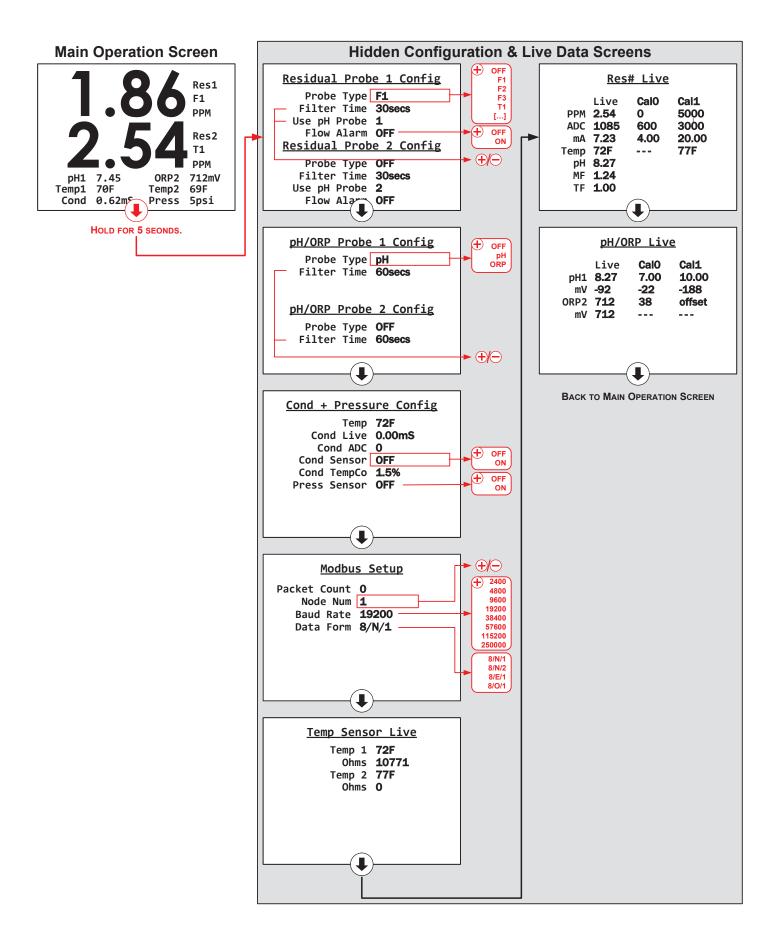
#### a. Switching Between Modes

- i. **Operation Mode:** To return to this mode from any other screen simply press the **b**utton repeatedly.
- **ii. Configuration and Calibration Mode:** This mode is accessed from the Operation Mode by pressing the button until the Enter Password line is reached on the Access Screen.

To enter the password, press and hold and/or repeatedly press the + button to enter the password. The password is "260". When the line shows Enter Password 260, press the  $\bullet$  button to access the Configuration screen.

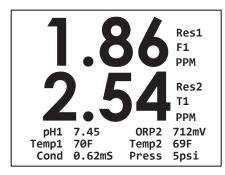
#### FIGURE 6 - Operating Screens, Live Charts & Setup Access





# **VII. EXPLANATION OF OPERATION SCREENS**

**Main Screen:** This screen will display the live readings for installed and active disinfectant probes, pH probes, and temperature sensors. The values shown in extra-large font size are live disinfectant probe readings, using user-specified units. A value may show in red color if there is an active Alarm condition for the respective probe/sensor.



**Residual Chart:** This screen shows curves which graphically depict residual values for active probes over a user-adjustable time period.

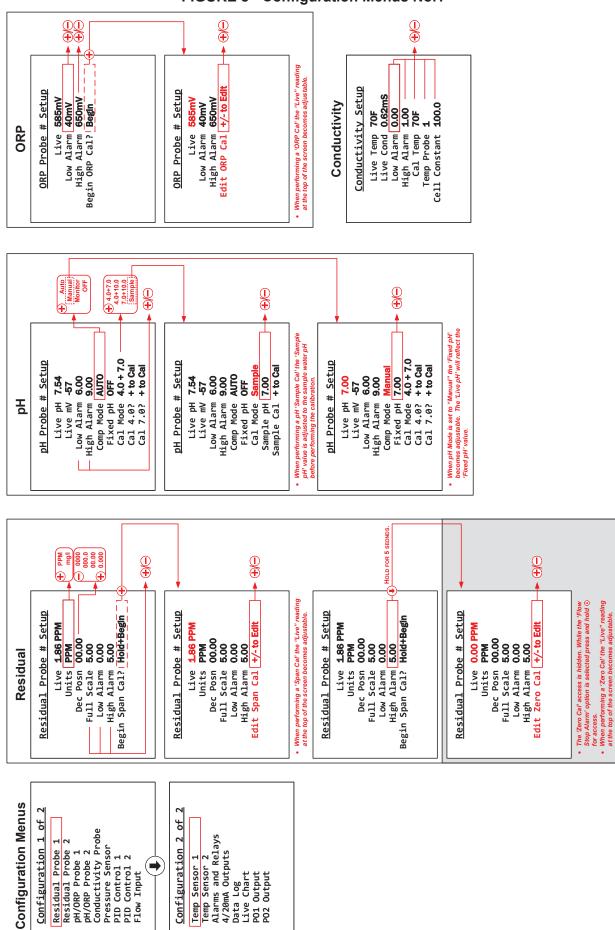
**pH Chart:** This screen shows curves which graphically depict pH values for active pH sensors over a user-adjustable time period. The pH chart will not be present if neither channel 1 nor channel 2 is set for pH.

**ORP Chart:** This screen shows curves which graphically depict ORP values for active ORP sensors over a user-adjustable time period. The ORP chart will not be present if neither channel 1 nor channel 2 is set for ORP.

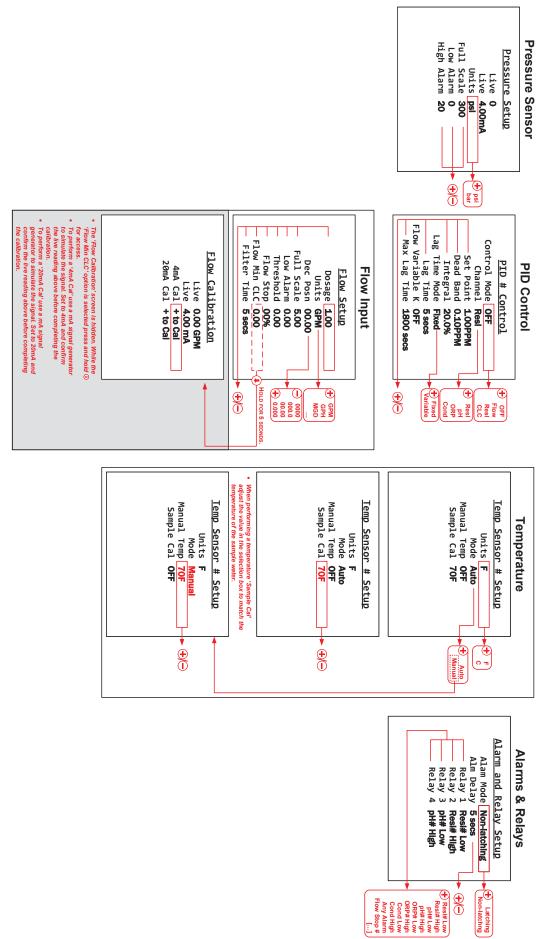
**Temperature Chart:** This screen shows curves which graphically depict temperature values for active thermistors over a user-adjustable time period.

**Alarm Status Screen:** This screen will show a list of current alarm conditions for active probes and sensors. Typically, a non-normal alarm condition will be shown in red color.

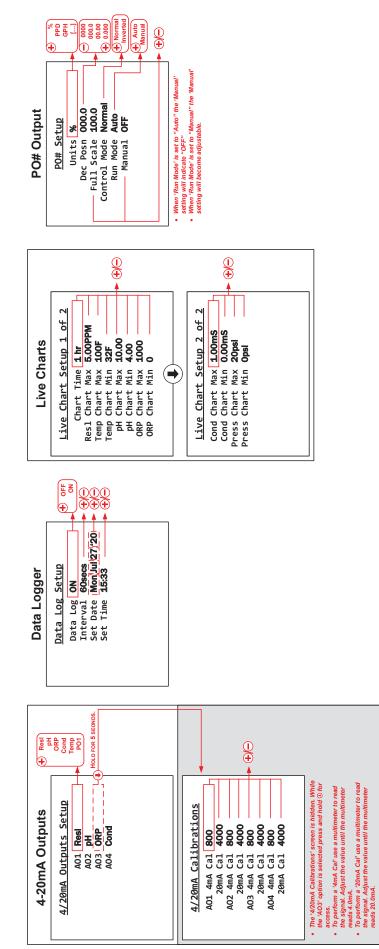
**Access Screen:** In addition to allowing access to the RPH-260 Configuration screen (after adjusting the password value to "260"), users can initiate an "I/O Hold" or jump to residual calibration prompts from this screen.



#### FIGURE 8 - Configuration Menus No.1



#### FIGURE 10 - Configuration Menus No.3



# **VIII. EXPLANATION OF CONFIGURATION MENUS**

**RPH-260 Configuration Screen:** This screen lists titles of accessible Setup screens for active probes, sensors, outputs, data logging, and charting. Use the button to select a screen title, and then press the button to jump to that screen.

**Residual Probe 1 (or 2) Setup:** This screen shows the live reading from its respective residual probe and allows the user to change the following values and parameters:

- Units: Select 'PPM' or 'mg/l'
- **Dec Posn:** Choose one of the following decimal position settings: ('0.000', '00.00', '000.0', '00000')
- **Full Scale:** This setting must match the range of the disinfectant probe installed. This will be set by Hydro Instruments and should only be adjusted if the disinfectant probe is changed to one with a different range. An output of 4mA represents a residual of zero.
- Low Alarm: Adjust the low residual alarm trip-point.
- High Alarm: Adjust the high residual alarm trip-point.
- **Begin Zero Cal?:** This line becomes visible after pressing-and-holding the button with the "High Alarm" line selected. From here, press and hold the button to begin zero calibration for Residual Probe 1 (or 2). Enter residual value of "zero" sample water. When the residual value on the screen matches the known residual of the "zero" sample water, press the button. A confirmation screen should appear indicating that the calibration was performed.
- **Begin Span Cal?:** Press and hold the ⊕ button to begin span calibration for Residual Probe 1 (or 2). Enter residual value of "span" sample water. When the residual value on the screen matches the known residual of the "span" sample water, press the button. A confirmation screen should appear indicating that the calibration was performed.

**pH Probe 1 (or 2) Setup:** This screen shows the live readings (in pH and mV) from its respective pH probe and allows the user to change the following values and parameters:

- Low Alarm: Adjust the low pH alarm trip-point (in pH).
- High Alarm: Adjust the high pH alarm trip-point (in pH).
- **Comp Mode (pH Compensation Mode):** Choose your pH compensation method by pressing the (+) key until the desired pH compensation method is displayed.

Your choices of pH compensation are:

- **AUTO:** In this mode, the pH value of the sample water is monitored using a pH electrode (available through Hydro Instruments) and compensation is performed automatically in the controller's software.
- **MANUAL:** In this mode, the pH value of the sample water can be entered and will remain fixed unless changed.
- **MONITOR:** In this mode, the sample water pH will be continuously monitored by the pH electrode but it will have no effect on the residual reading.
- **NONE:** In this mode, the analyzer will assume the pH of the sample water is either stable or has been buffered low enough such that dissociation is not a concern. Note that in this mode, the pH value is not displayed on the main operations mode screen. If this mode is chosen, no pH electrode is needed.

- **Fixed pH:** This will show 'OFF' unless the mode is 'MANL', in which case the value is adjustable to pH values between 4 and 14.
- **Cal Mode (pH Calibration Mode):** The residual analyzer allows the user to select from four different calibration methods including: ('Sample', '4.0 and 7.0', '4.0 and 10.0', '7.0 and 10.0'). The calibration type to use is completely up to the user. However Hydro Instruments recommends using the following selection criteria:
  - If pH buffers are not available, then use the "Sample" calibration. This is only a one point calibration (your sample) and will automatically calculate an ideal calibration slope. This provides reasonable accuracy if the sample pH is close to seven and pH of the process is relatively stable.
  - If sample pH is less than seven, use the '4.0 and 7.0' calibration method.
  - If sample pH is greater than seven, use the '7.0 and 10.0' calibration method.
  - If sample stream is subject to wide swings in pH, use the '4.0 and 10.0' calibration method.

#### Quick notes to increase calibration accuracy:

• Before placing the pH electrode into a buffer for calibration, blot the bottom of the probe with a clean micro fiber cloth.

CAUTION: Take care not to scratch the probe surface as this will damage the probe and affect your readings.

- Allow the pH meter to sit in the buffer solution for a few seconds prior to calibration. The longer it sits in the buffer solution, the closer it will be to the ideal value. Generally 15-30 seconds for a new probe. When calibrating the pH electrode the controller software will count down from 25 seconds to ensure good calibration.
- Keep the pH sensor and buffer solution still when calibrating your instrument. Vigorous movement of the sensor can disrupt readings and lead to inaccurate calibrations, should the pH electrodes reading be disrupted during calibration the countdown will reset.
- Select a pH range for calibration that will be similar to your operating conditions. For example, if the operating range is 7.80 to 8.10 then perform a 7.00 and 10.00 calibration.
- When calibrating your sensor, always use a fresh buffer solution and discard the buffer after use.
- Be aware of the temperature of the buffers being used. Generally buffer manufactures write on their label at what temperature the pH is its true value (generally 77°F, 25°C). Temperature can influence dissociation and thus if your calibration is done with a buffer not at its prescribed temperature, your calibration will be inaccurate. It is best to calibrate with buffers that have an accurate pH close to your operating conditions.
- Air bubbles and other liquids can form around the outside of the sensor and affect the accuracy of the reading. Be sure to remove any air bubbles upon installation.
- '4.0 and 7.0', '7.0 and 10.0', & '4.0 and 10.0' pH calibration methods:

These are two point calibrations carried out with two known pH buffer solutions.

*Cal 7.0? (or Cal 4.0?):* Calibrate the lower pH for the selected method and span, following notes below.

*Cal 10.0? (or Cal 7.0?):* Calibrate the upper pH for the selected method and span, following notes below.

1. In the Temperature calibration screen, set the Temperature mode to manual and enter the actual buffer solution temperature.

NOTE: pH buffer calibrations are somewhat temperature dependent. pH buffers are usually accurate at 25°C. Error in pH readings can occur if buffer temperatures are drastically different from their prescribed temperature (+/- 5°C). If the temperature difference is greater than this margin, consider adjusting buffer temperature or performing a sample calibration.

- Once the calibration method is selected, the first buffer solution required will be displayed on the screen. Place the pH electrode into the appropriate buffer and select 'Begin'.
- 3. The software waits for the reading to stabilize for 25 seconds before accepting or rejecting it as a valid calibration point. The countdown timer will appear on the screen in real-time. Note: The pH value will not be displayed.
- 4. If the calibration point is accepted, an "accepted" screen will appear. Press down to clear the screen and the next buffer solution required will appear.
- 5. Place the pH electrode in the appropriate buffer solution and select 'Begin'.
- 6. The software will wait for a stable reading over 25 seconds. If the second calibration point is accepted, an "accepted" screen will appear. Press down to clear and the pH calibration is complete.
- 7. Place the pH electrode back into the sample solution and change the Temperature back to the original operating conditions.

**Sample Calibration:** This calibration is carried out with the pH electrode left installed in its holding cell with the sample water flowing through it. However, be sure that the Temperature displayed on your unit is accurate before calibrating the pH.

- 1. If this calibration option has been selected, the following screen will require the operator to enter the pH of the sample water in which the calibration will be done.
- 2. Use a hand held pH meter to measure the pH of the sample water and then enter the pH of the sample on the screen.
- 3. Before proceeding check that no air bubbles have formed on the tip of the pH electrode. Select 'Begin'; the software will wait for a stable reading over 25 seconds before accepting or rejecting the calibration point. If the calibration point is accepted, press the down key and the pH calibration is complete.

NOTE: If at any point your pH calibration is rejected, the entire calibration procedure will need to be repeated. If the problem persists, see the troubleshooting section below.

**ORP Probe 1 (or 2) Setup:** This screen shows the live ORP readings (in mV) from its respective ORP probe and allows the user to change the following values and parameters:

- Low Alarm: Adjust the low ORP alarm trip-point (in mV).
- High Alarm: Adjust the high ORP alarm trip-point (in mV).
- **Single Pt Cal:** (Single Point Calibration) Press the + key to begin ORP calibration.

**Conductivity Probe Setup:** This screen shows the live Conductivity readings (in mS/cm) from its respective conductivity electrode and allows the user to change the following values and parameters:

- Low Alarm: Adjust the low conductivity alarm trip-point (in mS/cm).
- **High Alarm:** Adjust the high conductivity alarm trip-point (in mS/cm).
- **Single Pt Cal** (Single Point Calibration): Press the + key to begin conductivity calibration.

**Pressure Sensor Setup:** This screen shows the live Pressure reading and the live mA signal of the sample water pressure transducer.

- Units: Select the desired pressure units; PSI or Bar.
- **Full Scale:** This value is set to match the maximum reading of the connected pressure transducer.
- Low Alarm: A low pressure alarm will be displayed at or below this value.
- **High Alarm:** A high pressure alarm will be displayed at or above this valve.

**Temp Sensor 1 (or 2) Setup:** This screen shows the live reading from its respective temperature sensor (thermistor) and allows the user to change the following values and parameters:

- Units: Select 'F' (Fahrenheit) or 'C' (Celsius)
- **Mode:** Select 'AUTO' (Automatic) or 'MANL' (Manual) Automatic enables the temperature to be automatically detected via the thermistor.
- **Manual Temp:** This will show 'OFF' unless the mode is 'MANL', in which case the value is adjustable.
- **Sample Cal:** This line is visible when the temperature mode is set to 'AUTO'. The temperature displayed represents what the program interprets the current temperature reading to be. If necessary, adjust the displayed temperature using the ⊕ and ⊖ buttons.

**Alarm and Relay Setup:** This screen allows the user to change the following values and parameters for the four alarm relays (Relay 1, Relay 2, Relay 3, Relay 4):

- Alm Mode (Alarm Mode): Select 'Latching' or 'Non-latching' A latching relay will require manual acknowledgement of any alarm condition (by pressing the 
   button with the Main Screen active). When Non-Latching is selected, alarms will clear themselves whenever the alarm condition no longer exists.
- **Alm Delay** (Alarm Delay): Adjust the delay time. Any alarm condition must then exist for this period of time before tripping the relay. This delay can help avoid false alarms and is recommended to be set at 5 seconds or longer.
- **Relay 1 (or 2, 3, 4):** The analyzer is equipped with four alarm relays. Each of these relays can be individually set to represent any of the following alarm conditions:

Res 1 Low Alm	(Residual 1 Low Alarm)
Res 1 High Alm	(Residual 1 High Alarm)
Res 2 Low Alm	(Residual 2 Low Alarm)
Res 2 High Alm	(Residual 2 High Alarm)
pH/ORP 1 High/Low Alm	(pH or ORP 1 High or Low Alarm)
pH/ORP 2 High/Low Alm	(pH or ORP 2 High or Low Alarm)
Any Alarm	(Any Alarm Condition)
Flow 1 Stop Alm	(Sample Water Flow Stop Alarm; Flow cell No.1)

Flow 2 Stop Alm	(Sample Water Flow Stop Alarm; Flow cell No.2)
Cond Low Alm	(Conductivity Low Alarm)
Cond High Alm	(Conductivity High Alarm)
Press High	(Pressure sensor High)
Press Low	(Pressure sensor Low
Flow Low Alm	(Low Water Flow Alarm for PID; Flow Pacing and CLC)

4/20mA Outputs Setup: This screen accesses the settings for the four 4-20mA output channels.

• AO1 (or AO2, AO3, AO4): Each analog output channel can be individually set to represent one of the following live readings (with corresponding values shown for 4mA and 20mA outputs):

		<u>4mA</u>	<u>20mA</u>
Res 1	(Residual 1)	zero residual	full scale residual
Res 2	(Residual 2)	zero residual	full scale residual
рН 1	(pH, channel 1)	0 pH	14 pH
pH 2	(pH, channel 2)	0 pH	14 pH
ORP 1	(ORP from channel 1)	ORP Chart Min	ORP Chart Max
ORP 2	(ORP from channel 2)	ORP Chart Min	ORP Chart Max
Temp 1	(Temperature 1)	0° C (32° F)	50° C (122° F)
Temp 2	(Temperature 2)	0° C (32° F)	50° C (122° F)
Cond	(Conductivity)	Cond Chart Min	Cond Chart Max
Press	(Pressure)	zero pressure	full scale pressure
PO1	(PID Process Output 1)	zero <units></units>	full scale <units></units>
PO2	(PID Process Output 2)	zero <units></units>	full scale <units></units>

**4/20mA Calibration [HIDDEN]:** This hidden screen can be accessed by holding the I button when the AO3 line is selected (on the 4/20mA Outputs Setup screen). While using an ammeter to measure the output current, the following calibration values can be adjusted using the I and  $\bigcirc$  buttons:

NOTE: Adjustable values on this screen are Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) values.

AO#4mA Cal:Adjust the DAC value that corresponds to 4mA for Analog Output20mA Cal:Adjust the DAC value that corresponds to 20mA for Analog Output

**Data Log Setup:** This screen allows user to change the following values and parameters for setting the optional data logger:

- Data Log: Select 'ON' or 'OFF' to enable/disable data logging.
- Interval: Adjust the frequency at which data will be recorded.
- Set Date: Set the current date (Day, Month, Year). Hidden if Data Log is 'OFF'.
- Set Time: Set the current time (Hour:Minute). Hidden if Data Log is 'OFF'.

Live Chart Setup: This screen allows the user to change the following values:

- Chart Time: Adjust the duration of time shown graphically for all charts.
- Res Chart Max: Adjust the maximum residual value for the Residual Chart.
- **Temp Chart Max/Min:** Adjust the maximum and minimum value for the Temperature Chart.
- **pH Chart Max/Min:** Adjust the maximum and minimum value for the pH Chart.
- **ORP Chart Max:** Adjust the maximum value for the ORP Chart.

NOTE: For analog outputs set to "ORP #", 20mA will represent this ORP chart maximum value.

- **ORP Chart Min:** Adjust the minimum value for the ORP Chart. NOTE: For analog outputs set to "ORP #", 4mA will represent this ORP chart minimum value.
- **Cond Chart Max:** Adjust the maximum value for the Conductivity Chart. NOTE: For analog outputs set to "Cond", 20mA will represent this chart maximum value.
- **Cond Chart Min:** Adjust the minimum value for the Conductivity Chart. NOTE: For analog outputs set to "Cond", 4mA will represent this chart minimum value.
- **Press Chart Max/Min:** Adjust the minimum and maximum value for the Pressure Chart.

# **IX. EXPLANATION OF PID CONTROL MENUS**

**PID1 and PID2 Control:** The PID Control program can be accessed via Configuration screen 1. It uses menu options: "PID Control 1", "PID Control 2", "Flow Input", "PO1 Output" and "PO2 Output".

There are two PID control loops that can be set up; PID1 and PID2. "PID Control 1" settings corresponds to and uses the "PO1 Output" settings and "PID Control 2" settings corresponds to and use the "PO2 Output" settings. Each PID loop can be used to control off of a different process variable. For example PID1 can control an automatic feed valve using the RPH-260's residual chlorine reading and PID2 can simultaneously control a chemical metering pump using the RPH-260's pH reading.

For units with two disinfectant sensors (e.g. a model RPH-262 with a F1 free Cl<sub>2</sub> sensor and a T1 total Cl<sub>2</sub> sensor) "PID Control 1" & "PO1 Output" will correspond to "Residual Probe 1" and "PID Control 2" & "PO2 Output" will correspond to "Residual Probe 2".

These Configuration screens can be accessed from the operation mode; scroll down to the Access screen and enter "260" as the password when prompted.

- Control Mode: Select desired control type.
  - **OFF**: When "OFF" is selected, the PID Control program will be deactivated.
  - **Flow Pacing**: This control type will provide a process output (PO#) proportional to the Al1 proportional input signal (and multiplied by the Dosage setting). This control method does not factor the residual in any way.
  - **Residual/ORP**: This control type will provide a process output (PO#) that is adjusted as needed to maintain the "Set Point" value.
  - **Compound Loop**: This control type will provide a process output (PO#) that is adjusted as needed to maintain the "Set Point" value and also factors in changes registered through the proportional input signal (and multiplied by the Dosage setting).
- **Channel:** Select the channel (i.e. measurement) that the PID# control will use in its calculations (e.g. Residual, pH, ORP or Conductivity).
- **Set Point:** Set the target measurement value that the PID# control will use to adjust chemical feed.
- **Dead Band:** This is a dead band around the Set Point. As long as the residual is within (+ or -) this amount from Set Point, the program will consider the Set Point met. This is used to avoid excessive, continual adjustments.
- **Integral:** A factor used in the calculation of needed adjustments to the process output. This value ranges from 0 100%. Essentially, the program makes a calculation of how much the output needs to be adjusted in order to reach Set Point and this factor. Increasing the Integral will increase the rate of each individual adjustment (and vice versa).
- Lag Time Mode: Select "Fixed" or "Variable". If "Fixed" is selected, only the "Residual Lag Time" will be used. If "Variable" is selected, the lag time used will vary as the flow varies, but will be limited to the Max Lag Time.
- Lag Time: This is the time that elapses between a change in chemical feed rate and the change in residual observed by the analyzer. The PID# Control program will wait-out this amount of time between each adjustment to PO#. Instruments should be installed to minimize lag time in order to optimize control (ideally limit this time to less than 5 minutes).
- **Flow Variable K:** Enter desired flow level. If "Variable" is selected, the lag time will be calculated as follows: Flow at Variable Lag divided by the current flow rate and then

multiplied by the Residual Lag Time.

• **Max Lag Time:** A maximum Lag Time, which can be used in Compound Loop Control only. When in use, this sets limits the maximum lag time that can be calculated by the variable lag time formula.

NOTE: In applications where flows vary greatly, lag times may also change significantly. In these instances, the use of variable lag times will improve control timing.

NOTE: If "Fixed" is selected as "Lag Time Method", the settings of "Residual Max Lag Time" and "Flow at Variable Lag" are ignored.

Flow Input: This branch accesses the settings for the proportional (flow) input.

- **Dosage (Gain):** This value will adjust the ratio of chemical feed to the PV1 water flow. It is effectively a multiplication factor that is applied to the calculated chemical feed rate.
- Units: Select desired units (MGD, GPM, GPD, LPM, MLD, %, M<sup>3</sup>/H).
- Dec Posn: Select desired decimal position.
- **Full Scale:** Enter the proportional input full scale. This setting should be what a 20 mA proportional input (AI1) signal represents.
- Low Alarm: Enter low flow alarm trip point (if desired).
- **Threshold:** This setting allows the user to set a value (above zero) to be treated as zero for the proportional input (AI1) signal. In proportional (Flow Pacing) control, this would mean the output signal (PO#) would remain at zero (4mA) until the proportional input reached this value.
- **Flow Stop:** This value is only used in Compound Loop Control (CLC) to prevent PO# adjustment based on the Set Point when PV1 water flow has stopped. The user can enter a PV1 water flow value below which the PO# output will go to and remain at 4mA until the PV1 water flow returns to a value greater than the entered Flow Stop value.
- Flow Min CLC: This value is only used in Compound Loop Control (CLC). When the PV1 water flow falls below this value the residual/ORP will be ignored and the PID calculations will be based only on the PV1 water flow rate (i.e. the unit switches to a Flow Pacing control method).
- **Filter Time:** This is an adjustable span of time over which the PV1 input signal will be continually averaged. It is recommended that it be set to 5-10 seconds.

**PO1 and PO2 Output:** These branches access the settings for the PID# Control output signals.

- Units: Select desired units (PPD, GR/H, KG/H, GPH, GPM, GPD, %).
- **Dec Posn:** Select desired decimal place.
- **Full Scale:** Enter the desired output full scale. This is what a 20 mA output signal (selected as PO#) will represent.

NOTE: A minimum of three integers must be used. Therefore, if the PO# Full Scale is set below 100, one decimal position must be used (ex: 99.9)

• **Control Mode:** Select either "Normal" or "Inverted". These two selections are basic classifications of what chemical type the PID Control program is controlling. "Normal" represents any chemical that will increase the residual reading and "Inverted" represents and chemical that will decrease the residual reading.

- **Run Mode:** The PID# control can be set to run automatically "Auto" or the user can input a desired PO# output value "Manual".
- **Manual:** This setting will read "OFF" unless the "Run Mode" setting is changed to "Manual". When the "Run Mode" setting is set to "Manual" this can be changed to set the PO# output to a fixed value.

# X. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

The quality of the sample water greatly effects the frequency of maintenance and cleaning that is required. Maintenance and cleaning requirements will be different for each installation. Visually checking the condition of the analyzer regularly and monitoring the disinfectant sensor signal are good ways to determine the required frequency of maintenance and cleaning.

## 1. Flushing the Measurement Cell

If water will not flow through the measurement cell then follow this procedure to flush it:

- a. Turn off the power to the analyzer.
- b. Flush and physically brush clean as needed.
- c. Repeat as necessary before turning the power back on.

## 2. Thermistor

The thermistor does not require regular maintenance, but will periodically require replacement. If the thermistor fails, then it will give a very high or very low signal.

To test the thermistor, follow this procedure:

- a. Turn off power to the analyzer.
- b. Open the analyzer NEMA 4X enclosure and remove the two thermistor wires from the MB-128 board (RS1 and AIC).
- c. Use an ohm meter to check the resistance of the thermistor. If the ohm meter shows a stable resistance reading around 10 kohms, then the thermistor is operational. If the reading is zero or infinite, the thermistor requires replacement.

After replacement, thermistor recalibrating may be necessary.

If the thermistor fails, the analyzer temperature mode can be set to "Manual" to allow for proper operation until a replacement thermistor is installed.

## 3. Disinfectant Sensors

## a. Maintenance Overview

To ensure optimum performance of the disinfectant sensor, perform the following actions at their prescribed intervals.

Sensor Type	Maintenance Task & Interval	
F1	<ul> <li>Change membrane cap once per year.</li> <li>Change electrolyte every 3-6 months.</li> <li>Clean electrode every 3-6 months.</li> </ul>	
F2	<ul> <li>Change membrane cap once per year.</li> <li>Change electrolyte once per year.</li> <li>Clean electrode once per year.</li> </ul>	
F3	<ul> <li>Clean electrode every 3-6 months.</li> <li>No cleaning head: Clean gold electrodes every 4-12 weeks.</li> <li>With cleaning head: Clean gold electrodes every 6-12 months.</li> </ul>	
T1	<ul> <li>Change membrane cap once per year.</li> <li>Change electrolyte every 3-6 months.</li> <li>Clean electrode every 3-6 months.</li> </ul>	

#### b. Membrane Cap

For details on changing the membrane cap, refer to Section IV in this manual.

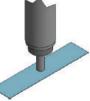
**IMPORTANT:** If there is insufficient disinfectant (e.g. Chlorine) in the water for a long period of time, typically >24 hours, a biological film can accumulate on the membrane. Should this occur, the membrane cap can no longer be used and must be replaced.

#### c. Electrolyte

For details on changing the electrolyte, refer to Section IV in this manual.

#### d. Cleaning the Gold Electrode

i. Hold the special emery paper in place and gently move the gold tip of the sensors electrode finger over it two times. Use the dull side of the emery paper and use a fresh area for each pass.



#### e. Lifespan of the Disinfectant Sensor

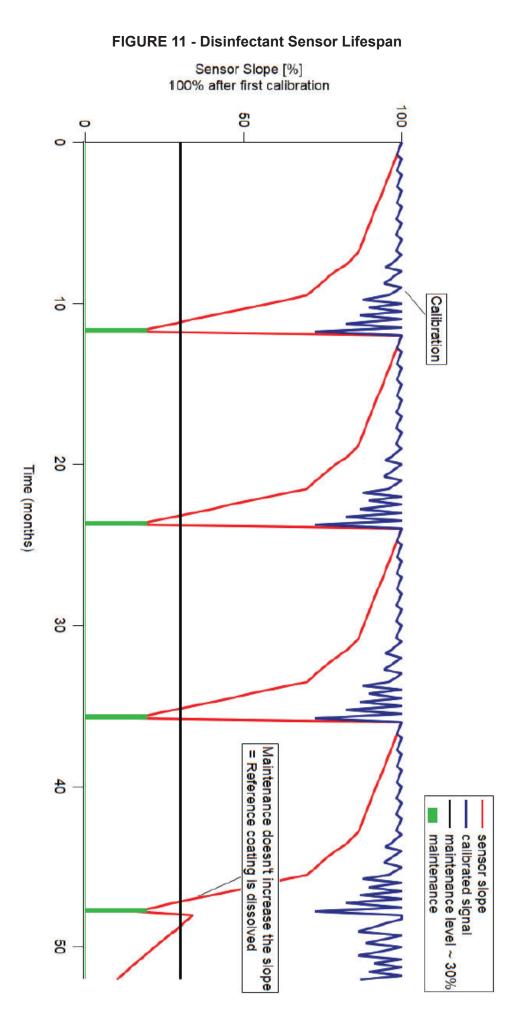
Figure 11 illustrates the average life cycle of a disinfectant sensor.

Over time the reference coating on the electrode finger will dissolve, eventually reaching a point where replacing the membrane cap and electrolyte will not be enough to bring the sensor signal back into a reliable range. At this point the disinfectant sensor should be replaced.

## 4. pH Electrode

Coatings on the electrode surface will result in erroneous readings and calibration and may mimic the effects of a failing electrode. Regular cleaning of the electrode can help prevent this and prolong its lifespan. For more information on pH electrodes, please refer to the Hydro Instruments pH & ORP Electrodes General Instruction Manual.

The pH electrode will periodically require replacement. The frequency of replacement is dependent on the quality of the water. Also, all handling instructions must be followed carefully to avoid damaging the pH probe. Failure of the pH probe will be indicated by an excessively high or low reading. If the probe cannot be recalibrated, then it must be replaced.



# XI. TROUBLESHOOTING

Various factors can affect the disinfectant sensor. If irregularities occur, it may be useful to check the following:

- Sample water pressure and flow rate
- Sensor and electrode cables
- Calibration
- Chemical feed equipment
- · Concentration of disinfectant in the sample water
- Sample water pH
- Sample water temperature
- · Analytical methods and the suitability of the disinfectant sensor

## **Problems with Displayed Residual**

#### **Residual Readings do not match DPD test**

If the displayed residual is not correct, consider the following:

- Run-in time too short The disinfectant sensor requires a period of time to acclimate to the sample water. This time varies depending on the sensor. See section IV.
- Improper calibration Perform a residual Span calibration.
- Change in sample water pH.
- Improper pH electrode calibration (if in use) Calibrate the pH electrode.
- Failed pH electrode.
- Change in sample water pressure and/or flow rate. See Section III.
- Accumulation of air bubbles or foreign matter on the membrane cap.
- Interfering compounds, disruptive substances or cross sensitive species in the sample water. See sensor data sheet for more details.
- Electrolyte needs replaced Service the sensor with new electrolyte. See Section X for maintenance intervals.
- Membrane cap needs replaced Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See Section X for maintenance intervals.

#### Unable to perform residual span calibration

Independently test sample water residual and verify the residual. Check the following:

- No disinfectant in the sample water.
- Run-in time too short The disinfectant sensor requires a period of time to acclimate to the sample water. This time varies depending on the sensor. See section IV.
- Sample water flow and/or pressure too low. See Section III.
- Disruptive substances in the sample water.
- No electrolyte in the membrane cap Service the sensor with new electrolyte. See Section X for details.
- Membrane cap needs replaced Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See Section X for maintenance intervals.
- Short circuit Locate and eliminate the short circuit / wiring defect.
- Failed disinfectant sensor and/or electronic circuit board Contact the supplier for replacements.

NOTE: It is important to note that the residual span calibration should never be performed with a very low residual, as compared to the measurement range for which the analyzer was provided. The span calibration should be performed with a residual value of at least 25% of the ordered

range. Ideally, the span calibration should be performed with a residual value of 50% or more of the ordered range. If the normal measurement range is less than 25% of the ordered range, contact Hydro Instruments or an authorized distributor for guidance.

#### Residual displayed drops to/remains at zero

Independently test sample water residual and verify the residual. Check the following:

- The membrane is not in contact with the water Check the height of the sensor and ensure that there is a gap between the membrane and the cross flow diverter.
- Sample water flow and/or pressure too low Increase sample water flow and pressure.
- No electrolyte in the membrane cap Refill the membrane cap with electrolyte.
- Membrane cap needs replaced Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See sensor data sheet for recommended frequency of membrane cap replacement.
- Short circuit Locate and eliminate the short circuit / wiring defect.
- Failed disinfectant sensor and/or electronic circuit board Contact the supplier for replacements.

#### **Residual reading unstable**

If the displayed residual is not stable, this may be the result of one of the following:

- Sample water flow and/or pressure fluctuations Stabilize the sample water flow and pressure.
- Accumulation of air bubbles on the membrane cap
- Improper residual calibration Perform a residual Span calibration.
- Lack of galvanic isolation Replace the ground pin.
- Sensor maintenance required Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See Section X for maintenance intervals.

## Slow reaction to residual changes

If the displayed residual is slow to react, this may be the result of one of the following:

- Sample water flow and/or pressure too low Increase sample water flow and pressure.
- Disruptive substances in the sample water
- Sensor maintenance required Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See Section X for maintenance intervals.

## Residual reading is unreliable at low residual levels

- This may be the result of attempting to monitor a residual level at the very low end of the ordered range. For example, if a particular analyzer is ordered and set-up for a measurement range of 0 – 5.0 mg/l and the actual application involves measuring for residuals of 0.1 or 0.2 mg/l, the accuracy of the measurement will suffer. If the normal measurement range is less than 25% of the ordered range, contact Hydro Instruments or an authorized distributor for guidance.
- Electrolyte needs replaced Service the sensor with new electrolyte. See Section X for maintenance intervals.
- Membrane cap needs replaced Service the sensor with a new membrane cap, electrolyte and electrode cleaning. See Section X for maintenance intervals.
- Calibration may be required.

NOTE: It is important to note that the residual span calibration should never be performed with a very low residual, as compared to the measurement range for which the analyzer was

provided. The span calibration should be performed with a residual value of at least 25% of the ordered range. Ideally, the span calibration should be performed with a residual value of 50% or more of the ordered range. If the normal measurement range is less than 25% of the ordered range, contact Hydro Instruments or an authorized distributor for guidance.

## Temperature

#### Temperature reading is not correct

- 1. Independently test sample water temperature and verify the temperature.
- 2. If the displayed temperature is not correct, recalibrate the temperature.
- 3. If the displayed temperature is extremely high or extremely low, the thermistor has either lost connection to the circuit board or has failed, requiring replacement. This is a 10K Ohm resistor and replacements are available from Hydro Instruments.

#### Thermistor is damaged or missing

- 1. Replace thermistor.
- 2. The temperature compensation mode can be set to "Manual" to allow for continued analyzer operation until the thermistor is replaced.

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#### pH reading does not match independent pH meter measurement

- Recalibrate the pH electrode. Recalibration can be performed at a single point ("grab cal") or at two points using known pH buffers.
- If the pH being displayed is dramatically incorrect or fluctuating drastically and cannot be corrected through a two-point calibration, check all pH cable connections as well as the cable connector to the probe. If all connections are verified and the problem cannot be corrected through re-calibration, replace the pH electrode (Hydro part number PHE-250).
- If the raw pH sensor mV values are outside an acceptable range, then replace the pH probe. For more information refer to the pH & ORP Electrode - General Instructions document.

## **Display and Circuit Boards**

### Display is blank

- Verify the power is turned on to the unit. If it is, check the incoming VAC and outgoing DC voltage at the analyzers power supply board. The input should be 100-250 VAC. The output should be 24 VDC.
- A blank display may indicate a failure of the display, the power supply board or the primary circuit board. Consult Hydro Instruments or an authorized representative for assistance.

#### 4-20 mA Output channel values are not accurate

- Verify the output selection is correct. For example, if the output signal on a 5 mg/l analyzer measuring 2.5 mg/l is something other than 12mA, verify that the output you are measuring is configured to "Resl".
- Check the output calibrations at 4mA and 20mA by accessing the appropriate output channel calibration as detailed in the note on Figure 10.

NOTE: The output calibration numbers from the factory calibration are recorded on the inside of the electronics enclosure for reference.

#### **Communication Errors**

 The MB410 Display board is communicating with the other boards by Modbus over the ribbon cable. If the ribbon cable is not properly connected to each board, then the MB410 Display board may lose communication with one or more circuit boards. If so, you would see a "COMM ERROR" message such as "Node 1 Error". Node numbers are identified in Table 1 below. As can be seen there, the MB129 board is Node 1. If such an error occurs, check to ensure that the ribbon cable is properly connected to all relevant circuit boards per Figure 13.

Node Number (Comm Error)	Circuit Board	Board Description	Application
1	MB129	Four Analog Inputs Board	Probe 1
2	MB129	Four Analog Inputs Board	Probe 2
3	MB128	Temp, pH, & Flow Board	pH/ORP #1 and Temp #1
4	MB128	Temp, pH, & Flow Board	pH/ORP #2 and Temp #2
5	MB114	Four Analog Outputs Board	4-20mA outputs
6	MB104	Four Relay Board	Relay outputs
7	MB181	Eight Contact Inputs Board	Flow Stop Switch

TABLE 1 - Circuit Board Descriptions and Node Numbers

# XII. DATA LOGGER (OPTIONAL)

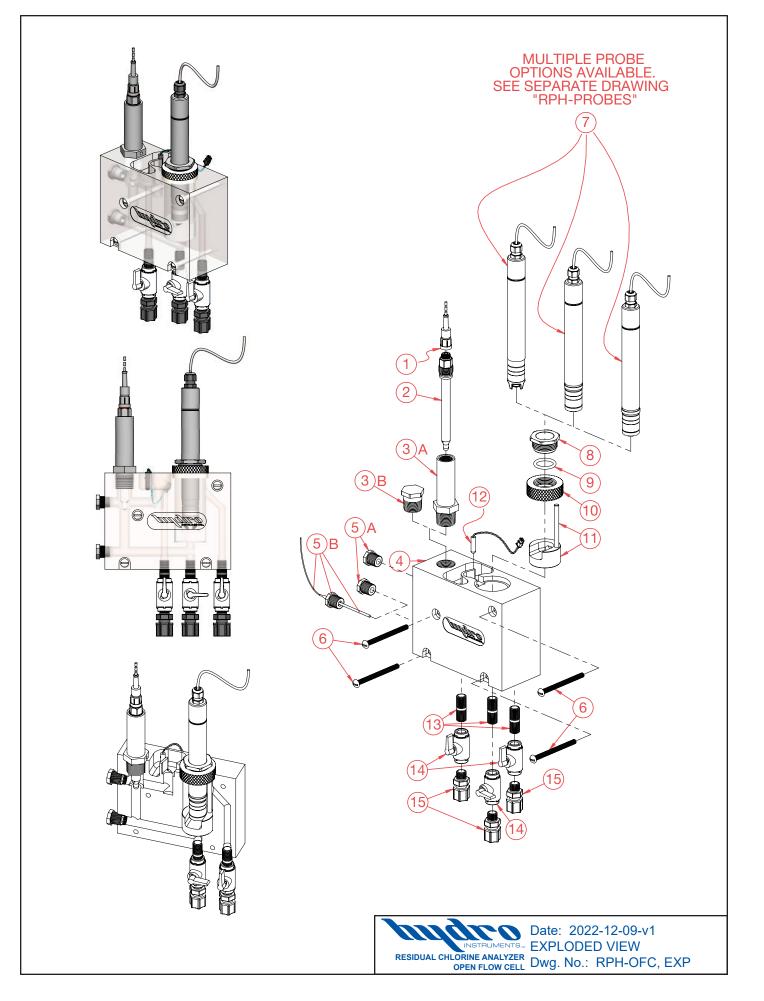
- 1. **Description:** When enabled in the analyzer software, the data logger records the measured residual, sample water temperature, turbidity, and pH value (if being measured) at a selectable frequency. This data is recorded on the Micro SDHC memory card and can be retrieved using any text-reading program. The Micro SDHC memory card is installed in the slot on the MB410 board as indicated on Figure 13 of this manual. To use the data logger the controller must be provided with the MJ500 Real Time Clock board (which mounts directly on the MB410 board as shown on Figure 13).
- **2. Operation:** To enable, enter the configuration menu on the residual analyzer control software and select the option "DL". The first menu option that appears will be the On/Off menu. The menus which follow allow for adjustment of the data logger frequency and for changes to the clock (date and time). See Figure 11.
  - a. **Frequency:** The frequency is the time interval between data recordings. The frequency is adjustable in seconds, with a minimum setting of 5 seconds.
  - b. **Data Logger Clock:** The clock is factory-set before shipment. However, because the clock is set on Eastern Standard time it may be necessary to change the date and time upon start-up.
- **3. Stored Data Files:** The data will be written to text files on the Micro SDHC memory card. The formatting and handling of these files is as described below:
  - a. **File Format:** The following is an example data file to illustrate the format used. As you can see, there is a three line header for each file. The fourth and fifth lines are headers for the data. You will see that each header and data entry is delimited by a comma.
  - b. **File Name:** Each data file will be named according to the date on which it was created. For example if created on May 24, 2016, the file name would be May24\_16.txt
    - i. If the Micro SDHC memory card already has a file started earlier on the same day, then data will be written onto the existing file.
    - ii. The text files are limited to 5 MB. Once this limit has been reached, a new file will automatically be created to allow data to continue to be written.
  - c. **Importing data into Microsoft Excel:** The data files can be imported into Microsoft Excel as follows:

NOTE: The following information assumes use of Microsoft Excel 2007 or newer.

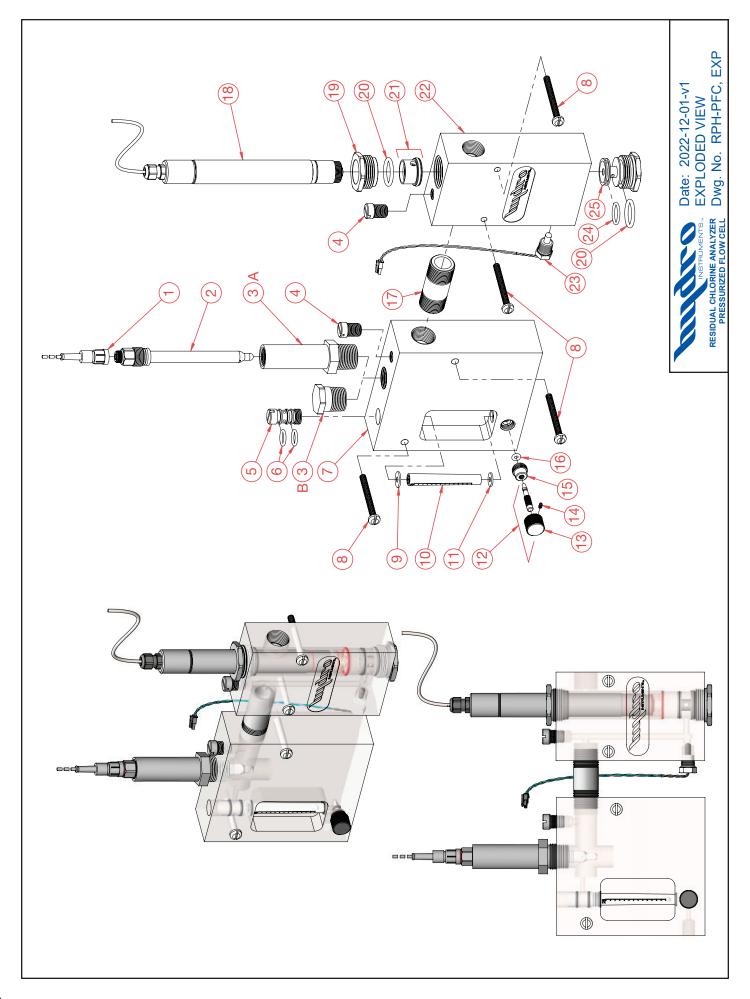
- i. Select the "Data" tab.
- ii. Among the "Get External Data" tabs on the tool bar, select "From Text"
- iii. A pop up window will appear allowing you to search for and select the data file that you wish to import. After you have selected the file, click on "IMPORT".
- iv. Another pop up window "Text Import Wizard Step 1 of 3" will then appear.
  - 1. Here under "Original Data Type" you must select "Delimited".
  - 2. Lower down you are asked to select "Start import at row:\_\_\_\_\_". In order to eliminate the 3 line file header, you can select "4" here to start the data import on row 4 of the file.
  - 3. Then click "Next".

- v. On the next pop up window "Text Import Wizard Step 2 of 3" you need to select the type of delimiter being used in the data file. The data entries in these files are delimited by commas and so you must select "Comma". After selecting Comma and only Comma, then click "Next".
- vi. On the next pop up window "Text Import Wizard Step 3 of 3" you can accept the "Column data format" setting of "General" and then click "Finish".
- vii. On the next (and final) pop up window "Import Data", it is asking you whether you will import to the worksheet that is open or if you want to import it to a new worksheet. Make your selection and then click "OK". Now the data should have been imported into the Excel spreadsheet.

Date	Time	Resl1	Resl2	Temp1	Temp2	pH1	pH2
MM/DD/YEAR	HH:MM:SS	PPM	PPM	С	С		
05/24/2023	11:25:06	0.80	0.80	23	23	7.80	7.80
05/24/2023	11:26:06	0.81	0.81	23	23	7.80	7.80
05/24/2023	11:27:06	0.80	0.80	23	23	7.81	7.81
05/24/2023	11:28:06	0.81	0.81	23	23	7.81	7.81
05/24/2023	11:29:06	0.80	0.80	23	23	7.81	7.81

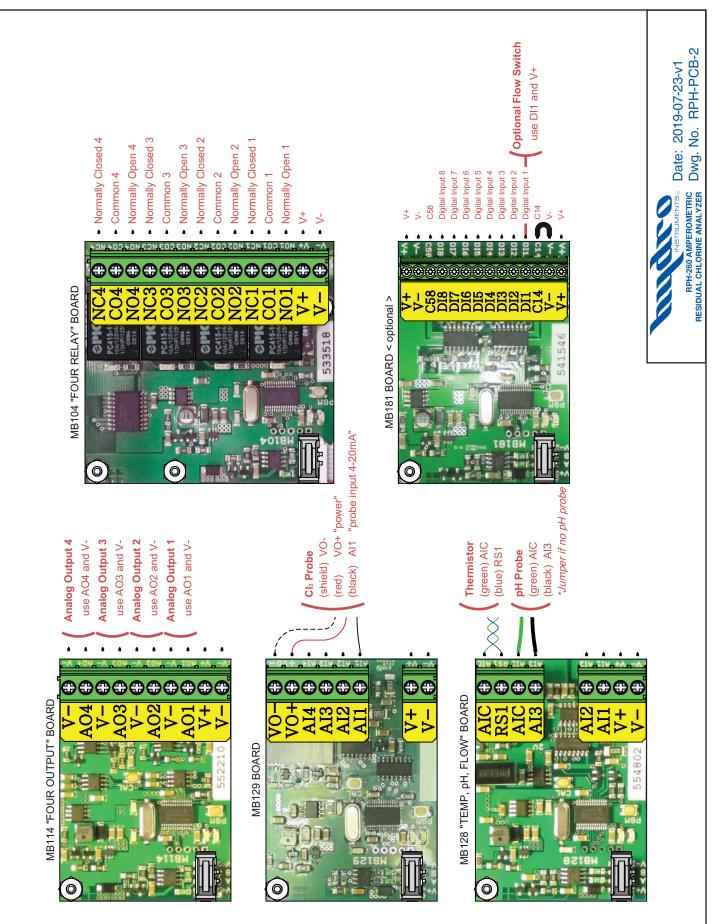


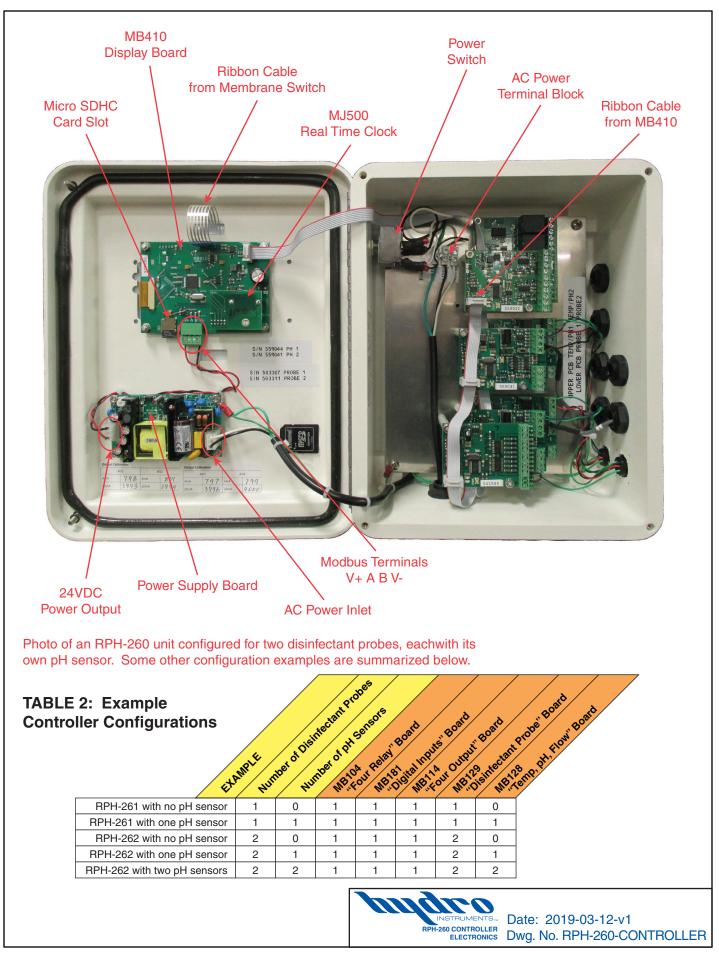
ltem No.	Description	Quantity	Part No.
1	pH Probe Cable	1	PHE-14-S7
2	pH Electrode	1	PHE-14-135
3A	Vented pH Probe Gland	1	PHV-GLAND-1
3B	Port Plug, ¾" NPT	1	850-007
4	Acrylic Flow Cell	1	AFC-BODY
5A	Port Plug, ¾" NPT	2	850-003
5B	Ground pin assembly	1	RPH-GND
6	1⁄4-20 x 3.25" RHMS (Stainless)	4	
7	Chlorine Probe (See drawing "RPH-250-PROBES")	1	
8	Probe Nut	1	PFC-PROBENUT
9	<sup>PM</sup> O-Ring	1	OH-VIT-213
10	Threaded Holder	1	AFC-TH
11	Cross Flow Insert with Standoff Post	1	AFC-INS-CRF
12	Thermistor	1	RAH-THERMISTOF
13	1⁄4" NPT Close Nipple	3	880-005
14	1/4" NPT Threaded Ball Valve	3	22321
15	PM 1/4" NPT 3/8" Tube Tubing Connector	3	BKF-64
PM	Part & Maintenance Kit (PM kit also includes Large Brush and Small Brush)		KT2-RPH-OFC
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ltem No.	Description	Quantity	Part No.	ltem No.	Description	Quantity	Part No.
~	pH Probe Cable	~	PHE-14-S7	20	PM O-Ring	7	OH-VIT-213
2	pH Electrode	-	PHE-14-135	21	Cleaning Head (for "F3" style probes)	~	CEH-F3
3 A	A pH Probe Gland	~	PHV-GLAND	22	Probe Flow Cell	<del></del>	PFC-250
3 B	3 Port Plug, 34" NPT	~	850-007	23	Therimstor and Plug	<del></del>	<b>RPH-Thermistor</b>
4	1⁄4" NPT Plug	7	PLH-108-250	24	PM O-Ring	<del></del>	OH-VIT-116
5	Inlet Plug	~	FM-101A	25	Flow Control Plug	<del></del>	PFC-FCP
9	PM O-Ring	2	OH-VIT-112				
7	Inlet Flow Cell	~	IFC-250	MM	Part & Maintenance Kit		KT1-RPH-PFC
Ø	1⁄4-20 x 2.5" PHMS (Stainless)	4	1/4-20 x 2 1⁄2"		(PM kit also includes Large Brush and Small Brush)	l Small Brus	(-
o	PM Top Meter Gasket	<del></del>	MG-001T				
10	Meter Tube	-	MTB-11-L-028				
11	PM Bottom Meter Gasket	~	MG-001B				
12	Rate Valve Stem & Knob	<del>~</del>	VP-250				
13	Rate Valve Knob	~	RV-100A				
14	Rate Valve Knob Set Screw	~	#5-40 × ¼"				
15	Valve Bonnet	~	VB-100C				
16	PM O-Ring	~	OH-VIT-106				
17	34" NPT x 2 1⁄2" Nipple (Sch 80 PVC)	~	883-025				
18	"F3" Style Free Chlorine Probe 1 (* See RPH-250-PROBES drawing for options)	1 r options)	F3-XX*				
19	Probe Nut	<del>~</del>	PFC-PROBENUT				
					INSTRUMENTS., RESIDUAL CHLORINE ANALYZER PRESSURIZED FLOW CELL	Date: 2022-12-09-v1 BILL OF MATERIALS Dwg. No. RPH-PFC,	Date: 2022-12-09-v1 BILL OF MATERIALS Dwg. No. RPH-PFC, BOM

E1_XV	F9_XX	T1_X	E3_XX	ltem No.	Description	Measurement Range	Part No.
	VV-7	< <u>-</u>			Probes		
				F1-XX	"F1" style Free Chlorine probe (6-8 pH, 0-45°C) Membrane-covered, AMPEROMETRIC 2-electrode	0 - 0.50 PPM 0 - 2.00 PPM 0 - 5.00 PPM 0 - 10.0 PPM 0 - 20.0 PPM	F1-05 F1-2 F1-5 F1-10 F1-20
					Membrane cap Electrolyte bottle, 100 ml		MCH-F1 REH-F1
				F2-XX	"F2" style Free Chlorine probe (4-9 pH, 0-45°C) Membrane-covered, AMPEROMETRIC 3-electrode	0 - 2.00 PPM 0 - 5.00 PPM 0 - 10.0 PPM 0 - 20.0 PPM 0 - 200 PPM	F2-2 F2-5 F2-10 F2-20 F2-200
		_			Membrane cap Membrane cap (F2-200 only) Electrolyte bottle, 100 ml	2	MCH-T1-4E MCH-F2 REH-F2
				Т1-ХХ	"T1" style Total Chlorine probe (4-12 pH, 0-45° C) Membrane-covered, AMPEROMETRIC 3-electrode	0 - 0.50 PPM 0 - 2.00 PPM 0 - 5.00 PPM 0 - 10.0 PPM 0 - 20.0 PPM	T1-05 T1-2 T1-5 T1-10 T1-20
					Membrane cap Electrolyte bottle, 100 ml	2	MCH-T1-4E REH-T1
MCH-F1	MCH-F2	MCH-T1	CEH-F3	F3-XX	"F3" style Free Chlorine probe (5-9 pH, 0-50°C) Open measurement, POTENTIOSTATIC (Does not use a membrane cap)	0 - 1.00 PPM 0 - 2.00 PPM 0 - 5.00 PPM	F3-1 F3-2 F3-5
J.	For use with		Only use with		Cleaning head Electrolyte bottle, 50 ml		CEH-F3 REH-F3
OPEN	OPEN FLOW CELL	0	CELLS CELLS		INSTRUMENTS. INSTRUMENTS. PROBE OPTIONS FOR PROBE TYPE RESIDUAL ANALYZERS	Date: 2022-08-18-v1 EXPLODED VIEW & BOM Dwg. No. RPH-PROBES	-v1 / & BOM ¢OBES





#### FIGURE 13 - RPH-260 Controller Electronics