

LG16 Liquid Flow Meter Series

Compact Liquid Flow Meter for OEM Applications

- Liquid flow rates up to 5000 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$
- Resolutions down to sub nl/min
- Totally non-invasive, pressures up to 200 bar
- Digital I²C interface or analog out 0-5 V



Product Summary

The LG16 Liquid Flow Meter series enables fast, non-invasive measurements of very low liquid flow rates below 5 ml/min. This product line is especially suited for OEM volume applications requiring small sized components with high performance at low cost.

Excellent chemical resistance and bio-compatibility are ensured: The flow path of the LG16 Liquid Flow Sensor is formed by a straight-thru glass capillary and end fittings. There are no obstacles in the flow path.

Interface Options

Digital

- I²C-Bus

Analog

- Voltage output (0-5 V)

For more information on communication, please refer to section 3 of this document.

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1 Sensor Performance

Table 1: Model specific performance of LG16 (all data for medium H₂O, 23 °C, 1 bar_{abs} unless otherwise noted)

Parameter	LG16-0025	LG16-0150	LG16-0430	LG16-1000	LG16-2000	Unit
H ₂ O full scale flow rate ^a	1.50	7	80	1000	5000	$\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$
Accuracy below full scale (whichever error is larger)	10 0.5	5.0 0.3	5.0 0.15	5.0 0.2	5.0 0.2	% of m.v. ^c % of full scale
Repeatability below full scale (whichever error is larger)	<1 0.06	0.5 0.05	0.5 0.01	0.5 0.02	0.5 0.02	% of m.v. % of full scale
Temperature coefficient (additional error / °C; whichever is larger)	0.15 0.007	0.09 0.005	0.13 0.003	0.1 0.004	0.1 0.004	% m.v. / °C % full scale / °C
Mounting orientation sensitivity ^d	-	<0.4	<0.4	1.0	1.5	% of full scale
Flow detection response time τ_{63}	40					ms
Response time on power-up	120					ms
Operating temperature	+10...+50					°C
Ambient storage temperature ^e	-10...+60					°C
Operating pressure	200	100	15	15		bar
Burst pressure	400	200	30	30		bar

^aCorresponds to 4.8 V

^bFlow rate at which the sensor output saturates. See section 2 for performance between full scale and saturation point.

^cMeasured value

^dMaximum additional offset when mounted vertically

^eNon-condensing, flow path empty

2 Specifications Charts

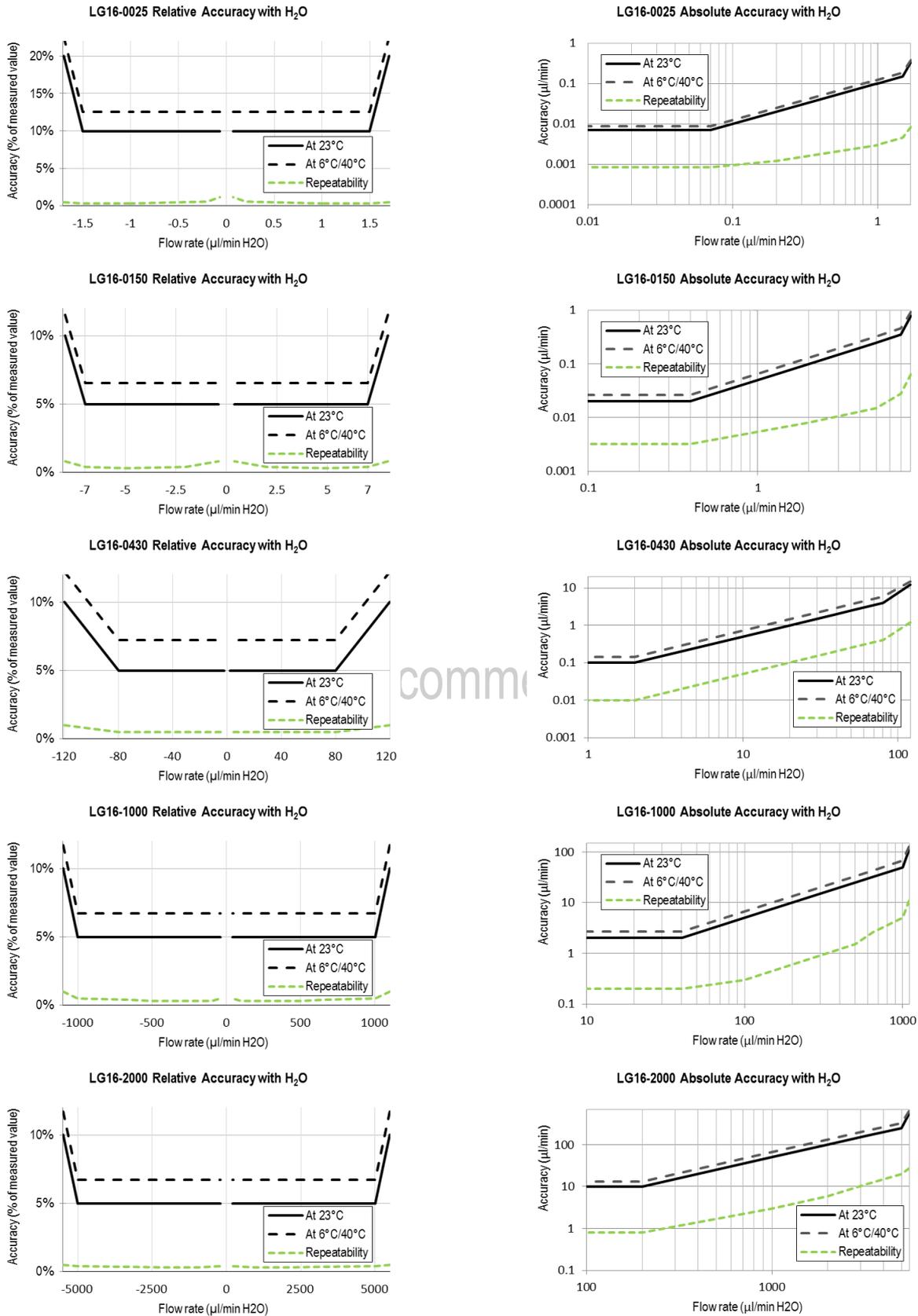


Figure 1: Flow meter accuracy and repeatability across the flow range. Relative error in % of measured value (left column) and absolute error in µl/min (right column) for H₂O.

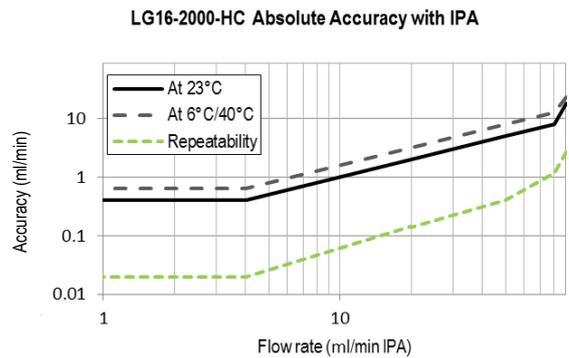
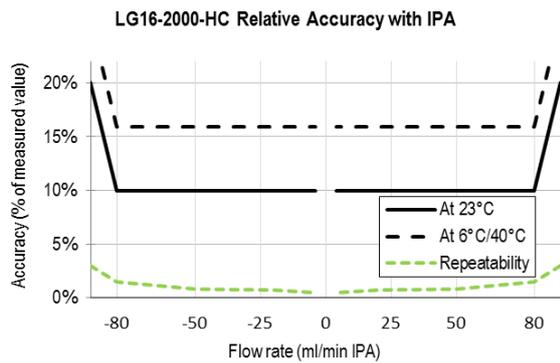
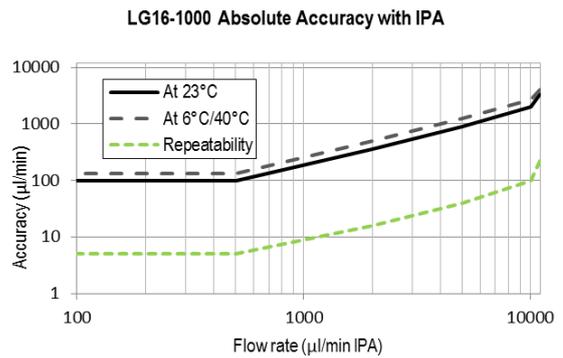
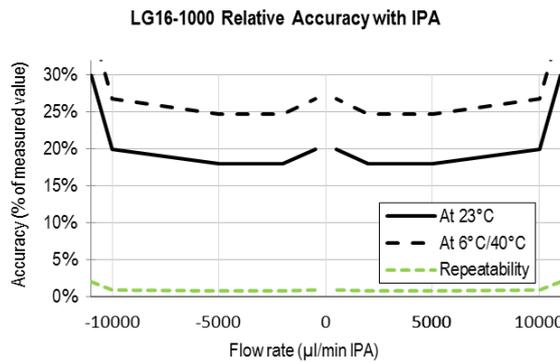
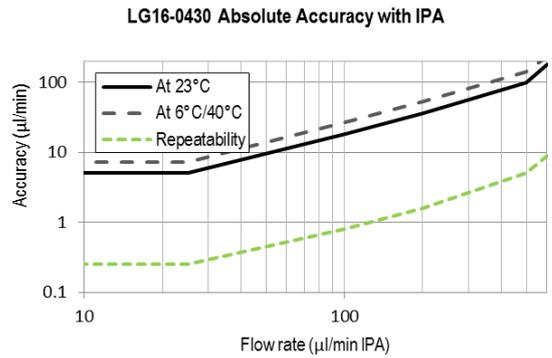
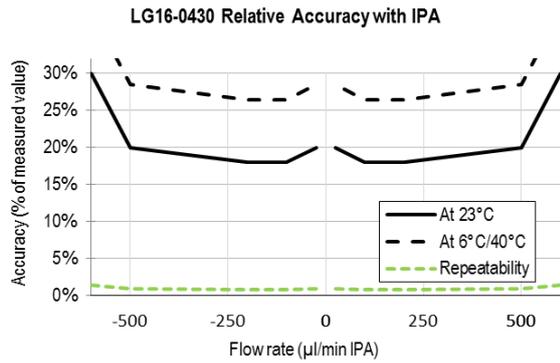
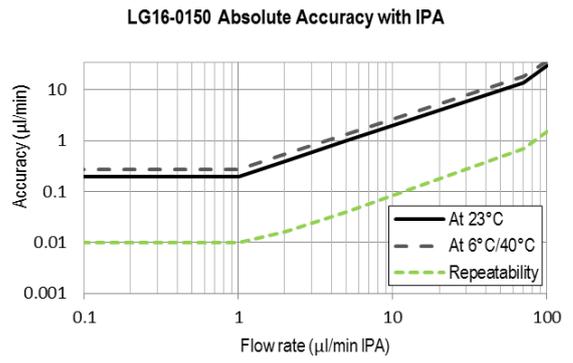
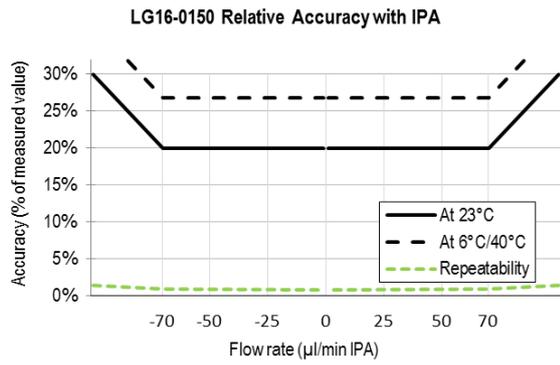


Figure 2: Flow meter accuracy and repeatability across the flow range. Relative error in % of measured value (left column) and absolute error in $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ or ml/min (LG16-2000-HC) (right column) for IPA.

3 Communication with the Sensor

The OEM flow sensor LG16 shows bi-directional, linear transfer characteristics. Please see the following section for more details and the table on page 6 for an overview of the available options.

3.1 Electrical Specifications

Table 2: DC Characteristics

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Power Supply DC, VDD				
Analog version	6.0	7.0	12 ^a	V
Operating Current, VDD = 4.0-12 V, no load		6.8		mA

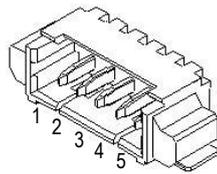
^aUse 9 V max. for best performance

3.2 Electrical Connector and Sensor Pinout

Connector Type: 5-pin Molex PCB Header 53261-0571 (right angle); Mating connector Molex 51021-0500.

Table 3: Pinout

Pin	
1	SDA (bi-directional)
2	SCL
3	VDD
4	GND
5	Analog out



3.3 Analog Communication

The LG16 is available as analog version, with the voltage output representing the current flow rate.

Table 4: Analog communication

Analog Out Voltage Range	
Negative full scale flow	0.2 V
Zero flow	2.5 V
Positive full scale flow	4.8 V
Minimum load resistance	10 k Ω

The analog sensor's output limit is 5V, thus the actual flow rate output limit is lower than the corresponding digital version's output limit (noted in Table 1).

4 Fluidic Connection

Table 5: Fluidic Specifications and Pressure Rating

Parameter	LG16-0025	LG16-0150	LG16-0430	LG16-1000	LG16-2000
Wetted materials:					
• Internal sensor tube material	Quartz Glass (Fused Silica)			Borosilicate Glass 3.3	
• Fitting material	PEEK				
• Sealing material	None			FEP	
Fluid connector ports (Fittings)	UNF 6-40 for 1/32" OD tubing VICI® Nanovolume™ compatible			1/4-28 flat-bottom for 1/16" or 1/8" OD plastic tubing ^a	
Pressure drop (at full scale flow rate, H ₂ O, 23°C)	1 bar	3 mbar	1 mbar	<1 mbar	<1 mbar
Pressure drop (at full scale flow rate, IPA, 23°C)	n.a.	60 mbar	7 mbar	5 mbar	2 mbar
Total internal volume	1 µl	1.5 µl	5 µl	25 µl	80 µl

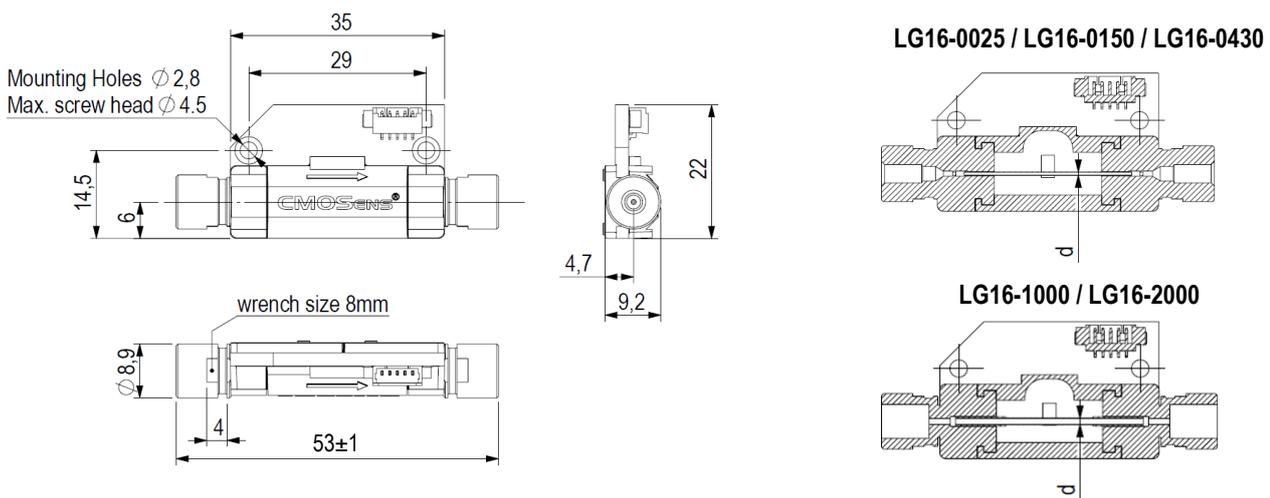
^a1/8" OD tubing with 2 mm minimum ID is recommended for the LG16-2000.

For more information on the fluidic connection please find: "Application Note Sensor Ports and Tubing Connections" in the Download Center on our webpage (www.sensirion.com/liquidflow-download).

5 Mechanical Specifications

Table 6: Mechanical Specifications

Parameter	LG16-0025	LG16-0150	LG16-0430	LG16-1000	LG16-2000
Largest dimensions	53 x 22 x 9 mm				
Total mass	6 g				
Inner diameter d	25 µm	150 µm	430 µm	1.0 mm	1.8 mm



All dimensions in mm

Attention Fragile	
<p>Mechanical shocks and connecting to the fittings without suitable tools leads to stress on the internal thin-walled glass capillary and can cause it to break.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While tightening the fittings, fix the fluidic ports position with a wrench. • Test for leakage after every time new connections are made. 	

6 Ordering Information

Each model is available with an analog output (ending “A”) or with a digital output (ending “D”).

Standard shipment includes only the sensor, neither cables for electrical connection nor fluidic connection material are included. Preassembled 5-pin Molex to pigtail ribbon cables (Molex 1.25 mm Pitch Receptacle Type 51021-0500 (PicoBlade™ 51021), 30 cm) can be ordered optionally.

Product	Signal Output		Calibration		Article Number	MOQ	Packaging Unit
	analog	digital	H2O	IPA			
LG16-0025A	•		•		1-100427-01	25	25
LG16-0025D		•	•		1-100428-01	25	25
LG16-0150A	•		•		1-100409-01	25	25
LG16-0150D		•	•	•	1-100410-01	25	25
LG16-0430A	•		•		1-100852-02	25	25
LG16-0430D		•	•	•	1-100853-02	25	25
LG16-1000A	•		•		1-100405-01	25	25
LG16-1000D		•	•	•	1-100406-01	25	25
LG16-2000A	•		•		1-100403-01	25	25
LG16-2000D		•	•		1-100404-01	25	25
LG16-2000HC-D		•		•	1-100840-01	25	25
5-pin Molex to pigtail ribbon cable, 30 cm	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1-100482-01	25	n/a

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Important Notices

Warning, Personal Injury

Do not use this product as safety or emergency stop devices or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury. Do not use this product for applications other than its intended and authorized use. Before installing, handling, using or servicing this product, please consult the data sheet and application notes. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.

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ESD Precautions

The inherent design of this component causes it to be sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent ESD-induced damage and/or degradation, take customary and statutory ESD precautions when handling this product.

See application note "ESD, Latchup and EMC" for more information.

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- EU Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), OJ13.02.2003; esp. its Article 6 (1) with Annex II.
- EU Directive 2002/65/EC on the restriction of certain hazardous substances in electric and electronic equipment (RoHS), OJ01.01.2011

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