Rockwell Automation Library of Process Objects: Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow (P_PTComp)

Version 3.5

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- PROCES-RM013 contains logic instructions
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### Additional Resources

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<td>PlantPAx Distributed Control System Reference Manual, publication PROCES-RM001</td>
<td>Provides characterized recommendations for implementing your PlantPAx system.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rockwell Automation Library of Process Objects, publication PROCES-RM002</td>
<td>Provides general considerations for the PlantPAx system library of process objects.</td>
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<tr>
<td>FactoryTalk View Site Edition User Manual, publication VIEWSE-UM006</td>
<td>Provides details on how to use this software package for developing and running human-machine interface (HMI) applications that can involve multiple users and servers, distributed over a network.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Logix5000™ Controllers Add-On Instructions Programming Manual, publication 1756-PM010</td>
<td>Provides information for designing, configuring, and programming Add-On Instructions.</td>
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Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow (P_PTComp)

Add-On Instruction

The Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow (P_PTComp) Add-On Instruction is used to calculate a flow at standard temperature and pressure, essentially a mass flow rate, given a volumetric flow rate or differential pressure measurement. This instruction also requires measurements of the actual temperature and pressure of the flowing gas.

Guidelines

Use this instruction in these situations:
- You are measuring the flow of a gas, or the differential pressure of a gas that behaves (approximately) as an Ideal Gas across a flow element such as an orifice plate.
- You are measuring the temperature and pressure of the gas.
- You want to express the flow as a Flow at Standard Temperature and Pressure (STP), such as Standard Cubic Feet per Minute (SCFM).

Do not use this instruction in these situations:
- You are measuring the flow of steam. You need to use the methods defined by ASME (or other standard or authority having jurisdiction), including the use of steam tables, to determine the properties of the steam to accurately calculate a mass flow.
- You are measuring the flow of natural gas. You need to use the methods defined by AGA (or other standard or authority having jurisdiction), to accurately calculate a mass flow.
- You are measuring the flow of solids or liquids, or of gases that do not behave (approximately) as an Ideal Gas. The P_PTComp Instruction uses the Ideal Gas Law (PV = nRT) to calculate flow at standard conditions.
**Functional Description**

The P_PTComp Add-On Instruction is intended as a calculation function only, between other blocks, and no HMI components are provided. If a faceplate and/or alarms are needed, the calculated output from the instruction can be sent to a P_AIn (analog input) Instruction for alarming and display.

The P_PTComp Instruction provides the following capabilities:

- Takes as its primary input either a volumetric flow rate or a differential pressure across a flow element, such as an orifice plate or pitot tube. When a differential pressure is used, the P_PTComp instruction allows configuration of the volumetric flow rate for a given differential pressure.
- Accepts a temperature in common units (Fahrenheit or Celsius degrees) or in absolute units (Rankine degrees or Kelvins).
- Accepts a pressure in common units (PSIG, kPa Gauge, or MPa Gauge) or in absolute units (PSIA, kPa Absolute, MPa Absolute).
- Has user-configurable ‘standard’ conditions, such as 14.696 PSIA and 60 °F, or 101.325 kPa and 0 °C.
- Determines flow at the specified ‘standard’ conditions by using the Ideal Gas Law (PV = nRT) to adjust from the given temperature and pressure to the ‘standard’ temperature and pressure.

**Required Files**

The P_PTComp_3_5-00_A0L5X Add-On Instruction, must be imported into the controller project to use the instruction in the project. The service release number (boldfaced) can change as service revisions are created.

The import file is available from the Product Compatibility and Download Center at http://www.rockwellautomation.com/rockwellautomation/support/pcdc.page.

There are no visualization files because the P_PTComp object does not have display elements or faceplates.
Controller Code

This section describes the parameters of this Add-On Instruction.

Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow Input Structure

Input parameters include the following:

- Input data elements (Inp_) are typically used to connect field inputs from I/O modules or signals from other objects.
- Configuration data elements (Cfg_) are used to set configurable capabilities and features of the instruction.

Table 2 - P_PTComp Input Parameters

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<tr>
<th>Input Parameter</th>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Alias For</th>
<th>Default</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EnableIn</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Ladder Diagram: If the rung-in condition is true, the instruction's Logic routine executes. If the rung-in condition is false, the instruction's EnableInFalse routine executes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inp_T_Act</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Actual (measured) temperature, can be absolute or common units (for example, Fahrenheit or Celsius).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inp_P_Act</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Actual (measured) pressure, can be absolute or common units (for example, PSIG).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inp_DP_Act</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Actual (measured) differential pressure (for example, &quot;WC&quot;).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inp_F_Act</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Actual (measured) uncompensated flow in volumetric units (for example, CFM).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_LoFlowCutoff</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>If Out_Flow is less than this cutoff value, it is shown as 0.0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_T_Std</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Standard temperature in Inp_T_Act units (for example, Fahrenheit or Celsius).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_P_Std</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>Standard pressure in Inp_P_Act units (for example, PSIG).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_T_Offset</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>273.15</td>
<td>'Zero' input-units temperature in absolute units (for example, R or K).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_P_Offset</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>14.696</td>
<td>'Zero' input-units pressure in absolute units (for example, PSIA).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_DP_Ref</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>Reference (full-scale) differential pressure (for example, &quot;WC&quot;).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_F_Ref</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Reference flow in volumetric units (for example, CFM) at Reference DP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_UseDP</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1 = Use Inp_DP_Act (square root curve) to calculate flow. 0 = Use Inp_F_Act (linear).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow Output Structure

Output parameters include the following:

- Output data elements (Out_) are the primary outputs of the instruction, typically used by hardware output modules; however, they can be used by other application logic.
- Status data elements (Sts_) are bit outputs of the instruction for use by the HMI. Status bits also can be used by other application logic.
- Error data elements (Err_) are bit outputs of the instruction used to indicate the reason for a configuration error.

Table 3 - P_PTComp Output Parameters

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<th>Output Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>EnableOut</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Enable Output: The EnableOut signal is not manipulated by this instruction. Its output state always reflects EnableIn input state.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Out_Flow</td>
<td>REAL</td>
<td></td>
<td>Compensated flow (at standard temperature and pressure: mass flow).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sts_Err</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Invalid configuration, see Err_bits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Err_T_Std</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Invalid standard temperature (T_Std + T_Offset must be &gt; 0.0).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Err_P_Std</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Invalid standard pressure (P_Std + P_Offset must be &gt; 0.0).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Err_DP_Ref</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Invalid reference differential pressure (must be &gt; 0.0 if DP used).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Err_F_Ref</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Invalid reference flow (at reference DP) (must be &gt; 0.0 if DP used).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P_PTComp</td>
<td>BOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>Unique parameter name for auto-discovery.</td>
</tr>
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Pressure/Temperature Compensated Flow Local Configuration Tags

Configuration parameters that are arrayed, string, or structure data types cannot be configured as parameters for Add-On Instructions. Configuration parameters of these types appear as local tags to the Add-On Instruction. Local tags can be configured with Studio 5000 Logix Designer® application by opening the Instruction Logic of the Add-On Instruction instance and then opening the Data Monitor on a local tag. These parameters cannot be modified by using controller logic or Logix Designer application export/import functionality.

The P_PTComp instruction does not include visualization elements (global objects or faceplates). However, these local configuration tags for descriptive strings are provided for use in custom visualization elements if desired.

Table 4 - Local Configuration Tags

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<th>Tag Name</th>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Default</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cfg_Desc</td>
<td>STRING_40</td>
<td>‘Pressure/temperature compensated flow’</td>
<td>Description for display on HMI. This string is shown in the title bar of the faceplate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_Label</td>
<td>STRING_20</td>
<td>‘Flow at standard conditions’</td>
<td>Label for graphic symbol displayed on HMI. This string appears on the graphic symbol.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cfg_Tag</td>
<td>STRING_20</td>
<td>‘P_PTComp’</td>
<td>Tagname for display on HMI. This string is shown in the title bar of the faceplate.</td>
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Operations

Modes

The P_PTComp Add-On Instruction performs only calculations and does not have modes or contain a P_Mode instruction instance.

Alarms

The P_PTComp Add-On Instruction does not generate any alarms.

To provide High-High, High, Low, and/or Low-Low threshold alarms for any of the variables (volumetric flow or differential pressure, temperature, pressure or the calculated Flow at Standard Conditions), use a P_AIn Analog Input instruction for each such variable.

Refer to the Process Add-On Instructions and Graphics: Basic Analog Input (P_AIn) Reference Manual, publication SYSLIB-RM001, for more information.

Simulation

The P_PTComp Add-On Instruction does not have simulation capability.

Execution

The following table explains the handling of instruction execution conditions.

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<tr>
<td>EnableIn False (false rung)</td>
<td>No EnableInFalse logic is provided. The Instruction maintains its last state when EnableIn is false.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Powerup (prescan, first scan)</td>
<td>No Pre-scan or First Scan logic is provided. The P_PTComp instruction simply performs its calculation every scan when EnableIn is true.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postscan</td>
<td>No SFC Postscan logic is provided.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Refer to the Logix5000 Controllers Add-On Instructions Programming Manual, publication 1756-PM010, for more information.
Programming Example

This example uses the P_PTComp instruction to determine the flow rate of compressed nitrogen at a standard pressure and flow. This can provide a more accurate measurement for custody transfer or control calculations where there is variability in environmental conditions and the flow transmitter is not capable of performing the compensation.

In this case, we have a measurement of flow from a dp-transmitter. The transmitter is providing the controller with a value that has been scaled to volumetric flow but not compensated for environmental temperature and pressure. We also have temperature and pressure measurements from where the flow is measured. In this example, the desired standard pressure and flow is 0 psig and 15 °C.

The measured temperature, pressure, and flow are connected into the P_PTComp instruction to the inputs Inp_T_Act, Inp_P_Act, and Inp_F_Act. In this example, these values are in units of degrees C, psig, and m³/hr.
Set Cfg_T_Std and Cfg_P_Std to 15 and 0, respectively, for the desired standard temperature and pressure. Cfg_T_Offset is left at its default of 273.15 to represent 0 °C in absolute units K (if using Fahrenheit, set this to 459.67 °F). Cfg_P_Offset is left at its default of 14.696 defining the value of 0 psi gauge pressure in absolute pressure. Cfg_UseDP is left at its default of 0, indicating we are using Inp_F_Act as the flow input as the flow transmitter is providing flow in volumetric units.

The output of P_PTComp is then connected to a P_AIn Instruction. The output is a compensated volumetric flow at standard temperature and pressure. The P_AIn could scale this flow to mass flow if desired.

The local configuration tags Cfg_Desc, Cfg_Label, and Cfg_Tag are not required to be set. The P_PTComp instruction does not include visualization elements (global objects or faceplates). However, these string parameters are provided for use in custom visualization elements if desired.
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**Installation Assistance**

If you experience a problem within the first 24 hours of installation, review the information that is contained in this manual. You can contact Customer Support for initial help in getting your product up and running.

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<td>Use the Worldwide Locator at <a href="http://www.rockwellautomation.com/rockwellautomation/support/overview.page">http://www.rockwellautomation.com/rockwellautomation/support/overview.page</a> or contact your local Rockwell Automation representative.</td>
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