

# **vnasonics** | U500w Ultrasonic Meter

Cold Water Stainless Steel Meter, 5/8, 5/8 x 3/4, 3/4 and 1 inch NSF/ANSI Standard 61 Certified, Annex G

## **DESCRIPTION**

The U500w Ultrasonic meter uses solid-state technology in a compact, totally encapsulated, weatherproof, and UV-resistant housing, suitable for building and property management submetering applications. Electronic metering provides information—such as rate of flow and reverse flow indication—and data not typically available through traditional, mechanical meters and registers. Electronic metering eliminates measurement errors due to sand, suspended particles and pressure fluctuations.

# Offered in four sizes and lay lengths, the U500w meter features:

- Minimum extended low-flow rate lower than typical positive displacement meters.
- Simplified one-piece electronic meter and register that are integral to the meter body and virtually maintenance free.
- Sealed, non-removable, tamper-protected meter and register.
- Easy-to-read, 9-digit LCD display presents consumption, rate of flow, reverse-flow indication, and alarms.
- · Battery powered—eliminates wiring.
- Compatible with AquaCUE® Flow Measurement Manager.

The U500w meter is available with an in-line connector for easy connection and installation to AquaCUE connectors.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Use the U500w meter for measuring potable cold water in building/property management and industrial applications. The meter is also ideal for non-potable, reclaimed irrigation water applications or less than optimum water conditions where small particles exist.

The U500w meter complies with applicable portions of ANSI/AWWA Standard C700 and NSF/ANSI Standard 61, Annex G. There is currently no AWWA standard that specifically addresses ultrasonic meters for residential applications.

#### **OPERATION & PERFORMANCE**

As water flows into the measuring tube, ultrasonic signals are sent consecutively in forward and reverse directions of flow. Velocity is then determined by measuring the time difference between the measurement in the forward and reverse directions. Total volume is calculated from the measured flow velocity using water temperature and pipe diameter. The LCD display shows total volume and alarm conditions and can toggle to display rate of flow.



In the normal temperature range of 45...85° F (7...29° C), the U500w "new meter" consumption measurement is accurate to:

- ±1.5% over the normal flow range
- ±3.0% from the extended low flow range to the minimum flow value

# **CONSTRUCTION**

The U500w meters feature a stainless steel, lead-free meter housing, an engineered polymer and stainless steel metering insert, a meter-control circuit board with associated wiring, LCD, and battery. Wetted elements are limited to the pressure vessel, polymer/stainless steel metering insert and the transducers. The electronic components are housed and fully potted within a molded, engineered polymer enclosure, which is permanently attached to the meter housing. The transducers extend through the stainless steel housing and are sealed by O-rings.

The metering insert holds the stainless steel ultrasonic reflectors in the center of the flow area, enabling turbulence-free water flow through the tube and around the ultrasonic signal reflectors. The metering insert's patented design virtually eliminates chemical buildup on the reflectors, ensuring long-term metering accuracy.

## **METER INSTALLATION**

The meter is completely submersible and can be installed using horizontal or vertical piping, with flow in the up direction. The meter will not measure flow when an "empty pipe" condition is experienced. An empty pipe is defined as a condition that occurs when the pipe is partially full.



# **SPECIFICATIONS**

U500w Ultrasonic Meter Size	5/8 in. (16 mm)	5/8 x 3/4 in. (16 x 19 mm)	3/4 in. (19 mm)	1 in. (25 mm)		
Operating Range	0.125 gpm (0.495 lpm)	0.125 gpm (0.495 lpm)	0.132 gpm (0.4121 lpm)	0.455 gpm (1.5208 lpm)		
Extended Low-Flow Rate	0.05 gpm (0.2 lpm)	0.05 gpm (0.2 lpm)	0.05 gpm (0.2 lpm)	0.25 gpm (95 lpm)		
Maximum Continuous Operation	25 gpm (95 lpm)	25 gpm (95 lpm)	32 gpm (121 lpm)	55 gpm (208 lpm)		
Pressure Loss	4.3 psi at 15 gpm (0.3 bar @ 57 lpm)	2.3 psi at 15 gpm (1.6 bar @ 57 lpm)	2.0 psi at 15 gpm (0.14 bar @ 57 lpm)	1.8 psi at 25 gpm (0.12 bar @ 95 lpm)		
Reverse Flow - Maximum Rate	4.0 gpm (15 lpm)	4.0 gpm (15 lpm)	4.0 gpm (15 lpm)	9.0 gpm (34 lpm)		
Operating Performance	In the normal temperature range of 45…85° F (7…29° C), new meter consumption measurement is accurate to:  • ±1.5% over the normal flow range  • ±3.0% from the extended low flow range to the minimum flow value					
Storage Temperature	- 40140° F (- 4060° C)					
Maximum Ambient Storage (Storage for One Hour)	150° F (72° C)					
Measured-Fluid Temperature Range	34140° F (1°60° C)					
Humidity	0100% condensing; meter is capable of operating in fully submerged environments					
Maximum Operating Pressure of Meter Housing	175 psi (12 bar)					
Register Type	Straight reading, permanently sealed electronic LCD; digits are 0.28 in. (7 mm) high					
Register Display	<ul> <li>Consumption (up to nine digits)</li> <li>Rate of flow (US gallons per minute or cubic meters per hour)</li> <li>Alarms</li> <li>Unit of measure factory programmed for gallons, cubic feet and cubic meters</li> </ul>					
Register Capacity	<ul><li>10,000,000 gallons</li><li>1,000,000 cubic feet</li><li>100,000 cubic meters</li></ul>					
Totalization Display Resolution	<ul><li>Gallons: 0.XX</li><li>Cubic feet: 0.XXX</li><li>Cubic meters: 0.XXXX</li></ul>					
Battery	3.6-volt lithium thionyl chloride; battery is fully encapsulated within the register housing and is not replaceable; 20-year battery life					

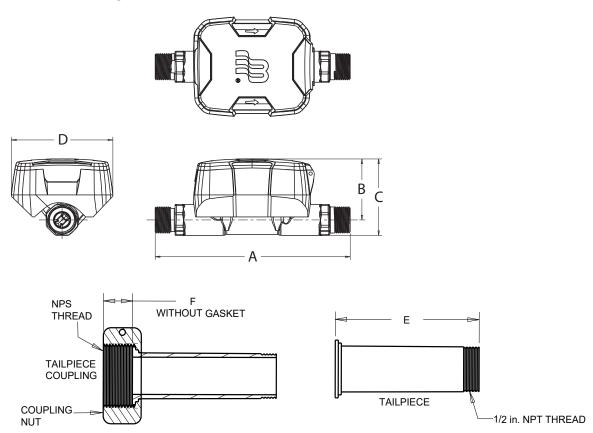
# **MATERIALS**

Meter Housing	316 stainless steel			
Measuring Element	Pair of ultrasonic sensors located in the flow tube			
Register Housing & Lid	Engineered polymer			
Metering Insert	Engineered polymer & stainless steel			
Transducers	Piezo-ceramic device with wetted surface of stainless CrNiMo			

# **PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS**

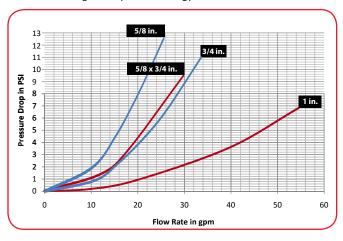
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			3/4 × 7-1/2 in. or	
Size Designation X Lay Length	5/8 × 7-1/2 in.	$5/8 \times 3/4 \times 7-1/2$ in.	3/4 × 9 in.	1 x 10-3/4 in.
	(16 × 191 mm)	(16 x 19 × 1901 mm)	(19 × 191 mm or	$(25 \times 273 \text{ mm})$
			19 × 229 mm)	
Weight (without AquaCUE connector)	2.2 lb (1 kg)	2.1 lb (0.95 kg)	3/4 × 7-1/2 in.: 2.1 lb	3.1 lb (1.4 kg)
			3/4 × 9 in.: 2.4 lb	
			(20 × 190 mm.: 0.95 kg or	
			20 × 229 mm: 1.08 kg))	
See illustrations below for Measurement Designations.		1		
Length (A)	7.5 in.(190 mm)	7.5 in.(190 mm)	7.5 in. or 8.98 in.	10.745 in. (273 mm)
			(190 mm or 228 mm)	
Height (B)	2.404 in. (61 mm)	2.404 in. (61 mm)	2.404 in. (61 mm)	2.529 in. (64 mm)
Height (C)	3.014 in. (76 mm)	3.014 in. (76 mm)	3.094 in. (79 mm)	3.359 in. (85 mm)
Width (D)	3.898 in. (99 mm)	3.898 in. (99 mm)	3.898 in. (99 mm)	3.898 in. (99 mm)
Bore Size	5/8 in. (16 mm)	3/4 in. (19 mm)	3/4 in. (19 mm)	1 in. (25 mm)
Meter Thread	3/4 in. × 14 NPSM	1 in. × 11-1/2 NPSM	1 in. × 11-1/2 NPSM	1-1/4 in. × 11-1/2 NPSM
Tailpiece Length (E)	2.38 in.	2.50 in.	2.50 in.	2.62 in.
Tailpiece Coupling (F)	0.51 in.	0.47 in.	0.47 in.	0.50 in.
Tailpiece Pipe Adapter Thread (NPT)	1/2 in. (13 mm)	3/4 in. (19 mm)	3/4 in. (19 mm)	1 in. (25 mm)

# **Measurement Designations**



# **PRESSURE LOSS CHART**

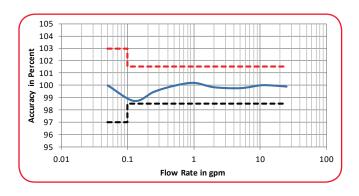
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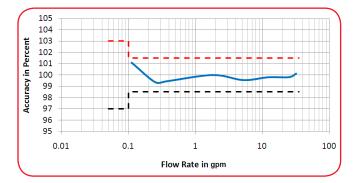
# **ACCURACY CHARTS**

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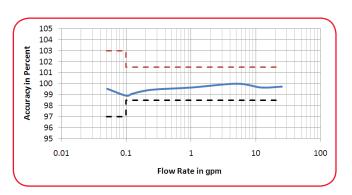
5/8 in. Meter



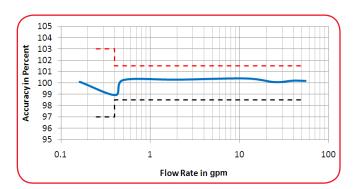
3/4 in. Meter



5/8 x 3/4 in. Meter

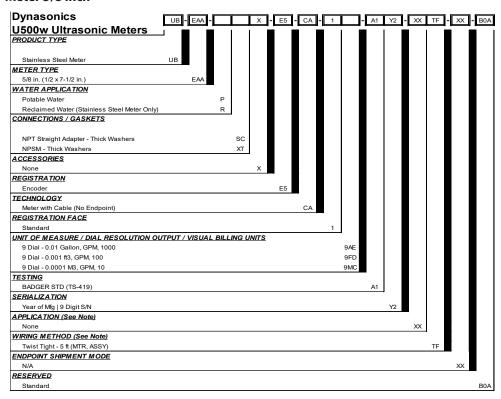


1 in. Meter

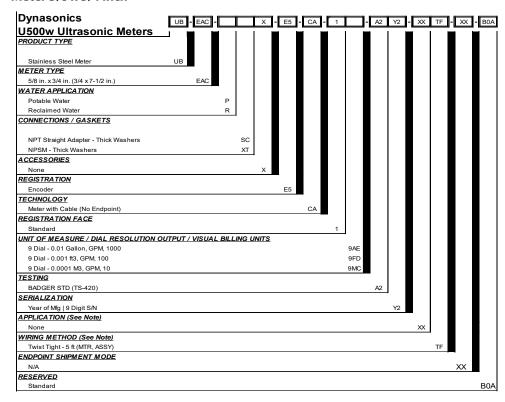


## **PART NUMBERS**

# Meter 5/8 inch

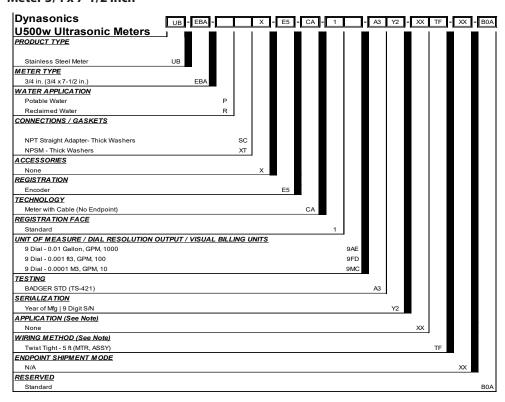


## Meter 5/8 x 3/4 inch

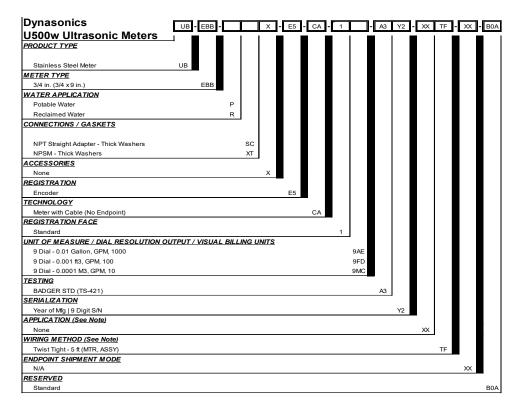


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## Meter 3/4 x 7-1/2 inch

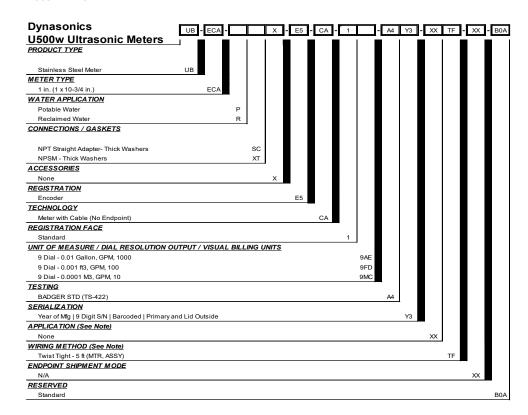


### Meter 3/4 x 9 inch



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## Meter 1 inch



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