



GENERAL MONITORS

SAFETY MANUAL
FL4000 Multi-Spectral Infrared
Flame Detector



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This manual describes the safety related information for the installation, operation, configuration, and maintenance of the FL4000 Multi-Spectral Infrared Flame Detector.

For complete information regarding performance, installation, operation, maintenance, and specifications of the FL4000, please refer to the associated product manual.

General Monitors' mission is to benefit society by providing safety solutions through industry-leading products, services, and systems that save lives and protect capital resources from the dangers of hazardous flames, gases, and vapors.

The safety product you have purchased should be handled carefully, and installed and maintained in accordance with the associated product instruction manual. Remember, this product is for your safety.



WARNING: TOXIC, COMBUSTIBLE, AND FLAMMABLE GASES AND VAPORS ARE VERY DANGEROUS. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN THESE HAZARDS ARE PRESENT.

INTRODUCTION

General Description

The General Monitors FL4000 is a microprocessor based Multi-Spectral Infrared (MSIR) flame detector employing state-of-the-art infrared (IR) detectors to detect typical fires such as those produced by alcohol, n-heptane, gasoline, jet fuels, and hydrocarbons. In addition, the FL4000 can see through dense smoke produced by diesel, rubber, plastics, and lube oil fires, while responding with a 4-20 mA analog output or optional relay output. A sophisticated *artificial neural network* (ANN) based signal processing algorithm is used to produce a system that is highly immune to false alarms caused by lightning, sunlight reflection, arc-welding, hot objects, and other sources of radiation. The FL4000 is regarded as a Type B field device per IEC 61508. The FL4000, in its non-HART configuration, can also be used with the Safety Integrity Level (SIL) suitable TA402A Trip Amplifier to monitor the presence of fire and provide remote status indication and alarm outputs.

The safety function of the FL4000 does not include:

- HART communication
- RS-485 Modbus communication

HART and Modbus communication are typically used for field device setup, diagnostics, and troubleshooting. Carefully observe requirements for interfacing in hazardous locations. HART and Modbus communication are non-interfering functions and do not interrupt the safety critical function of the detector.

INSTALLATION

NOTE: Power should remain disconnected until all other wiring connections are made.

For complete information on the installation of the FL4000 flame detector refer to the product instruction manual.



CAUTION: Do not unscrew the Electronic Module Tube without first removing the Optical Module Assembly. Unscrewing the Tube from the Junction Module Base, while the Optical Module Assembly is attached, will invariably damage the unit.

Detector Location Considerations

There is no one optimal manner to install a flame detector for all applications. Instead, several variables should be considered when selecting locations to install detectors, including the following:

- Detector Field of View (FOV)
- Optical sensitivity range
- Environmental conditions

In addition, the FL4000 should be mounted in locations, which will inhibit people or objects from obscuring the detector's FOV. The unit should be mounted free from shock and vibration, and in a location convenient for visual inspection and cleaning. Furthermore, the detector(s) should be tilted downward so that dust or moisture does not accumulate on the sapphire window. Finally, though the FL4000 is Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) resistant, the detector should not be located near radio transmitters, high magnetic or electrical fields, or in areas with similar interference.

NOTE: Frequent inspection, cleaning, and sensitivity checking is suggested for detectors mounted in dirty environments.

No special or additional detector mounting, wiring, power, or tool requirements exist beyond the standard installation practices documented in the FL4000 instruction manual.



WARNING: Under NO circumstances should equipment be connected or disconnected when under power. This is contrary to hazardous area regulations and may also lead to serious damage to the equipment. Equipment damaged in this manner is not covered under warranty.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

For complete operation, configuration, and maintenance information for the FL4000 refer to the product instruction manual.

Before connecting a unit, check to make sure power is turned off. Before power up check all wiring connections.

The FL4000 performs internal diagnostics on critical faults every second and a Continuous Optical Path Monitor (COPM) check every 2 minutes. The detector will respond with 0 mA for an internal fault and 2 mA for a COPM fault for non-HART units. FL4000 HART units will respond with a 3.5 mA analog output level for all faults.

Once correctly installed, the unit requires very little maintenance other than regular sensitivity checks and cleaning of the external window. General Monitors recommends that a maintenance schedule be established and followed.



CAUTION: In case of a power cycle event, confirm that sensitivity settings have not changed. Use the HART or Modbus communication to verify sensitivity – Low, Medium, or High. Observe requirements for interfacing in hazardous locations.

Refer to the Troubleshooting Section in the FL4000 product instruction manual in the event of a fault condition. Spare parts should be on-hand as described in the Spare Parts Section of the product instruction manual.

SPECIFICATIONS

Table 1 and Table 2 list specifications for the FL4000 flame detector. For a complete list of specifications refer to the FL4000 instruction manual.

	FL4000	FL4000 HART
Instruction Manual P/N	MANFL4000	MANFL4000
Temp. Range		
Operating:	-40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C)	-40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C)
Storage:	-40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C)	-40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C)
Humidity Range:	0 to 95% RH, non-condensing	0 to 95% RH, non-condensing
Input Power:		
Absolute min:	20 VDC	20 VDC
Nominal:	24 VDC	24 VDC
Absolute max:	36 VDC	36 VDC

Table 1 – Environmental/Electrical Specifications

Mode	FL4000 non-HART	FL4000 HART
Fault	0 mA	3.5 mA
Test Mode	1.5 mA	3.5 mA
COPM Fault	2 mA	3.5 mA
Ready	4.3 mA	4.3 mA
WARN Signal	16 mA	16 mA
ALARM Signal	20 mA	20 mA
Over range	20.1 – 22 mA	20.1 – 22 mA

Table 2 – Analog Output Specifications (Max Load: 600 ohms)

CERTIFICATIONS AND FAILURE RATE DATA

The FL4000 has gone through rigorous reliability and functional safety assessments, which have resulted in the flame detector being certified to IEC 61508 Parts 1, 2, and 3, by FM Approvals. The reliability assessment is a failure rate prediction that assumes an average temperature of 40°C and an environmental factor equivalent to Ground Fixed. It is assumed that the FL4000 will be installed in a Safety Instrumented System (SIS) operating in a Low Demand environment per IEC 61508. Table 3 lists the Safety Integrity Level (SIL) parameters for both the non-HART and HART versions of the FL4000.

Field Device	FL4000 Analog Output	FL4000 HART Analog Output
FM Certificate	3034949-FL4000	3034949-FL4000
Product Life (Years)	18	18
λ_{DD} (Fails per hour)	2.55E-6	2.54E-6
λ_{DU} (Fails per hour)	6.45E-9	1.28E-8
Safe Failure Fraction (SFF)	>99%	>99%
Safety Integrity Level (SIL)*	3	3
Diagnostic Test Interval	<1 second (critical) 30 seconds (non-critical) 2 minutes (COPM)	
Typical Response Time	<10 seconds	
Average Probability of Failure on Demand $PFD_{avg} 1001^{**}$	1.7E-5	2.4E-5

Table 3 – SIL Parameters for FL4000

* Hardware Fault Tolerance (HFT) = 0

** $PFD_{avg} 1001$ assumes a 4 hour repair time and 90 day proof test interval.

Agency Approvals

The FL4000 has the following approvals:

- ATEX
- CSA
- FM Approvals
- ULC
- Approved for Russia
- BV Approval Pending
- IEC 61508 per FM Approvals