

# Dual Tipping Bucket Flow Gauge

Water Flow

## General Description

KISTERS' dual tipping bucket flow gauge TBL-70 is used for **measuring water seepage coming out of a pipe or a drain**. The unit is equipped with two distinct buckets to provide **best accuracy over a large range of flows**: a smaller bucket at the top of the gauge to measure at low flows and a larger one at the bottom to measure at high flows. Each bucket is connected to its own dual reed switch effectively enabling **redundant data acquisition** in two distinct data loggers, or providing data to two devices (e.g. a data logger and a counting display), etc.

## Operation

The two buckets operate simultaneously up to 6 L/minute. At low flows where the large bucket is not full to tip, more accurate results can be obtained from the small bucket's reed switch output. At higher flows above 6 L/minute the smaller bucket at the top has to be removed by the user. Data is then generated solely by the larger bucket's reed switch output.

## Applications

The TBL-70 is suitable for all applications where a water flow out of a pipe or similar outlet needs to be supervised. This may include

- Monitoring at basin outlets of any kind of industrial water, grey water or storm water retention basins
- Sewer network injections into a collection basin
- Drain output
- Water discharge out of a treatment or intermittent storage basin
- Pump testing

## Features

- Non-corrosive materials
- Suitable for harsh environment
- Accurate readings at low and high flows
- 4 x M8 mounting brackets
- Easily cleaned and little maintenance needed



## Technical Specifications

**Material** PVC Plastic and Stainless Steel

**Resolutions**

- Metal bucket, top of gauge: 70 ml, up to 6 L/minute
- PVC bucket, bottom of gauge: 0.5 L or 1.0 L (selectable), up to 25 L/minute

**Accuracy**

70 ml bucket	
Flow Rate (L/min)	Error
0.5-3.0	-3 %
3.0-6.0	-5 %
>6.0	NA

0,5/1 L bucket	
Flow Rate (L/min)	Error
0.5	-2 %
1.0	-6 %
5.0	-10 %
10.0	-14 %
15.0	-18 %
20.0	-20 %
25.0	-22 %

**Signal Out**

- 2 X dual reed switch, one for each bucket
- Protection: Mechanical: silicon rubber potting; Electrical: varistor surge protection
- Max capacity: 24 VDC (0.5 amp max)
- Resistance: Initial contact resistance 0.1  $\Omega$
- Maximum tipping bucket frequency:  $10^8$  to  $10^9$  tips

**Flow Rate**

Maximum 25 L/minute

**Level**

Bulls eye level adhered to stainless steel base

**Environmental Conditions**

Relative humidity: 0 to 95 %; Temperature: -20 to +70°C (-24 to +158 °F)

**Dimensions & Mass**

- Base Length x Width: 390 x 235 mm (15.4" x 9.3") (incl. mounting brackets)
- Height: 468 mm / 18.4" (when 70 ml bucket installed); 390 mm / 15.4" (when 70 ml bucket removed)
- Weight: 6 kg / 13.2 lbs (packed 7 kg / 15.4 lbs)

## Accessories



### iRIS dataloggers and data modems:

- Robust housing
- IP over one or two channels of your choice: xG / GPRS, satellite, IoT
- I/O: analog, digital, SDI-12, Modbus
- iLink software
- Telemetry or cloud app



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