

E-CODER) R900i™

INSIDE AND PIT VERSIONS









The E-Coder)R900*i* combines the field-proven R900™ radio frequency meter interface unit (MIU) with our solid state absolute E-Coder™ into one integrated package to offer utilities the advantages of the cost savings associated with the ease and speed of installation. The E-Coder)R900i does not have any external wires to be installed or require any special programming for operation. The E-Coder)R900*i* operates within the 902-928 unlicensed RF band width.

The R900 MIU portion of the integrated unit collects meter-usage data and transmits the data for collection by the meter reader. Data transmitted by the R900 MIU is received by the Neptune walk-by, mobile, or targeted fixed-network data collection systems and stored for downloading at the utility office. The R900 MIU is a one-way communication device that transmits data every 14 seconds using frequency hopping spread spectrum technology to ensure data security and improved meter reading accuracy and reliability. The E-Coder portion of the integrated unit features a custom integrated circuit design that digitally encodes the rotation of the measuring chamber providing "absolute" registration with no internal battery requirement.

The E-Coder)R900i provides high resolution, 8-digit remote meter reading and value-added features including leak detection, tamper detection, and reverse flow detection. In

addition to this data, E-Coder provides a visual read out on rate of flow every six seconds when the LCD is activated. True point-of-use leak detection is provided by monitoring a 24-hour period in fifteen-minute intervals. Tamper detection is provided by reverse flow detection and the number of days of zero consumption over the previous 35 days.

The E-Coder)R900i PLUS features are communicated through the E-Coder protocol allowing host software platforms to interpret the data and pass the information directly to billing packages, CIS screens, and operations and maintenance reports. The E-Coder)R900i features enhance customer service and improve operational efficiencies for water utilities

The E-Coder)R900i Inside Version

The inside version features a non-oil-filled plastic enclosure with an integrated antenna. This unit also features a fieldreplaceable battery.

The E-Coder)R900i Pit Version

The pit version features a non-oil-filled roll-sealed copper shell and glass lens housing for superior protection in a flooded pit environment. The standard unit is designed with a whip antenna for installation under a pit lid and can be easily upgraded to a through-the-lid antenna if desired. The unit also features a field replaceable battery.

■ Ease of installation — no external wiring

Integral antenna

KEY

- "Absolute" 9-digit meter reading on display
- 8-digit remote meter reading
- No FCC license required
- No MIU programming required
- Batteryless encoder metrology
- Long-life lithium battery with HLC capacitor
- Available in both pit and inside versions
- Fully submersible pit version
- Leak, tamper and reverse flow detection
- LCD leak indicators
- Directional flow indicator
- Rate of flow on LCD display

Enhanced cost savings and ease of installation KEY BENEFITS

- No external wires
- · Reduces labor cost
- Reduces potential wire vandalism
- Enhanced "customer care"
 - · Leak history/diagnostics
 - · Proactive leak notification
 - Improves meter reading accuracy
 - · Eliminates estimated reads
- Increased operational efficiencies
 - Reduces costs
 - Minimizes reading time
 - · Improves meter reading safety
 - Work order reduction for high water bill inquiries
 - Prioritization of meter maintenance
- Drought management
 - Reduction of water loss through proactive notification of water leaks
- Tamper management
 - · Identification and prioritization of potential tamper situations



LIGHT SENSOR

Recessed under the small hole near the center of the faceplate of the E-Coder)R900i, supplies the power for the LCD panel (light activated).



FLOW INDICATOR

Shows the direction of flow through the meter:

Water in use. Water not in use. Water is running slowly.

Reverse flow. Forward flow.



LEAK INDICATOR

Displays a possible leak:

No leak indicated.

Intermittent leak indicates that water has been used for at least 50 of the 96

15-minute intervals during a 24-hour period. Indicates water use for all 96 15-minute

intervals during a 24-hour period.



RATE OF FLOW

Average flow rate is displayed every six seconds on LCD display.



LCD DISPLAY

Nine-digit LCD displays the meter reading in billing units of measure: U.S. gallons, cubic feet, Imperial gallons, or

- 1 E-Coder™ Basic Reading/Customary 6-digit remote reading
- Customary sweep hand digits
- E-Coder PLUS Reading (8-digit remote reading)
- Testing units used for diagnostics
- Extended reading units
- Customary billing units

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Transmitter Specifications:

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical Specifications:

HLC capacitor

• Channel frequency: 910 to 920 MHz spread spectrum

• Transmit period: Every 14 seconds

• MIU Power: Lithium battery with

• Output Power: Meets FCC Part 15.247

• FCC Verification: Part 15.247

Environmental Conditions: MIU and E-Coder

• Operating temperature: -22°F to 149°F (-30°C to 65°C)

• Storage temperature: -40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)

• Operating humidity: 0 to 95% (non-condensing)

Materials

Register housing:

• Inside Set: Plastic Polycarbonate • Pit Set: Roll-sealed copper shell

Lens:

• Inside Set: Plastic • Pit Set: Glass

Antennas

· Inside Set: Fixed antenna

· Pit Set: Standard whip type Optional through the lid

• 18" Coax

• 6' Coax

• 20' Coax

Sizes

OPTIONS

 Available for all sizes and makes of current Neptune meters

Data Collection Systems

· Handhelds - Walk-by RF

Register: 20 years (10/10)

- R900 MIU: 20 years (10/10)

R900 Battery: 20 years (10/10)

• MRX920/MTX950 - Mobile RF

 EZNet[™] - Fixed-network RF for targeted C&I applications

• Units of Measure: U.S. Gallons, Cubic Feet, Imperial Gallons