

Acquisitions and New Products

A number of specific changes have occurred in the past year to impact the flowmeter markets. Some of these developments are positive and some are negative. Here is a summary of these developments.

- Foxboro is upgrading its instrumentation offerings, with a new vortex meter and its new digital Coriolis meter.
- Yokogawa has introduced a multivariable vortex meter in Japan, but not yet in the United States.
- Venture Measurement (Aaliant) discontinued development of its ultrasonic, magnetic, and vortex meters.
- Panametrics introduced a new clamp-on meter for gas flow measurement.
- Panametrics was acquired by General Electric, and is now called GE Panametrics (July 2002)
- Emerson Rosemount introduced its new 3051S pressure transmitters, offering new levels of stability and accuracy
- Badger Meter sold its line of ultrasonic flowmeters to Eastech Flow Controls (now Eastech Badger).
- Schlumberger spun off most of its measurement division to form Actaris, which has positive displacement and turbine flowmeters (November 2001).
- Ruhrgas Industries, which also owns American Meter in the US and Elster Amco in Europe, bought ABB Water Meter in Ocala, Florida.
- Spirent sold its Sensing Solutions business to GE Industrial Systems. The Sensing Solutions business included Thermometrics (thermistors), General Eastern (humidity) and Kaye Instruments (thermal calibration and monitoring) (November 2001)