

## “K” Factors – adjusting paddle length

If the flow rate in the pipe exceeds the maximum adjustment on the Flow Switch a change can be made in the paddle length. Modifying the paddle length is a simple procedure that will adapt this equipment to a broader range of applications. Use the following formula as a guide when changing paddle lengths

$$\text{Paddle Length} = \frac{K}{\text{Flow Rate (GPM)}}$$

### FS4-3 Example A

Calculate paddle length to provide switch action when flow in a 3 inch pipe increases to 100 GPM (366 LPM)

Use Maximum Adjustment Flow

$$L = \frac{162.5}{100} = 1.625 \text{ in. (41.27mm)}$$

### FS7-4 Example B

Calculate paddle length to provide switch action when flow in a 3 inch pipe increases to 100 GPM (366 LPM)

Use Maximum Adjustment Flow

$$L = \frac{92.94}{100} = .93 \text{ in. (23.62mm)}$$

### FS7-4 Example C

Calculate paddle length to provide switch action when flow in a 12 inch pipe decreases to 1200 GPM (4392 LPM)

Use Maximum Adjustment No-Flow

$$L = \frac{2439.8}{1200} = 2.033 \text{ in. (51.63mm)}$$

### FS8W Example D

Calculate paddle length to provide switch action when flow in a 4 inch pipe increases to 200 GPM (732 LPM)

Use Maximum Adjustment Flow

$$L = \frac{442}{200} = 2.21 \text{ in. (56.13mm)}$$

### FS4-3 “K” Factor

Pipe Size NPT in.	Flow Maximum Adjustment	No-Flow Maximum Adjustment
2	69.2	50.3
3	162.5	143.5
4	276.0	241.0
5	550.0	440.0
6	977.0	728.0

### FS7-4 “K” Factor

Pipe Size NPT in.	Flow Maximum Adjustment	No-Flow Maximum Adjustment
2	34.63	30.43
2½	54.00	47.46
3	92.94	81.69
3½	133.67	117.49
4	183.35	161.15
5	322.61	283.55
6	510.70	448.87
7	705.05	619.67
8	1014.47	891.62
9	1302.47	1144.79
10	1791.70	1574.74
12	2776.04	2439.88
14	3729.02	3255.02
16	4869.81	4250.81
18	6164.08	5380.57
20	7661.11	6687.31
30	18202.0	15888.0

### FS8-W “K” Factor

Pipe Size NPT in.	Flow Maximum Adjustment	No-Flow Maximum Adjustment
2	118.5	99.5
3	278.0	227.0
4	442.0	391.0
5	847.0	762.0
6	1440.0	1325.0