Installation Hardware Instructions for INSTL94
Hot Tap Installation Kit for Welded Steel Pipe (¾” Stem)
For F-5000 Series Insertion Thermal Mass Flow Meters

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This kit can be installed during a system shutdown or on a pressurized pipe. Once installed, this kit allows for insertion and removal of the flow meter without a system shutdown. For installations on a pressurized pipe, a hot tap drilling machine is used to create a 7/8” opening in the pipe wall.

**Directions for installation during system shutdown:**
1. Identify an appropriate location for the flow meter (see pages 2-3).
2. Weld the branch outlet onto the pipe.
3. Drill a 7/8” (minimum) access hole, centered in the branch outlet.
4. Install the close nipple and ball valve as shown below; use a paste type thread sealant or Teflon® tape as needed.
5. Flush and pressurize the system.

**Directions for installation in a pressurized system.**
1. Identify an appropriate location for the flow meter (see pages 2-3).
2. Weld the branch outlet onto the pipe.
3. Install the close nipple and ball valve as shown below; use a paste type thread sealant or Teflon® tape as needed.
4. Use a hot tap drilling machine to create the 7/8” access hole.
5. Remove the drill and clear all debris out of the valve.

**NOTE:** Before installing the flow meter, read the entire installation manual.

**Important Note**
ONICON Insertion flow meters are precision measuring devices that must be installed according to the instructions contained in this document in order to maintain their accuracy and reliability. Failure to follow these instructions will result in erratic operation and reduced accuracy.

**INSTALLATION KIT COMPONENTS**

1” NPT BRANCH OUTLET
1” CLOSE NIPPLE
1” FULL PORT BALL VALVE

**Do not** substitute threaded tees for the welded branch outlet. Contact ONICON if you need installation hardware for threaded pipe.
FLOW METER SITE SELECTION
GENERAL GUIDELINES

- For 1½" and larger diameter pipes
- Install in vertical or horizontal pipe
- For horizontal pipe position meter anywhere in upper 180°

EVALUATING UPSTREAM PIPING CONDITIONS

How to determine the available straight pipe diameters:

For each application, locate the longest straight, unobstructed section of pipe (no bends, tees, valves, other insertion probes, size transitions). The longest straight pipe run in inches divided by nominal pipe size in inches equals “diameters of straight pipe.”

Available Straight Run*

* See following page for straight run requirements

CLEARANCE REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

30” - 36”
Depending on pipe size

Vertical pipe position

FLOW

Available Straight Run*

80% 20%

Minimum upstream straight run distance

Minimum downstream straight run distance

Evaluating Upstream Piping Conditions

Better

Worse

- Straight Pipe
- Single Bend
- Pipe Reduction
- Multiple Bends in Same Plane
- Pipe Expansions
- Tees
- Multiple Bends Out of Plane
- Modulating or Regulating Valve
STRAIGHT RUN REQUIREMENTS FOR INSERTION
THERMAL MASS FLOW METERS

GENERAL PRACTICES:
1. For best results, install the flow meter in a straight run of pipe, free of bends, tees, valves, transitions and obstructions.
2. Straight run requirements vary based on the nature of the upstream obstruction. See the table below for guidelines in determining upstream straight run requirements based on the nature of the obstruction. Depending upon specific location details, more or less straight run may be required to produce a satisfactory flow profile.
3. If there is insufficient straight run, allow 80% of the run upstream and 20% of the run downstream. If the total length of straight run is less than 70% of the recommended distance, performance may seriously degrade, and consideration should be given to installing an ONICON flow conditioner.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**
Always use the maximum available straight run. When more than the minimum required straight run is available place the meter such that the excess straight run is upstream of the meter location.

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