

The Flow Conditioning Device: Installation Point, Mechanism, and Meter Accuracy

INSTALLATION POINT & MECHANISM

Installed Just After the Meter — Ahead of Every Validated Process System

The Flow Conditioning Device (FCD) installs between two pipe joints on the main water line immediately after your water meter — ahead of your facility's internal distribution to fermentation makeup and media preparation, CIP supply, cooling and chilled water makeup, and wash-down demand. Each FCD is custom-built to the facility's exact specifications — pipe size, operating water pressure, and existing PRV configuration — and may include an integral check valve depending on the installation requirements. It requires no power and is installed by a licensed plumber or mechanical contractor with water off for approximately one hour.

Mechanically, the FCD creates a slight static back-pressure that extends back through the meter, reducing the air, gas, and turbulence that form during demand events and delivering a laminar-like flow profile through the measurement chamber. Municipal meters register volumetric displacement — entrained air and turbulent flow register as billable volume. Pressure loss through the device is under 0.8 psi across all flow conditions; downstream pressures, temperatures, and flow rates are effectively unchanged. Because the FCD sits just after the meter, it is outside fermentation parameters, media recipes, and food safety programs — no process change is required. Complete technical documentation is provided to support your internal change control review.

DIAGNOSTIC CHECKLIST — SIX SIGNS YOUR METER IS OVER-READING

- ☐ **Water cost per batch above targets**
Water and sewer cost per batch persistently exceeds plant comparables.
- ☐ **Sewer and surcharges track the meter**
Sewer and BOD surcharges are billed from metered intake — the over-read is charged twice.
- ☐ **Intake exceeds batch and CIP math**
Metered volume won't reconcile against media prep, CIP cycles, and cooling demand.
- ☐ **Audits confirmed usage, not the source**
Plant audits confirmed high usage without finding leaks or a process cause.
- ☐ **Pressure swings at CIP and fill draw**
CIP cycles and fermenter fills produce visible pressure swings — entrained air registers as billable volume.
- ☐ **Water treated as cost of production**
Water is carried as a fixed production cost rather than a correctable line item.

WHERE OVER-READING HITS THE OPERATION

- Cost per Batch & Plant Economics**
Inflated intake flows into cost per batch — with sewer and surcharges billed off the same meter, every over-read gallon is billed twice or more.
- Surcharge Basis Reduction**
High-BOD surcharge formulas keyed to metered volume are inflated with the over-read — correction reduces the billed basis.
- CIP & Fermenter Demand Events**
Fermenter fills, CIP cycles, and cooling makeup create exactly the events that entrain air at the meter — every campaign.
- Fermentation Isolation**
Media prep and fermentation run downstream of the meter — the FCD corrects billing accuracy with no effect on process water.

ENGINEERING Q&A

Q: Will the FCD affect media water, CIP supply, or fermentation parameters?

A: No. Pressure loss through the FCD is under 0.8 psi across all flow conditions, and it installs immediately after the meter, ahead of plant distribution. Media prep flow, CIP pressure, and every fermentation parameter are unchanged.

Q: How does the FCD affect sewer charges and surcharges?

A: Sewer charges and surcharge formulas are calculated from metered intake. When the meter over-reads CIP and fill demand, each line item is inflated. After installation, intake reflects actual consumption, reducing the billed basis.

Q: Does the FCD touch anything in our food safety program?

A: No. The FCD sits on incoming supply at the meter, outside all control points and sanitation SOPs. Most plants file it as a main-line plumbing change, supported by our complete technical documentation.

Q: How do I estimate savings for the plant before committing?

A: Use the Water & Sewer Bill Savings Calculator at waterflowinnovations.com for an instant projection, then request the free savings analysis — a documented, plant-specific projection suitable for an engineering package.

Q: How quickly do savings appear?

A: The meter reads accurately immediately after installation. Savings appear on the next full water and sewer billing cycle — no ramp-up period. 90% of installed customers reach full return on investment in under 12 months.

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS — FOUR STEPS

From Analysis to Verified Bill Reduction



GUARANTEE & WARRANTY TERMS

6-Month Money-Back Guarantee

If you're not satisfied within 6 months of installation, the FCD purchase is fully refunded — no questions asked. Installation labor is non-refundable.

Lifetime Transferable Warranty

The FCD carries a lifetime warranty, transferable to the new building owner if the facility changes hands (a transfer fee applies).

DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

Construction, Certification & Installation

Custom-built to each facility's specifications — pipe size, operating pressure, PRV configuration · 316L stainless steel construction; titanium and specialty alloys available by special order for medical and other specialized applications · Configuration may include an integral check valve per installation requirements · No power required · Under 0.8 psi pressure loss · Certifications: IAPMO, NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, KIWA, GMP, SQF · Installed by licensed plumber or mechanical contractor

Regulatory & Standards References: FDA cGMP (21 CFR Part 117) · EPA NPDES

FREE SAVINGS ESTIMATE

Instant estimate — takes 30 seconds, no contact info required.

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CERTIFICATIONS

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