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Bulletin 131-002B

H-ICS-LX Level Control Trainer

Purpose

The Hampden **Model H-ICS-LX** Level Control Trainer is designed to provide complete instruction on the measurement and control of level. The trainer consists of a mobile A-Framemounted panel whose overall dimensions are 72" high, 48" wide, by 34" deep. The panel contains a single level loop along with all necessary measurement, indicating and recording, and control instrumentation.

Description

The Process

The process loop consists of a pump, reservoir, a clear plastic tank, and an electric control valve, along with associated piping and valves. Water is pumped from the tank through the control valve, to the overhead reservoir. Therefore, tank level water flow is dependent on the position of the control valve and the rate at which water is allowed to flow (by gravity) into the tank.

The Instrumentation

Water level is measured by a Rosemount level transmitter, which outputs a 4-20 mA signal proportional to level. This signal is received by both a chart recorder and a microprocessor-based controller.



Hampden **MODEL H-ICS-LX** Level Control Trainer Dimensions: 72" H x 48" W x 34" D Shipping Weight: 1,035 lbs.

All Hampden units are available for operation at any voltage or frequency



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Control Specifications

The controller is capable of the following control actions: proportional only, proportional plus integral, and proportional plus integral plus derivative. An operator has the ability, through the controller's pushbutton panel, to establish and change:

- · high alarm limit
- low alarm limit
- · set point
- · proportional band
- · integral rate
- · derivative time
- whether alarm on value of measured variable or deviation from set point
- · whether manual or automatic control
- · manual control of output
- · whether set point is locally or remotely set
- the range of the measured variable in engineering units

The controller outputs a signal to control the valve opening and closing. The controller responds to changes in set point and to process upset caused manually by the student.

Educational Features

With the Hampden Model H-ICS-LX, students are able to learn how level is sensed and how an electric current proportional to level is transmitted. They are provided with the opportunity to calibrate a level transmitter and tuning a control system to match the frequency response of the loop. The system displays measured variable, set point, and controller output on the same chart for visual evidence of the results of changing control parameters. This trainer is able to perform the following range of experiments:

- Set up and tune a microprocessor-based controller for level control including alarm settings.
- Set up and tune a computer control system for level control.
- Calibrate an electronic gauge pressure transmitter for level measurement.
- · Adjust a motorized control valve.
- Calibrate and operate an electronic recorder.

Computer Compatibility

The Hampden **Model H-ICS-LX** is equipped with an ethernet port so the process can be supervised by a host computer as a part of a distributed control scheme.

A computer control program and interface is available from Hampden, **Model H-ICS-X**. Together with the interfacing hardware supplied, this system allows for the operator to control the process from any compatible PC system.

Fault Option

The Hampden **Model H-ICS-LX** can be equipped with six faults, covering both mechanical and electrical failures, accessible to the instructor via a locked compartment located on the rear of the trainer.

Designate **Model H-ICS-200** for the fault system.

PLC Option

 PLC Control to include (1) Allen Bradley Micrologix ML-1200 PLC with H-LTCS Laptop Control System and Software.
 Designate Model H-ICS-LX-PLC.

Services Required

The Hampden H-ICS series operates on 120V AC - 10 - 60Hz. It is available for operation at other voltages.

Instrumentation and Control System Accessories



←MODEL H-6485 Instrumentation and Calibration Bench provides pneumatic and electrical calibration sources for laboratory use.

MODEL H-ICS-110 Module Rack→

provides a means of integrating site-specific apparatus into the classroom for training in servicing, calibration, and on-site replacement.



H-ICS-110 Module Rack shown with optional PLC and Input/Output Jacks

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