



**Tower Electric Pump** Fertilizer System for John Deere SurePoint GreenStar Rate Controller GRC

# JOHN DEERE GRC



Maximum Application Rates with Two 5.3 GPM Electric Pumps

Maximum Application Rates in GPA on 30" Rows at 6 MPH (no agitation)

Rows	8	12	16	24
Max GPA	20	12	9	5







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Note the use of the signal words DANGER, WARNING and CAUTION with the safety messages. The appropriate signal word for each has been selected using the following guidelines:



**DANGER:** Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations typically for machine components which, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

**WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

**CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



NOTICE is used to address safety practices not related to personal safety.





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### Hydraulic Fluid and Equipment Safety

If your system uses hydraulic equipment with hydraulic fluid under extremely high pressure, please note:

Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Keep all hoses and connections in good serviceable condition. Failure to heed may result in serious personal injury or death. Avoid the hazard by relieving the pressure before disconnecting lines or performing work on the system.

Make sure hydraulic fluid connections are tight and all hydraulic hoses and lines are in good condition before applying pressure to the system. Use a piece of paper or cardboard, NOT BODY PARTS, to check for suspected leaks. Wear protective gloves and safety glasses or goggles when working with hydraulic systems. DO NOT DELAY!

Check hydraulic hoses and fittings frequently. Loose, broken, and missing hardware can cause equipment to not perform properly and can result in serious injury or death.

Hydraulic systems can be hot and cause burns. Before working on any system, wait until the fluid has cooled.

If an accident occurs, see a doctor familiar with this type of injury immediately. Any fluid injected into the skin or eyes must be treated within a few hours or gangrene may result.



### A Word to the Operator

It is YOUR responsibility to read and understand the safety messages in this manual. YOU are the key to safety.

SAFÉTY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

This system may apply many different kinds of agricultural liquid products. Read and follow all label information and instructions related to the handling, storage, and application of the product you are using.

All electrical harnessing should be checked regularly and should be routed and secured so it will not be pinched, cut, or stretched.

### **Online Resources Available**

SurePoint support site https://support.surepointag.com/products/32

- Manuals
- Videos on setup, operation, and troubleshooting
- QuickStart Guides
- Troubleshooting Documents
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# **General Description**

You have purchased a SurePoint fertilizer system for your equipment. This system will be controlled by your John Deere display and John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller. The Rate Controller will adjust the speed of the SurePoint electric pumps based on feedback

from the flowmeter and vehicle speed. The system is capable of using John Deere Section Control to minimize overlap areas with optional section valves.

# **Basic Installation Steps**

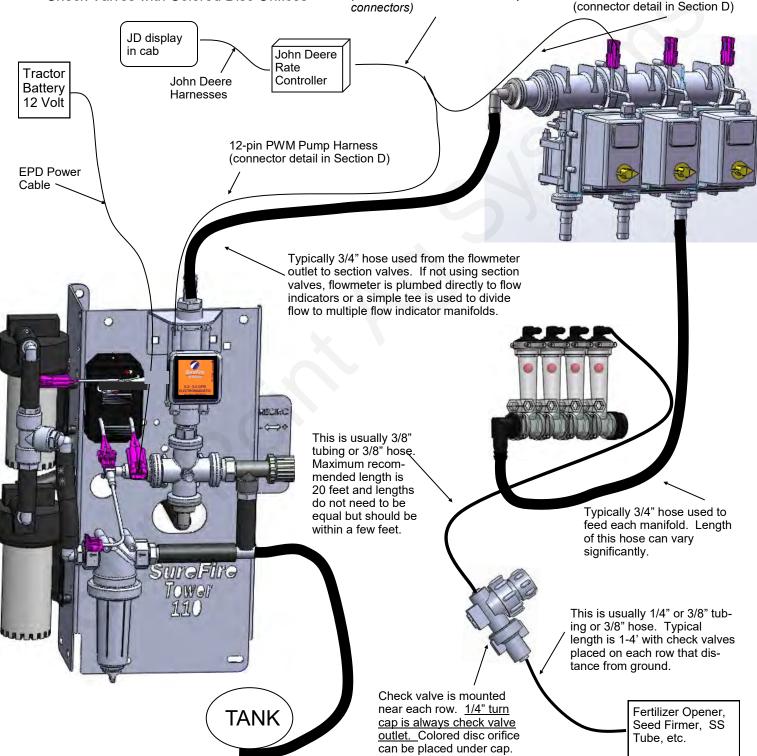
- 1. Have John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller (GRC) mounted and wired by your John Deere Dealer to connect to your display in the cab.
- 2. Open the packages and familiarize yourself with the components. See the System Overview Examples on the following pages to see the big picture of how SurePoint Fertilizer Systems are installed. Refer to manual sections B & D for component information.
- 3. Mount the Tower or Accelerator Tank on your equipment. Electric pumps should be located close to the tanks. They will push the product a long distance, but are not as good at pulling product a long distance.
- 4. Plumb the tank to the Tower inlet. See section E for details.
- 5. Install the plumbing kit including section valves, flow indicator columns / manifolds, check valves, plumbing to each row unit delivery point. See section B for information on these components.
- 6. Attach the flowmeter outlet to section valve or manifold inlet. Attach section valve outlets to flow indicator inlets.
- 7. Attach harnesses as shown in Section D.
- 8. Set up Controller for SurePoint fertilizer system as shown in Section F.
- 9. Fill system with water, conduct initial operation and tests per Section F.
- 10. Winterize system with RV Antifreeze if freezing temperatures are expected.
- 11. Do pre-season service each year as described on pages 48 and 49.



# System Overview - Example 1

The following gives an example of a complete SurePoint Fertilizer system with these components:

- John Deere display
- John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller (GRC)
- Tower 110
- Section Valves
- Flow Indicators
- Check Valves with Colored Disc Orifices



SurePoint 37 Pin to 12-pin Product

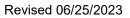
Older harnesses have twin 16-pin

(connector detail in Section D)

and 14-pin Section Adapter Harness-



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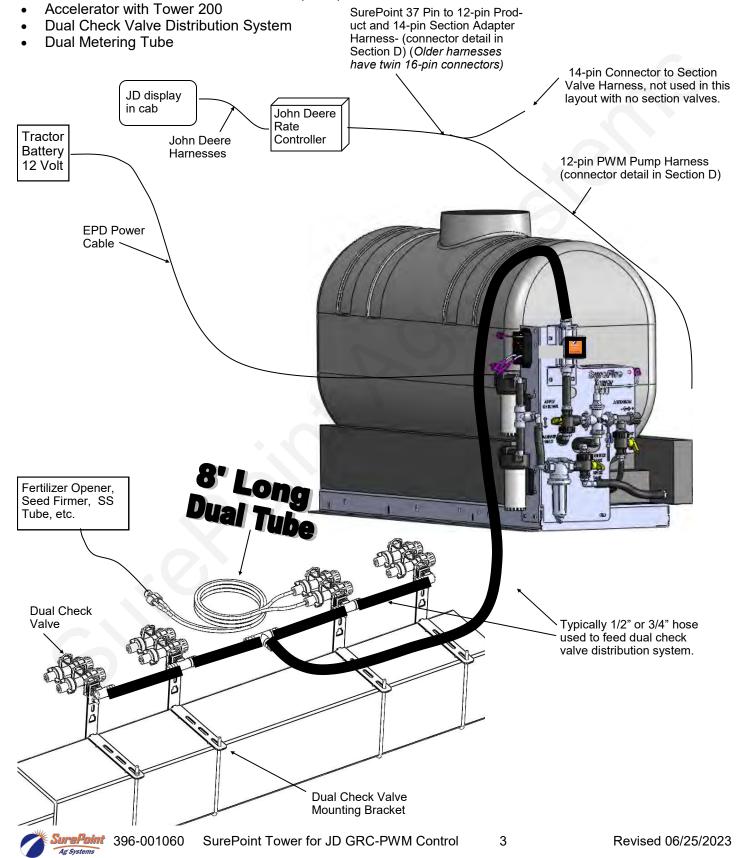


14-pin Section Valve Harness

# System Overview - Example 2

The following gives an example of a complete SurePoint Fertilizer system with these components:

- John Deere display
- John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller (GRC)



## **Electromagnetic Flowmeter Kits**

0.13 - 2.6 GPM 0.3 - 5.0 GPM 0.08 - 1.6 GPM

### Item Number 500-02-2040 Item Number 500-02-2050

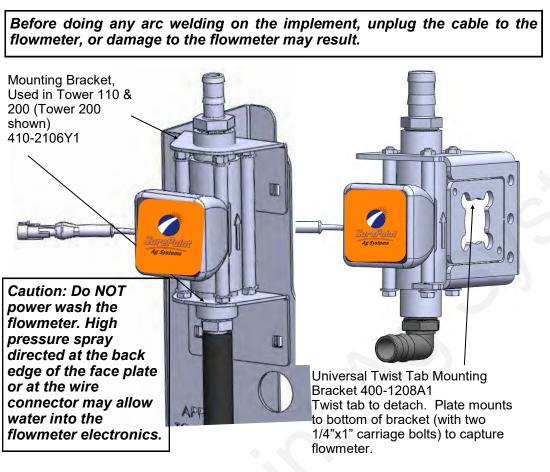
Flowmeter Only 204-01-46211CUF00 204-01-46211CUF01 204-01-46211CUF05



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Kits include flowmeter, mounting bracket, hose barb fittings & hose clamps.



Electromagnetic flowmeters are superior to traditional turbine flowmeters in two basic ways. First, they have no moving parts. This translates into no wear items or potential for contaminants to jam a spinning turbine.

Second, electromagnetic flowmeters detect the flow by electrically measuring the velocity of the liquid, which makes them less sensitive to viscosity or density of the fluid measured. They are generally extremely accurate using the standard calibration number, but the user must verify this.

SurePoint recommends you perform a catch test to verify the system is properly installed and configured. Adjust the flow cal as needed based on accurate catch tests with the actual product or observation of gallons applied and acres worked.

Flowmeter Model (orange label or blue label)	Pulses/Gal	FPT Size	Hose Barb In kit
0.13 - 2.6 GPM	3000	3/4"	3/4"
0.3 - 5.0 GPM	3000	3/4"	3/4"
0.08-1.6 GPM	22710	3/4"	3/4"



Amp SuperSeal 3-pin connector Use adapter 201-17842

to connect to 3-pin MP harness

Serial number label on side also shows pulses per gallon.

If necessary, the flowmeter will read above it's rated range (and slightly below).

\* Earlier model flowmeters (gray meters with white labels with black text) have different calibration numbers. Flow cal number is on the serial number sticker on the side of the flowmeter.

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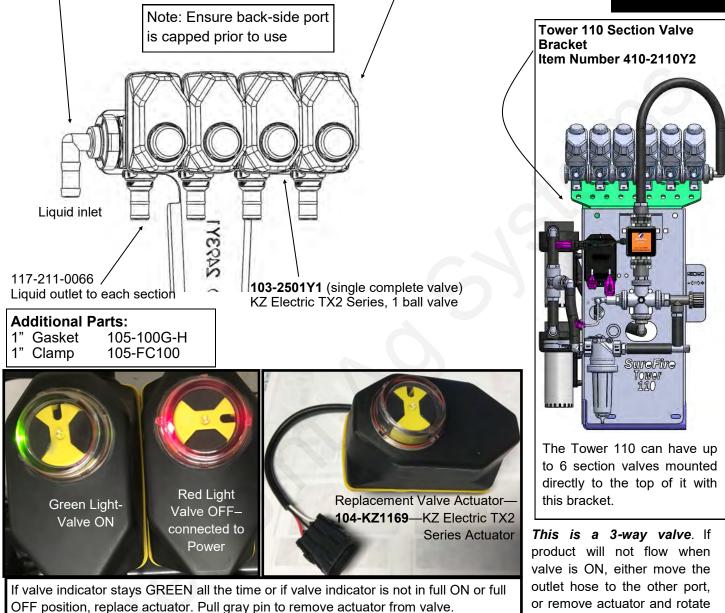


## **Section Valves**

105-100075BRB90

105-100PLG (alternate 105-100PLG025 includes 1/4" pipe thread for gauge)





### How it Works

Section valves can be assembled into groups with a common inlet to control flow to each section. Common assemblies use up to 5-6 valves, however, more can be used where practical. Many alternate fittings can be used to accommodate different hose sizes and configurations.

The valves have a 3-pin weather pack electrical connector. This has a power, ground, and switched signal wire. The power measured to ground should have 12 volts when the controller is on. The switched signal wire will have 12 volts to turn the valve on, and 0 volts to turn the valve off.

	Wiring Connector: Pin A—Red, 12 Volts + Pin B—Black, Ground - Pin C—White, Signal 12V=on ; 0V=off
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•	Mounting Hardware:

actuator.

valve ball 180°, and replace

Mounting Hardware:2 Valve Bolt Kit384-1100Mounting Bracket400-2493Y1



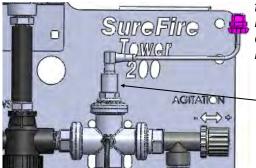
## **Pressure Sensor**

The Tower 110 and 200 come equipped with a 100 psi (0 to 5 volt) pressure sensor to work with the John Deere controller. This sensor is a 3 wire type sensor. It has a 1/4" MPT fitting.

The John Deere Rate Controller is able to accommodate 2 pressure sensors, both of which can be displayed on the GS3 display. *(When using adapter harness 213-00-3765***Y1**, *if the sensor is plugged into the Section harness, it must be set up as Sensor 2.)* 

The display will show the system pressure on the screen. The pressure reading is only for informational purposes and is NOT used in the flow control process, but it is very helpful to understanding system performance and in troubleshooting. Flow control uses the flowmeter feedback only.

Go to **Diagnostics > Readings > Sensors/Status** for feedback on pressure sensor. Calibration Points should be close to 0 PSI = 0.0 v; 90 PSI = 4.5 v. If there is no voltage showing here when system is running,



try setting up sensor as Sensor 2. If still no voltage, check harnessing by using a AA or AAA battery and connecting Pin A of the Pressure connector to the (+) end of the battery, and Pin C to the (-) end of the battery. It should show 1.5 v and 30 PSI on the screen.

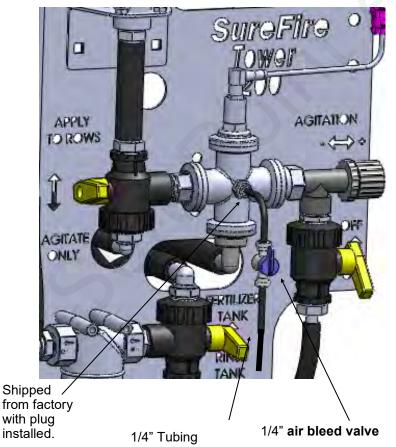
Pressure Sensor (3-wire type) with harness
 521-05-050150

GRC Pressure Calibration: 50 mv/psi Unplug the sensor when entering the Calibration number.

Components Liquid

## **Pump Priming and Air Bleed Valve**

An air bleed valve is included with each pump to aid in system priming. It is shipped in the pump accessories bag and *must be installed during system installation*.



### Why use an air bleed valve:

Most fertilizer systems are equipped with a 4 lb. or 10 lb. check valve on the end of each hose delivering fertilizer to the ground. These valves do not let air escape from the system, unless it is pressurized. 12 volt liquid pumps are not good air compressors. Therefore, the pump can struggle to prime due to air trapped on the outlet side of the pump.

The air bleed valve is a small 1/4" valve that when opened lets air escape from the pump outlet at zero pressure. **To prime the pump, open until** *liquid comes out and then close the valve.* 

### How to install the air bleed valve:

Remove the 1/4" plug from the quick connect fitting on the center cross on the Tower (see picture). Next, insert the 1/4" tubing in the quick connect fitting. Run the 1/4" tubing to an easily accessible spot on your equipment. Next, cut the tubing and push the 1/4" valve onto the tubing. Finally, run the tubing to a low location where any fertilizer that escapes will run on the ground.

Be sure the air bleed valve tube does not become plugged with dirt or it will not allow the air to bleed.



## **Product Distribution**

<u>To assure proper and even distribution to each row, the product being applied</u> <u>must be metered to each individual row.</u> This metering is done by one of the 3 following methods which create back pressure so an equal amount of liquid is applied to each row.

- 1. A metering orifice may be placed in the top cap of each floating ball flow indicator. (See photos on page 9—this is not used very often.)
- 2. A metering orifice may be placed in the check valve cap in the line that leads to each row. (See photo on page 11)
- 3. A dual metering tube kit with dual check valves may be used. (See pages 12-16)

## Floating Ball Flow Indicator & Manifold System

Flow indicators give a clear visual signal that a fertilizer system is working. These indicators use an o-ring and wire clip connection to snap together in any configuration necessary.

SurePoint has simple tee brackets and U-bolts that will mount these to a variety of bar sizes.

Two main types of flow indicators are used. On 30" row spacing, the low flow column with 1/4" or 3/8" push to connect outlet is recommended for rates under 10 GPA. For rates over 10 GPA the full flow column with 3/8" hose barb outlet is preferred.

#### Parts List

#### **Complete Columns**

701-20460-950Single Full Flow Column with 3/8" HB - 90 Degree Outlet701-20460-940Single Full Flow Column with 3/8" QC - 90 Degree Outlet701-20460-960Single Full Flow Column with 1/2" HB - 90 Degree Outlet701-20460-935Single Low Flow Column with 3/8" QC - 90 Degree Outlet701-20460-920Single Low Flow Column with 1/4" QC - 90 Degree Outlet

#### **Fittings**

701-20503-00	ORS x 3/4" HB - Straight
701-20511-00	ORS x 3/8" HB - 90 Degree
701-20512-00	ORS x 1/2" HB - 90 Degree
701-20513-00	ORS x 3/4" HB - 90 Degree
701-20516-00	ORS x 1/4" QC - 90 Degree
701-20517-00	ORS x 3/8" QC - 90 Degree
701-20518-00	ORS x 1/4" FPT - 90 Degree
701-20519-00	ORS x 1/4" FPT - Straight
701-20520-00	ORS Male x ORS Female - 90 degree
701-20521-00	Wilger End Cap
701-20523-00	ORS Male x ORS Female x 3/8" FPT - Isolator
701-20525-00	ORS Male x ORS Male x 1" FPT - Tee

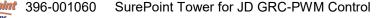
#### **Brackets & U-Bolts**

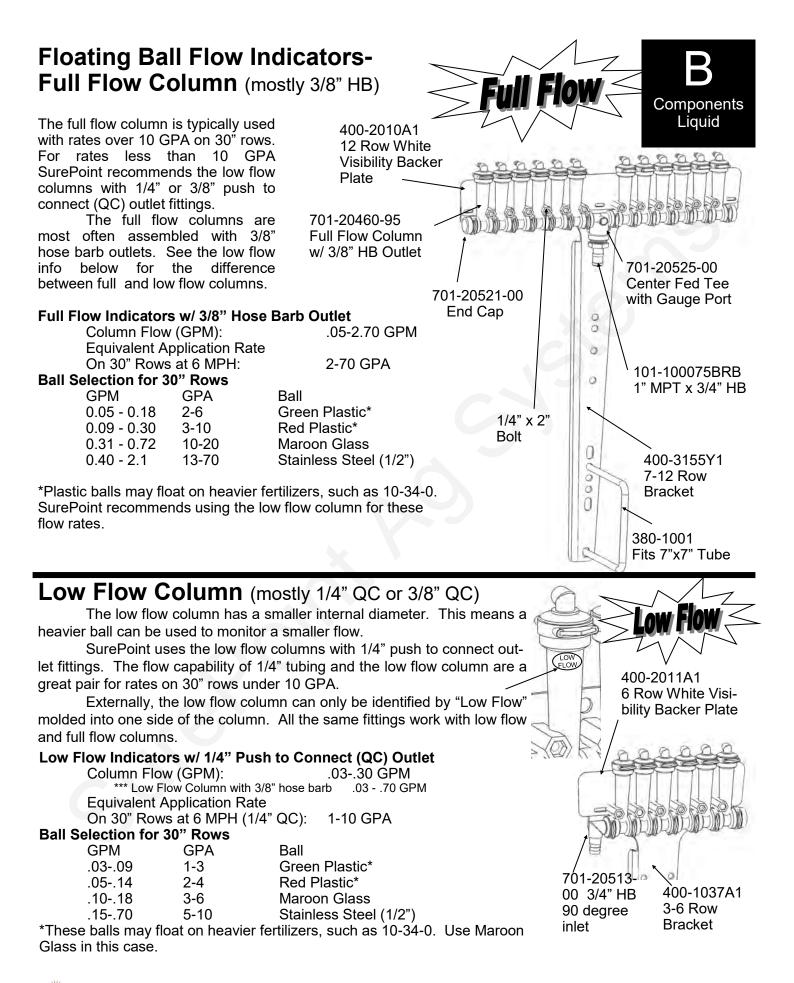
400-1037A1	3-6 Row Bracket
400-3155Y1	7-12 Row Bracket
400-2011A1	White Backer Plate for 3-6 Row Bracket
400-2010A1	White Backer Plate for 7-12 Row Bracket
400-1315A2	Flow Indicator Bracket, 6-8 in wide hitch mount

#### Service Parts Only

Wilger Flow Indicator Ball Retainer
FKM O-Ring for indicator body & fittings
Wilger Lock U-clip
Flow Indicator Ball - 1/2" SS Ball
Flow Indicator Ball - Maroon Glass
Flow Indicator Ball - Red Celcon
Flow Indicator Ball - Green Poly
Flow Indicator Ball - Black Poly
Viton O-Ring for column & fittings
Viton O-Ring for Orifice







### Floating Ball Flow Indicators– Metering Orifice Selection for 30" Rows See www.SurePointag.com for other row spacings (This system is not used very often)

# 30" Spacing

		Gal/Min				MPH			
Drifice	PSI	28-0-0	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0
	10	0.040	0.45	4.04	4 70	4.50	4 40	4.00	4.00
	10 20	0.043	2.15 3.02	1.91 2.69	1.72 2.42	1.56 2.20	1.43 2.02	1.32 1.86	1.23
	30	0.001	3.72	3.31	2.98	2.20	2.48	2.29	2.13
28	40	0.087	4.29	3.82	3.43	3.12	2.86	2.64	2.45
	50	0.097	4.82	4.28	3.85	3.50	3.21	2.97	2.75
	60	0.106	5.26	4.67	4.21	3.82	3.50	3.23	3.00
	10	0.070	3.46	3.08	2.77	2.52	2.31	2.13	1.98
	20	0.098	4.86	4.32	3.89	3.54	3.24	2.99	2.78
35	30 40	0.120	5.96	5.30	4.77	4.33	3.97	3.67	3.40
	40 50	0.139 0.156	6.88 7.71	6.11 6.85	5.50 6.17	5.00 5.61	4.58 5.14	4.23 4.74	3.93 4.41
	60	0.170	8.41	7.48	6.73	6.12	5.61	5.18	4.81
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	10	0.090	4.47	3.97	3.57	3.25	2.98	2.75	2.55
	20	0.127	6.31	5.61	5.05	4.59	4.21	3.88	3.60
40	30	0.157	7.75	6.89	6.20	5.64	5.17	4.77	4.43
	40	0.181	8.94	7.94	7.15	6.50	5.96	5.50	5.11
	50	0.202	9.99	8.88	7.99	7.26	6.66	6.15	5.71
	60	0.221	10.95	9.73	8.76	7.96	7.30	6.74	6.26
	10	0.119	5.91	5.26	4.73	4.30	3.94	3.64	3.38
	20	0.169	8.37	7.44	6.69	6.08	5.58	5.15	4.78
40	30	0.207	10.25	9.11	8.20	7.45	6.83	6.31	5.86
46	40	0.239	11.83	10.51	9.46	8.60	7.88	7.28	6.76
	50	0.267	13.23	11.76	10.58	9.62	8.82	8.14	7.56
	60	0.293	14.50	12.89	11.60	10.55	9.67	8.92	8.29
	10	0.4.40	7.00	0.54	5.00	5.05	4.04	4.50	4.04
	10 20	0.149 0.210	7.36 10.38	6.54 9.23	5.89	5.35 7.55	4.91	4.53 6.39	4.21 5.93
	30	0.210	12.70	9.23	8.31 10.16	9.24	6.92 8.47	7.82	7.26
52	40	0.296	14.67	13.04	11.74	10.67	9.78	9.03	8.39
	50	0.332	16.43	14.60	13.14	11.95	10.95	10.11	9.39
	60	0.363	17.96	15.96	14.37	13.06	11.97	11.05	10.26
	10	0.218	10.78	9.58	8.62	7.84	7.18	6.63	6.16
	20	0.307	15.20	13.51	12.16	11.05	10.13	9.35	8.69
63	30	0.376	18.62	16.55	14.89	13.54	12.41	11.46	10.64
	40 50	0.435	21.51 24.05	19.12 21.38	17.21 19.24	15.64 17.49	14.34 16.03	13.24 14.80	12.29 13.74
	60	0.480	24.03	23.40	21.06	19.15	17.55	16.20	15.04
	00	0.002	20.00	20.10	21.00	10110		10.20	.0.01
	10	0.341	16.87	14.99	13.49	12.27	11.24	10.38	9.64
	20	0.481	23.83	21.18	19.06	17.33	15.89	14.66	13.62
78	30	0.590	29.22	25.97	23.37	21.25	19.48	17.98	16.70
	40	0.681	33.73	29.98	26.98	24.53	22.49	20.76	19.27
	50 60	0.762	37.72 41.31	33.53	30.17	27.43	25.14	23.21 25.42	21.55
	60	0.835	41.31	36.72	33.05	30.04	27.54	20.42	23.60
	10	0.553	27.38	24.34	21.90	19.91	18.25	16.85	15.64
	20	0.782	38.72	34.42	30.98	28.16	25.82	23.83	22.13
	30	0.956	47.31	42.05	37.85	34.41	31.54	29.11	27.03
98	40	1.106	54.76	48.67	43.81	39.82	36.50	33.70	31.29
	50	1.239	61.33	54.51	49.06	44.60	40.88	37.74	35.04
	60	1.354	67.02	59.58	53.62	48.74	44.68	41.24	38.30
_	10	0.640	32 11	28 54	25 60	23.25	21 /1	10.76	10.25
	10 20	0.649	32.11 45.56	28.54 40.50	25.69	23.35	21.41 30.37	19.76 28.04	18.35
	30	1.124	45.56	40.50	36.45 44.51	33.13 40.46	30.37	28.04 34.24	26.03 31.79
107	40	1.124	64.39	57.24	51.52	46.83	42.93	39.63	36.80
	50	1.451	71.84	63.86	57.47	52.25	47.89	44.21	41.05
	60	1.584	78.41	69.70	62.73	57.03	52.27	48.25	44.81
	10	0.938	46.43	41.27	37.15	33.77	30.96	28.57	26.53
	20	1.319	65.27	58.02	52.22	47.47	43.51	40.17	37.30
130	30	1.619	80.16	71.26	64.13	58.30	53.44	49.33	45.81
	40	1.867	92.43	82.16	73.94	67.22	61.62	56.88	52.82
	50	2.088	103.38	91.89	82.70	75.19	68.92	63.62	59.07

All application rates (gallons/acres) are estimates based on 0-28-0 (10.65 lbs/gallon) at 70 degrees F.

2.292 113.46 100.85 90.76 82.51 75.64 69.82 64.83



### Tower Electric Pump Pressure

Recommendations (with 4 lb check valves):

- Minimum 10 PSI
- Maximum 30 PSI (pump can do 50 PSI or more if total output is not too great)

**PumpRight Hydraulic** Pressure Recommendations (with 10 lb check valves):

- Minimum 20 PSI
- Maximum 80 PSI

Chart is for 28-0-0 Fertilizer @ 70°

- Heavier fertilizers (like 10-34-0) will have 5-15% less flow than chart indicates for a certain pressure
- Cold fertilizers will cause system pressure to increase at a given application rate.
- Tower Electric Pump Systems will have reduced flow and increased electrical current draw due to cold fertilizer increasing operating pressure. Use the largest orifice possible for cold weather operation.



If using a metering orifice in the flow indicator, the orifice replaces the ball retainer. If not using an orifice here, the ball retainer must be in place. Remove top fitting of each column. Then push metering orifice into bottom of each outlet fitting. (This is not used very often.)

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## **Check Valves**

### 4 lb check valve with 1/4" quick connect fittings



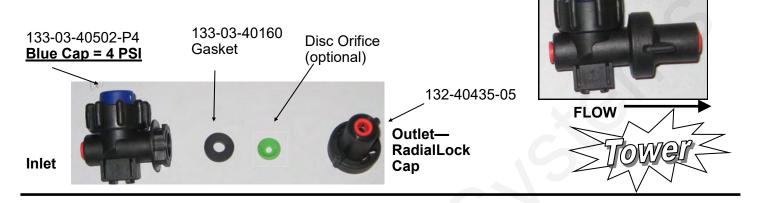
**Complete Assembly** 

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**Complete Assembly** 

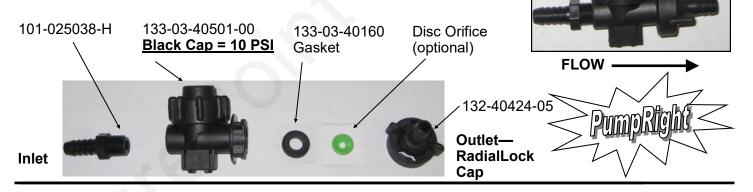
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4 lb check valves are typically used with **electric pump systems**. SurePoint recommends this valve for use with 1/4" tubing applying up to 10 GPA on 30" rows. The recommended minimum system operating pressure for this check is 10 psi, to ensure all checks open fully.



### 10 lb check valve with 3/8" hose barbs

The recommended check valve for most **PumpRight installations** is the 10 lb check with 3/8" hose barbs. This works with 3/8" rubber hose which SurePoint recommends for most applications over 10 GPA on 30" rows. The recommended minimum system operating pressure for this check is 20 psi, to ensure all checks open fully.



### **Special Purpose Check Valve Assemblies**

Assembly Part Number	Description	Suggested Uses (30" rows)
136-10-04QC04QC	1/4" QC x 1/4" QC 10 lb	< 10 GPA with <b>PumpRight</b> & 1/4" Tubing
136-10-06QC06QC	3/8" QC x 3/8" QC 10 lb	With 3/8" tubing plumbing
136-04-06HB06HB	3/8" HB x 3/8" HB 4 lb	> 10 GPA with Electric Pumps
136-04-08HB08HB	1/2" HB x 1/2" HB 4 lb	> 50 GPA with <b>PumpRight</b>
136-10-08HB08HB	1/2" HB x 1/2" HB 10 lb	> 50 GPA with <b>PumpRight</b>



## **Colored Disc Orifice Chart** for 30" rows

Scan for more **Orifice Charts** 



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		20		0					
		3	)	<b>5</b> p	ac	Ing	J		
Orifice Color	г	Gal/Min		-		МРН			
(Approx	PSI	28-0-0	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0
Size)									
	10 20	0.033	1.62 2.28	1.44 2.02	1.30 1.82	1.18 1.66	1.08 1.52	1.00	0.93
<b>D</b> : 1 (0.0)	30	0.040	2.20	2.02	2.24	2.04	1.32	1.40	1.60
Pink (24)	40	0.065	3.24	2.88	2.59	2.36	2.16	1.99	1.85
	50	0.073	3.64	3.23	2.91	2.64	2.42	2.24	2.08
	60	0.081	3.99	3.54	3.19	2.90	2.66	2.45	2.28
	10	0.050	2.50	2.22	2.00	1.82	1.66	1.54	1.43
	20	0.072	3.55	3.15	2.84	2.58	2.37	2.18	2.03
Gray (30)	30	0.088	4.34	3.85	3.47	3.15	2.89	2.67	2.48
	40 50	0.101 0.112	4.99 5.56	4.44 4.95	4.00 4.45	3.63 4.05	3.33 3.71	3.07 3.42	2.85 3.18
	60	0.112	6.13	5.45	4.91	4.46	4.09	3.77	3.50
	10 20	0.070	3.46	3.08	2.77	2.52 3.54	2.31	2.13	1.98
	30	0.098	4.86 5.96	4.32 5.30	3.89 4.77	3.54 4.33	3.24 3.97	2.99 3.67	2.78 3.40
Black (35)	40	0.139	6.88	6.11	5.50	5.00	4.58	4.23	3.93
	50	0.156	7.71	6.85	6.17	5.61	5.14	4.74	4.41
	60	0.170	8.41	7.48	6.73	6.12	5.61	5.18	4.81
	10	0.094	4.64	4.13	3.71	3.38	3.10	2.86	2.65
	20	0.132	6.53	5.80	5.22	4.75	4.35	4.02	3.73
Brown	30	0.162	8.02	7.13	6.41	5.83	5.34	4.93	4.58
(41)	40 50	0.187 0.209	9.24 10.34	8.22	7.39 8.27	6.72 7.52	6.16 6.89	5.69 6.36	5.28 5.91
	60	0.209	11.30	9.19 10.05	9.04	8.22	7.53	6.95	6.46
	10	0.119	5.91	5.26	4.73	4.30	3.94	3.64	3.38
Orange	20 30	0.169 0.207	8.37 10.25	7.44 9.11	6.69 8.20	6.08 7.45	5.58 6.83	5.15 6.31	4.78 5.86
(46)	40	0.239	11.83	10.51	9.46	8.60	7.88	7.28	6.76
(,	50	0.267	13.23	11.76	10.58	9.62	8.82	8.14	7.56
	60	0.293	14.50	12.89	11.60	10.55	9.67	8.92	8.29
	10	0.149	7.36	6.54	5.89	5.35	4.91	4.53	4.21
	20	0.210	10.38	9.23	8.31	7.55	6.92	6.39	5.93
Maroon	30	0.257	12.70	11.29	10.16	9.24	8.47	7.82	7.26
(52)	40	0.296	14.67	13.04	11.74	10.67	9.78	9.03	8.39
	50 60	0.332	16.43 17.96	14.60 15.96	13.14 14.37	11.95 13.06	10.95 11.97	10.11 11.05	9.39 10.26
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	10	0.218	10.78	9.58	8.62	7.84	7.18	6.63	6.16
	20 30	0.307	15.20 18.62	13.51 16.55	12.16 14.89	11.05 13.54	10.13 12.41	9.35 11.46	8.69 10.64
Red (63)	40	0.376	21.51	19.12	14.69	15.64	14.34	13.24	12.29
	50	0.486	24.05	21.38	19.24	17.49	16.03	14.80	13.74
	60	0.532	26.33	23.40	21.06	19.15	17.55	16.20	15.04
	10	0.351	17.39	15.46	13.91	12.65	11.59	10.70	9.94
	20	0.496	24.57	21.84	19.66	17.87	16.38	15.12	14.04
Blue (80)	30	0.608	30.09	26.75	24.08	21.89	20.06	18.52	17.20
	40	0.702	34.74	30.88	27.79	25.26	23.16	21.38	19.85
	50 60	0.785 0.859	38.86 42.53	34.54 37.81	31.08 34.03	28.26 30.93	25.90 28.36	23.91 26.18	22.20 24.31
	10	0.506	25.06	22.27	20.05	18.22	16.70	15.42	14.32
Yellow (95)	20 30	0.715	35.39 43.37	31.46 38.55	28.32 34.69	25.74 31.54	23.60 28.91	21.78 26.69	20.23 24.78
	40	1.009	49.94	44.39	39.95	36.32	33.29	30.73	28.54
	50	1.133	56.07	49.84	44.86	40.78	37.38	34.51	32.04
	60	1.239	61.33	54.51	49.06	44.60	40.88	37.74	35.04
10 0.686 33.95 30.18 27.16 24.69 22.63 20.89 19.40									
	20	0.973	48.19	42.83	38.55	35.04	32.12	29.65	27.53
Green	30	1.186	58.70	52.18	46.96	42.69	39.13	36.12	33.54
(110)	40 50	1.372	67.90	60.35 67.36	54.32 60.63	49.38	45.27	41.78 46.64	38.80 43.30

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### **Tower Electric Pump**

### Pressure Recommendations (with 4 lb check valves):

- Minimum 10 PSI
- Maximum 30 PSI (pump can do 50 PSI or more if total output is not too great)

### PumpRight Pressure

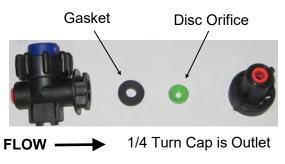
**Recommendations (with 10 lb check** valves):

- Minimum 20 PSI
- Maximum 80 PSI

Chart is for 28-0-0 Fertilizer @ 70°

- Heavier fertilizers (like 10-34-0) will have 5-15% less flow than chart indicates for a certain pressure
- Cold fertilizers will cause system pressure to increase at a given application rate.
- Tower Electric Pump Systems will have reduced flow and increased electrical current draw due to cold fertilizer increasing operating pressure. Use the largest orifice possible for cold weather operation. This is absolutely essential for 24-row systems using electric pumps.

Colored Disc Orifice assembles under the check valve cap in most cases. (Drop the orifice with the hole down into the cap, then put the gasket on top of it.) The orifice can also be installed in a manifold (common on grain drills).



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# Dual Metering Tube Plumbing Kits with Dual Check Valve

For more information, watch this video or see the metering tube chart.

B Components Liquid

SurePoint dual metering tube plumbing kits are a great way to plumb a planter to apply starter fertilizer. They'll also work on other implements when applying low rates or high rates of fertilizer.

These plumbing kits will contain everything you need to distribute fertilizer from the flowmeter outlet down to the ground application device of your choice (not included).

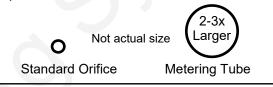
These instructions will show you where all the pieces go. It will provide guidance on how much

metering tube to use. There are some optional fittings included in each plumbing kit. These instructions will show you where and why you'd want to use the optional pieces.

The dual check valve assembly is a key piece in the dual metering tube design. In addition to a check valve to stop fertilizer from draining when the system is shut off, **each check** valve has an on/off valve on top of it. These on / off valves allow the operator to turn on only tube 1, only tube 2, or both tube 1 and 2. *This provides for three different application ranges*, which is especially helpful when using Black Label Zn fertilizer (or any other liquid) which has a highly variable viscosity based on temperature changes.

**Dual Advantage of Dual Metering Tube** Metering tube provides a larger passage-way diameter than a comparable orifice. For a 5 GPA rate on 30" rows, a size 0.046" orifice would be used. For the same rate a 0.110" meter tube that is 8' long would be used. This 8' tube with more than twice the diameter creates a fertilizer system resistant to plugging while providing excellent row to row distribution.

By using two metering tubes, the fertilizer system can handle Black Label ZN (or most other liquid solutions) and provide the proper system pressure as the fertilizer properties change due to temperature, mixtures and other factors.



# Field Operation of Dual Metering Tube -Dual Check Valve System

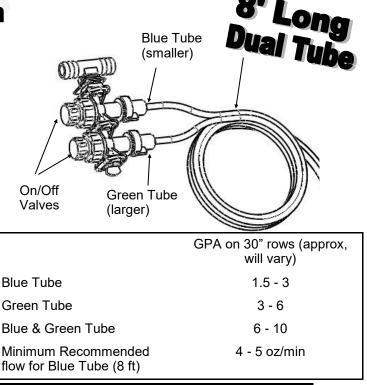
The dual metering tube allows for three application rate ranges. Some fertilizers can have a widely variable viscosity range. Therefore, based on temperature, tank mixing and fertilizer batch, the best tube to use will change.

SurePoint recommends you start with only the larger tube ON. This is the middle application range and is a good starting point. Conduct a test using the test speed mode to determine your system pressure. Recommended pressure is between 8 - 30 PSI. If pressure is below 8 psi, some check valves may not open and row to row distribution will be uneven. If pressure is too high , pump output will decrease and you may not reach the target rate.

#### Start with larger tube ON, smaller tube OFF: • Pressure below 12 PSI: Turn larger tube OFF and smaller tube ON.

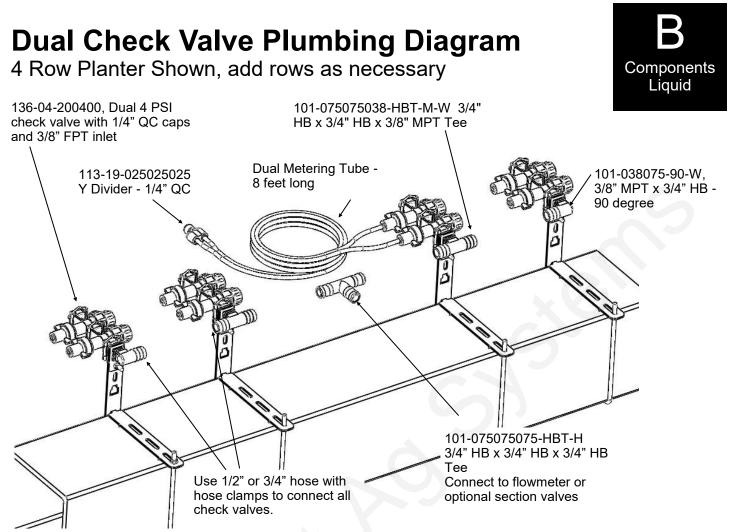
Pressure over 30 PSI: Turn BOTH tubes ON.

(Other color tubes are available for different application rates.)



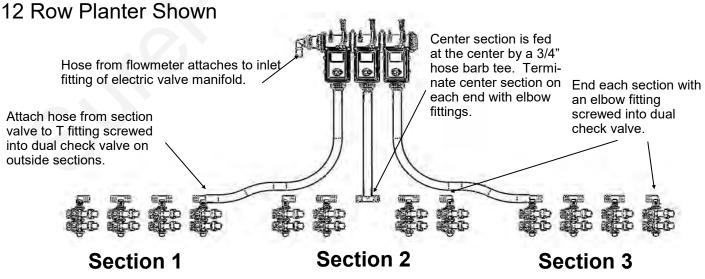
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\*\* Ultra Low Rate Application –For rates from 2-5 oz/min/row use a <u>12 foot</u> length of metering tube. To calculate oz/min/row: Oz/min/row = (GPA x MPH x spacing (inches)) ÷ 46.4



This is a general diagram showing the dual check valve assembly mounted on a planter toolbar. The check valve and bracket are very flexible in their mounting. The check valve can mount behind, directly over, or in front of the toolbar. The check valve can be put in the bracket facing up & down or sideways (shown). In addition the steel bracket could be rotated 90 degrees and clamp around the bar. The multiple slots in the bracket are used to mount to any tube 7x7 inches or smaller.

# Sectional Plumbing Diagram with Dual Check Valves



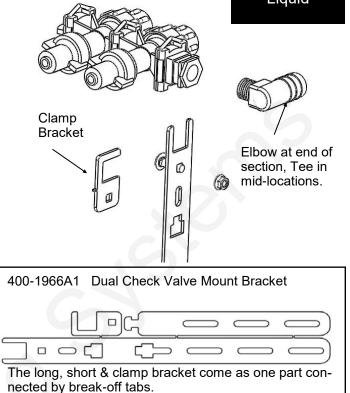
For a <u>2 section plumbing system</u>, omit the center section and plumb similar to the outside 2 sections.



# **Dual Check Valve Assembly Steps**

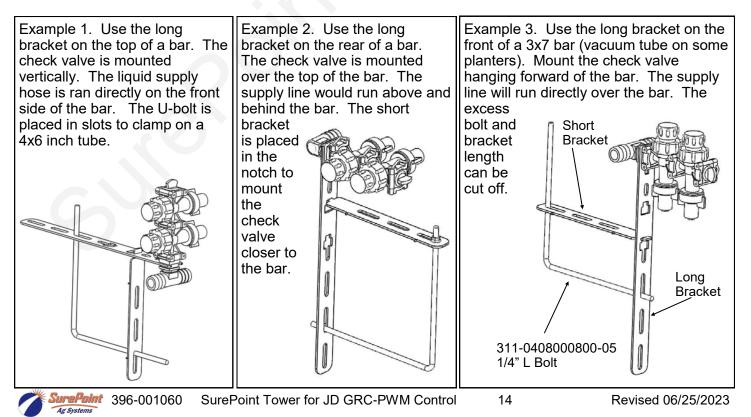
Follow these steps to mount each check valve to the steel bracket.

- 1. Screw the 3/8" MPT x 3/4" HB tee or elbow into the check valve using blue thread sealer. Orient the hose barb to run the 3/4" hose down the planter toolbar.
- 2. Insert the check valve into the "C" notch in the end of the bracket, according to how you want the check valve to be mounted on your planter. Orient the wire clips up or to the side for easiest access.
- 3. Slide the small "C" clamp bracket around the check valve to lock it in place.
- 4. Install the 1/4" carriage bolt and flange nut to secure the "C" clamp plate around the check valve.
- 5. Now, mount the check valve on the bar. Hold the check valve and long bracket assembly on the toolbar. Slide the tab on the front of the short bracket into the upper or lower notch on the long bracket.
- 6. Slide the L bolt into the appropriate slots on the brackets for your tube size. Tighten the 1/4" flange nuts to hold the bracket in place.



# **Check Valve Mounting Options**

The dual check valve mounting bracket is very flexible to fit many different planter configurations. Three options are shown here to illustrate some of the possibilities.



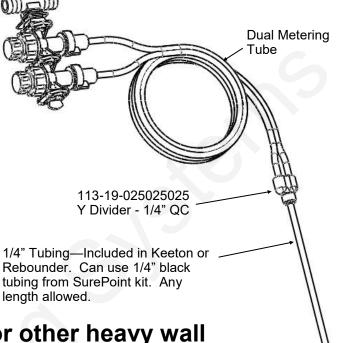


## Connection to Keeton Seed Firmer, Rebounder Seed Covers or through thin wall stainless steel tubes



- Mount the Keeton Seed Firmer or Rebounder Seed Cover.
- 2. Route the tube included in the above kit as instructed.
- 3. Attach the 1/4" tube to the 1/4" QC Y divider fitting.
- 4. Zip all tubing to the planter and row unit in as many locations as possible.

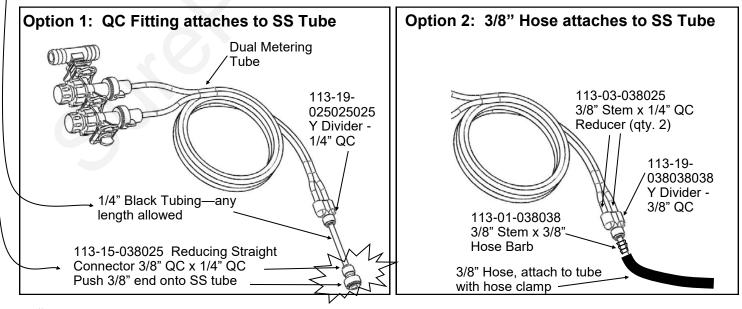
For thin wall stainless steel tubes, you can push the 1/4" black tubing all the way through the stainless steel tube so fertilizer will run directly from the tubing onto the ground.



## Connection to Totally Tubular or other heavy wall Stainless Steel Tube Ground Application Devices

When using a 3/8" OD stainless steel tube to apply fertilizer to the ground, there are two options for the delivery tube plumbing. If the tube ID is less than 1/4" (tubing will not fit inside tube) this attachment method must be used. The description following is for Option 1. See bottom right picture for Option 2.

- 1. Use the 1/4" x 3/8" QC fitting shown. Push the 3/8" end onto the stainless steel tube. (Hint: if the fitting slips off the stainless steel tube, use sandpaper or a file to roughen the end of the tube slightly)
- 2. Use a short piece of 1/4" black tubing to connect the Y fitting to the reducer fitting on the stainless steel tube.
- 3. Zip all tubing to the planter and row unit in as many locations as possible.





Low Viscosity (28-0-0 approx 10.7 lb/gal)			Medium-Low Viscosity (32-0-0 approx 11.0 lb/gal)				
	oz/min	mL/min	gal/min		oz/min	mL/min	gal/min
Tube Color	Flow Range	Flow Range	Flow Range	Tube Color	Flow Range	Flow Range	Flow Range
Gray	3.5-7.4	105-220	0.03 - 0.06	Gray	2.5-5.5	74-163	0.02-0.04
Purple	6-14.4	175-415	0.05 - 0.11	Purple	4.1-11.1	121-328	0.03-0.09
Brown	8-18.2	235-540	0.06 - 0.14	Brown	5.7-14.3	170-425	0.04-0.11
Blue	10-22.6	295-670	0.08 - 0.18	Blue	7.5-18	220-530	0.06-0.14
Green	18-40.2	530-1190	0.14 - 0.31	Green	14-33.2	415-980	0.11-0.26
Tan	25-55	740-1625	0.19 - 0.43	Tan	20-46.4	590-1370	0.16-0.36
Orange	44-93.6	1300-2770	0.34 - 0.73	Orange	36-83	1065-2455	0.28-0.65
Yellow	55-114.4	1625-3380	0.43 - 0.89	Yellow	44-100	1300-2955	0.34-0.78
Black	72-152	2130-4495	0.56 - 1.19	Black	60-129	1775-3815	0.47-1.01
5' Tan	33-73	975-2160	0.26 - 0.57	5' Tan	27-63	800-1865	0.21-0.49
5'Orange	57-121	1685-3580	0.45 - 0.95	5'Orange	49-113	1450-3340	0.38-0.88
5' Yellow	70-145	2070-4290	0.55 - 1.13	5' Yellow	59-134	1745-3965	0.46-1.05
5' Black	95-200	2810-5915	0.74 - 1.56 <b>10-40</b>	5' Black SI 60°F	80-172	2365-5085	0.63-1.34

### Electric Pump (Tower) Systems--10-40 PSI (Tubes 8' unless noted)

10-40 PSI 60°F

Medium Viscosity (Starter, N-P Blend, approx 11.2 lb/gal)		High Viscosity (10-34-0 approx 11.6 lb/gal)					
	oz/min	mL/min	gal/min		oz/min	mL/min	gal/min
Tube Color	Flow Range	Flow Range	Flow Range	Tube Color	Flow Range	Flow Range	Flow Range
Gray	1.5-3.7	45-110	0.01-0.03	Gray			
Purple	2.2-7.8	65-230	0.02-0.06	Purple	1.0-2.8	30-83	0.008-0.02
Brown	3.5-10.4	105-310	0.03-0.08	Brown	1.4-4.2	41-124	0.011-0.03
Blue	5-13.7	150-405	0.04-0.11	Blue	1.8-5.5	53-163	0.014-0.04
Green	9.5-26	280-770	0.07-0.20	Green	2.6-9.4	77-280	0.02-0.07
Tan	14-37.4	415-1105	0.11-0.29	Tan	4-14.8	120-440	0.03-0.12
Orange	27-72	800-2130	0.21-0.56	Orange	9-30	265-885	0.07-0.23
Yellow	33-85	975-2515	0.26-0.66	Yellow	13-42	385-1240	0.10-0.33
Black	48-106	1420-3135	0.38-0.83	Black	18-55	530-1625	0.14-0.43
5' Tan	20-53	590-1565	0.16-0.41	5' Tan	6-22.2	165-655	0.04-0.17
5'Orange	38-101	1125-2985	0.30-0.79	5'Orange	13-43	380-1270	0.10-0.34
5' Yellow	46-118	1360-3490	0.36-0.92	5' Yellow	18-58	540-1715	0.14-0.45
5' Black	67-148	1980-4375	0.52-1.16	5' Black	25-76	740-2250	0.20-0.59
			10-40 PSI 60°	Eor 10-34-0 cold	oct a tubo with ad	ditional canacity	for cold weather

10-40 PSI 60°F--For 10-34-0 select a tube with additional capacity for cold weather.

Water (8.34 lb/gal)					
	oz/min	mL/min	gal/min		
Tube Color	Flow Range	Flow Range	Flow Range		
White	2.5-5.5	75-165	0.02-0.04		
Gray	5.8-11.6	170-340	0.045-0.09		
Purple	10-20	295-590	0.08-0.16		
Brown	12.5-25	370-740	0.10-0.20		
Blue	17.5-35	520-1040	0.14-0.28		
Green	26-52	770-1540	0.20-0.40		
Tan	34-68	1005-2010	0.27-0.54		
Orange	60-120	1775-3550	0.47-0.94		
Yellow	75-150	2220-44400	0.59-1.18		

These charts are typical flow rates from 10 to 40 PSI.

The capacity of electric pumps declines as the pressure increases. If total pump output is low enough, they can operate at 50 psi or more.

These charts are designed for typical N-P fertilizers. Suspension, granular, and/or clay/based products may not follow these charts.

These charts are for product at 60° F. Products will be thicker and pressure will be higher at lower temperatures (esp 10-34-0).

### John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller (GRC)

SurePoint Fertilizer Systems begin at the John Deere Rate Controller, The picture below shows the John Deere Rate Controller. A John Deere Rate Controller can control one product. Therefore, if you are applying two liquid fertilizers on your planter, you will need three rate controllers, one for seed and two for liquid fertilizer. The John Deere Rate Controller communicates with the John Deere display in the cab.



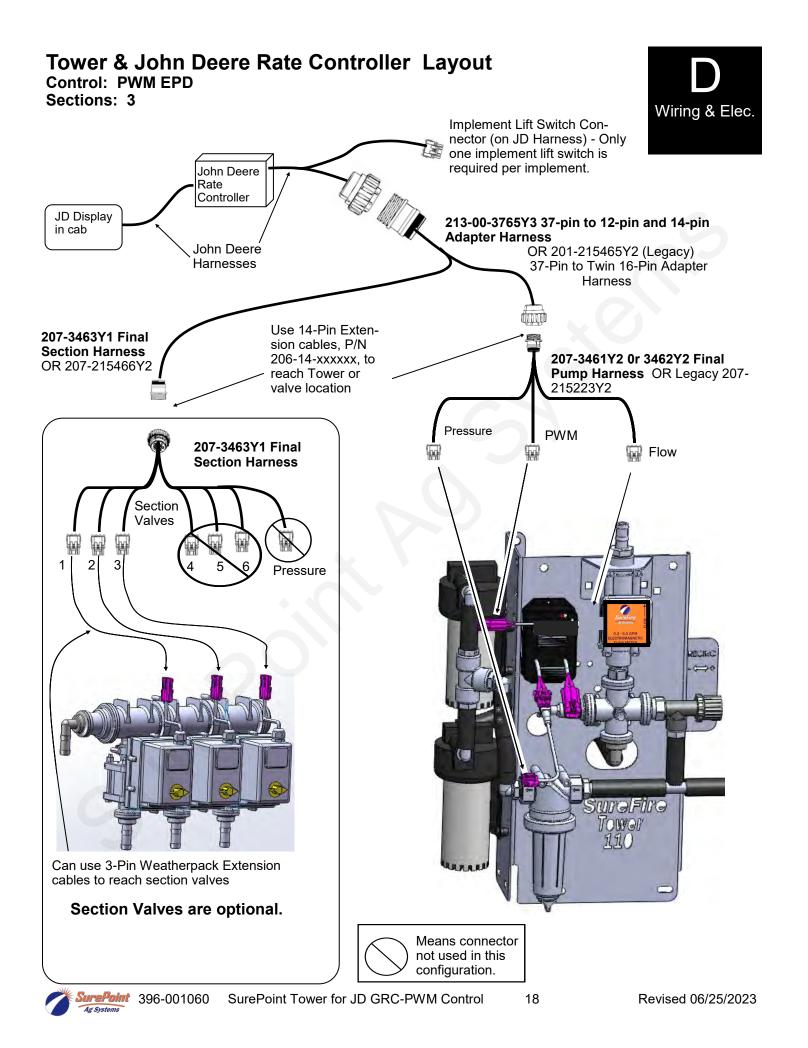
The harness coming from the rate controller is a 37-pin Amp connector. SurePoint Fertilizer System harnesses begin at this 37-pin connector. The following page shows a system layout to illustrate how the harnessing is connected to all components. Detailed harness drawings follow for information and troubleshooting.

Instructions for setting up the JD display are in Section F. Detailed screen shots of the display are included showing exactly what settings are required and recommended for SurePoint Fertilizer Systems.

# See your John Deere Rate Controller Operator's Manual for more setup and operating instructions.







### PWM EPD Module (Pulse Width Modulated Electric Pump Driver) - 205-3770Y1

This new SurePoint EPD was released in April 2023.

It replaces 205-19024.

One Anderson connector plugs into Power from the battery.

Another Anderson connector plugs into the adapter cable to the pumps.

A 2-pin MP150 connector plugs into the PWM connector on the pump final harness.

A 2-pin WP connector can be used to do a voltage test while the pumps are running.



The EPD powers 1 or 2 electric pumps by providing a PWM (pulse width modulated) signal from the controller to control pump speed. It needs to have a power connection and wiring capable of carrying up to 40 amps of current. It must be connected directly to the tractor battery. SurePoint recommends 8 gauge wire (or heavier) if extending harnesses in the field.

#### Troubleshooting Tip:

If the pumps won't run, unplug the Anderson connectors from the EPD and connect the **Power** from the battery directly to the **pumps**. This will tell you if the pumps are the problem or if something else is wrong. The pumps will be running at full speed, so don't leave them connected this way for long.

Use the **Test** connector on the **Power** pigtail to test the voltage under load.

The **Green Power light** should be on when the EPD is receiving power from the battery.

The **Blue PWM** light should be on when the EPD is receiving a PWM signal from the controller.

**EPD Power Harness** PN 205-3118Y1 (20 feet) - **connect to tractor battery.** This is 6 AWG wire. This has a 40 AMP fuse.

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Use EPD <b>Power Harness Extensions</b> as needed (These have Anderson Connedtors) Wire Size						
(These have Ande	son connectors)	WITE OIZE				
206-02-3120Y1	1' Extension	10 gauge				
206-02-3121Y1	5' Extension	10 gauge				
206-02-3122Y1	10' Extension	8 gauge				
206-02-3123Y1	20' Extension	8 gauge				
206-02-3124Y1	30' Extension	30' and longer—6 gauge				
206-02-3125Y1	40' Extension					
206-02-3126Y1	50' Extension					
206-02-3127Y1	60' Extension					
206-02-3128Y1	2' Anderson Ext w	Power Switch-8 AWG				

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SurePoint Tower for JD GRC-PWM Control

### John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller Wiring Schematics

Your John Deere system may have one of the following two sets of harnesses. The first set was introduced during the 2018 season. The second set is the legacy set that has been used for several years.



#### **Adapter Harness**

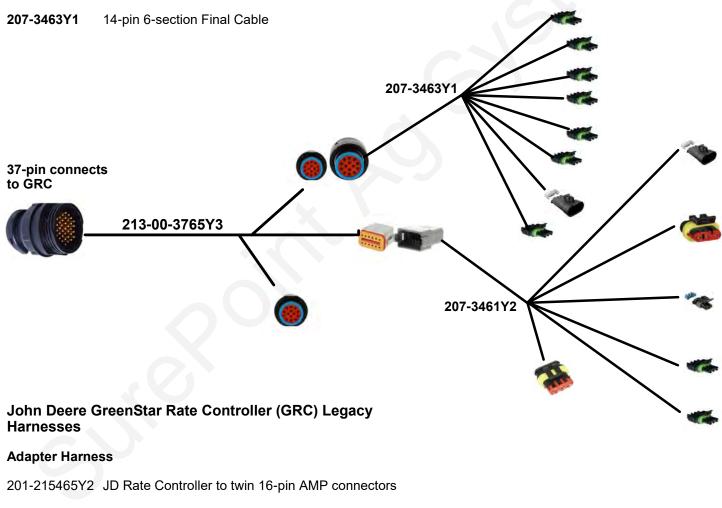
213-01-3765Y3 JD Rate Controller Adapter harness with 12-pin Product and 14-pin Section connectors

#### **Pump Harness**

207-3461Y2 12-pin Final Cable for Tower with 1 or 2 Section Valves (PWM, Flow, Pressure, Sections 1 and 2)

207-3462Y2 12-pin Final Cable for SurePoint Liquid System (PWM, Flow, Pressure, Pump RPM)

#### Section Harness (if needed)



#### Pump Harness

Or

207-215223Y2 PWM Pump Cable (alternate 207-3057Y1)

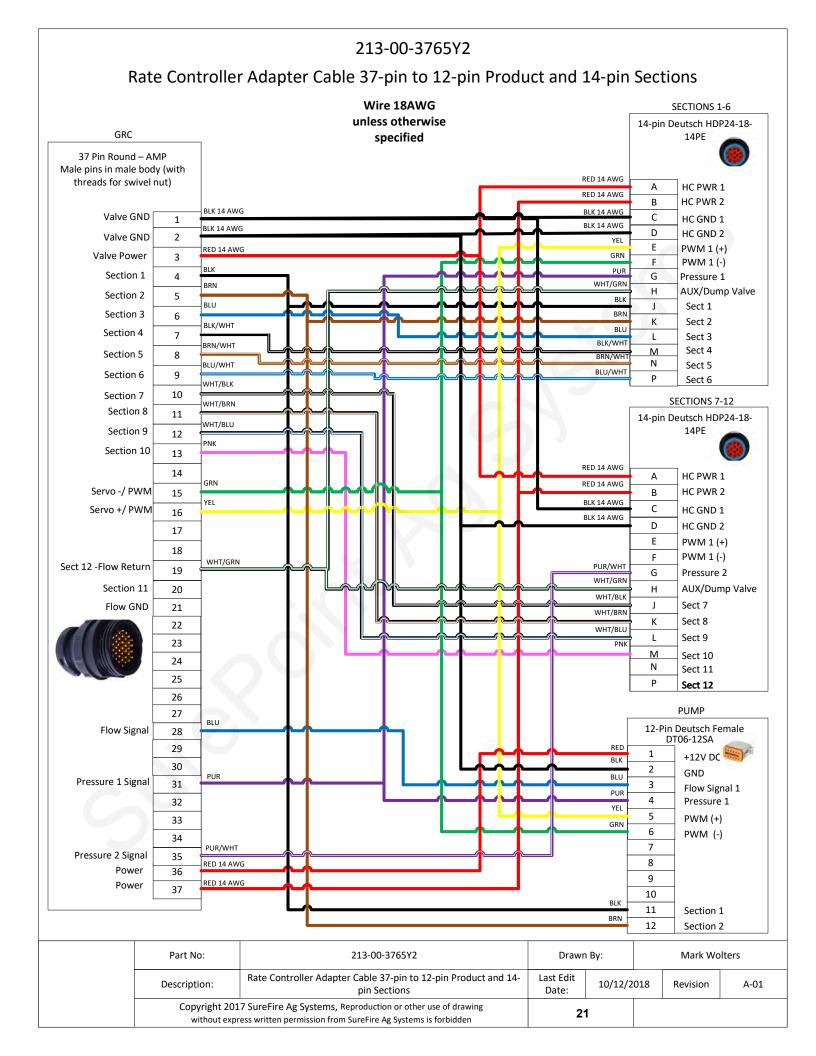
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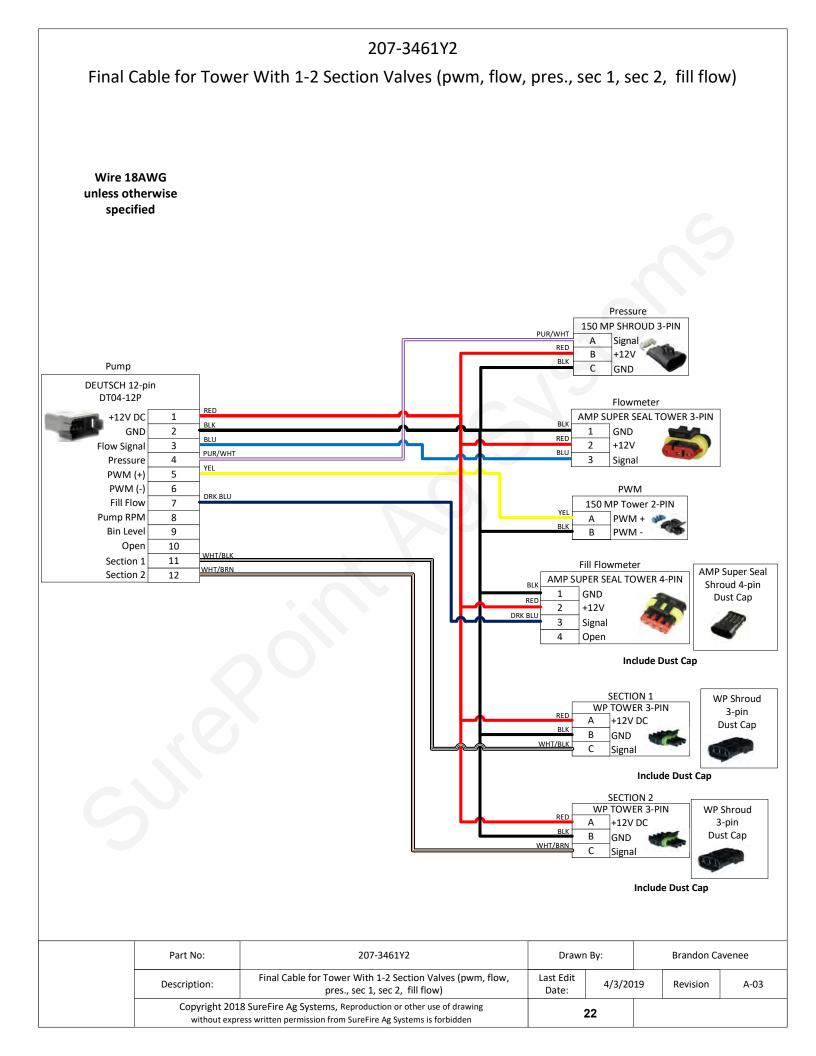
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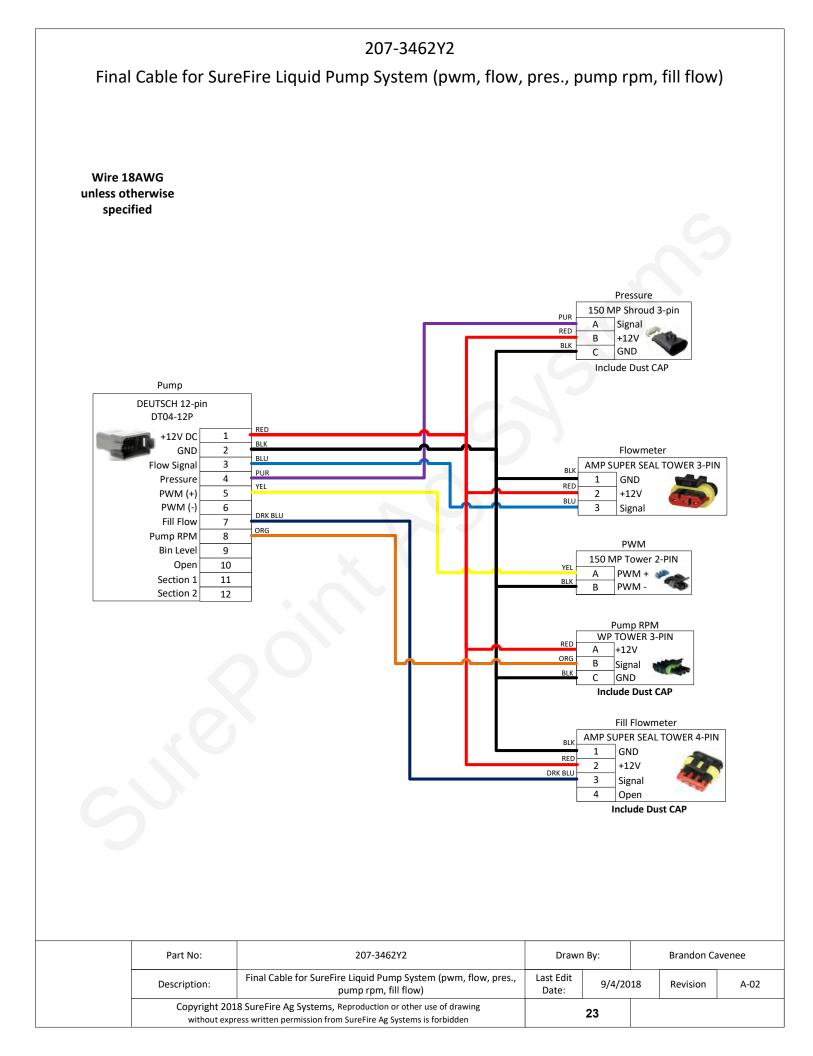
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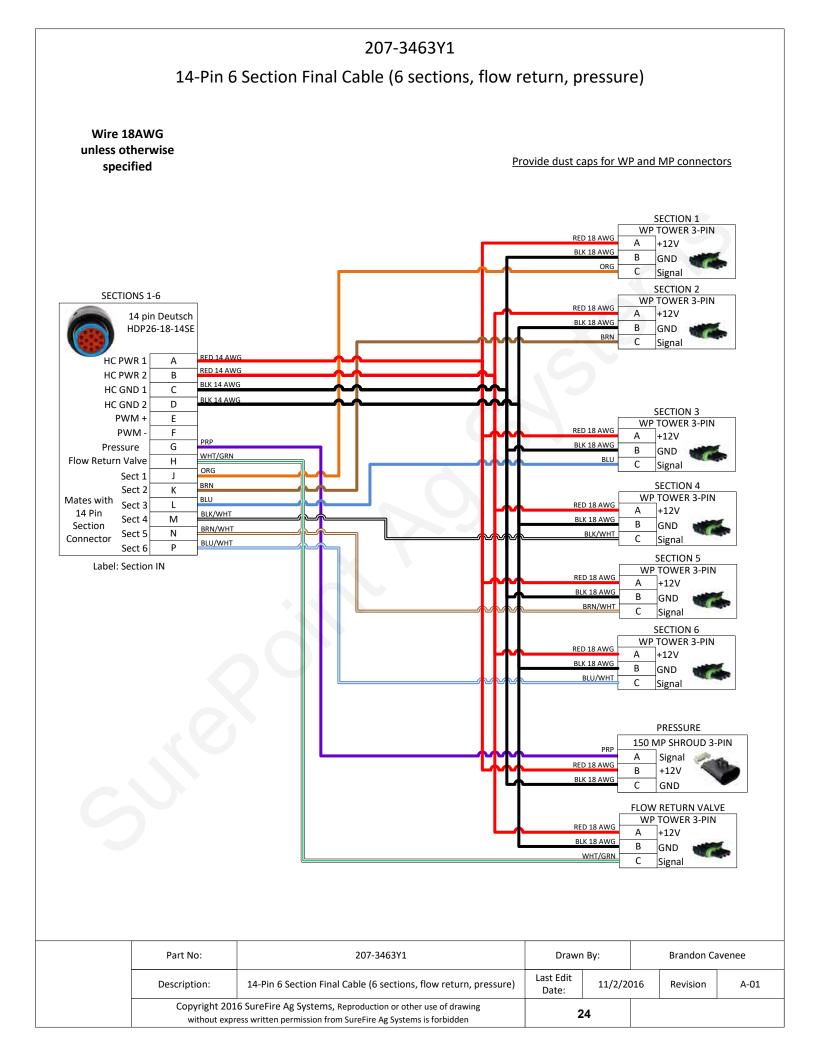
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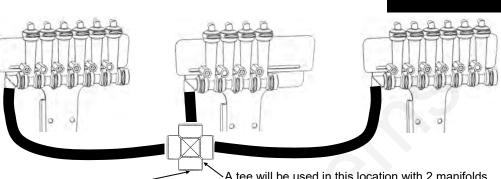


## **Floating Ball Flow Indicators**

Flow Indicators are extremely flexible and can be mounted in hundreds of different configurations on various types of liquid application equipment. This page is to give you some ideas and let you customize the installation for what works best on your equipment.

#### **16 Row** Split 6 - 4 - 6

This configuration works well on a 16 row front fold planter. Each flow indicator manifold is shown fed by a cross in a single section installation. Each manifold could be fed by a section valve if desired.



From Flowmeter Outlet

A tee will be used in this location with 2 manifolds.

Installation

Overview

### **12 Row**

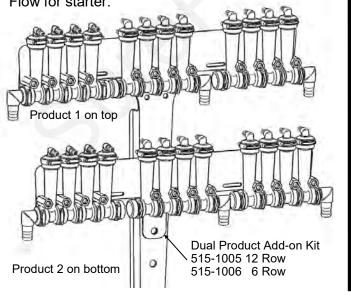
Split 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Shown here is a 12 row with four 3 row sections controlled by four section valves. Note each 6 row T-Bracket can hold two separate 3 row manifolds.

A 4 section 24 row could be similar with four 6 row manifolds on two large T-Brackets.

NOTE: Another option is the flange can face forward so the T-Bracket could be mounted on the front side of a bar.

#### **12 Row Dual Product** Product 1 Split 4 - 4 - 4 / Product 2 Split 4 - 4 -4

In this case each manifold would be fed by a section valve. There would be 6 total section valves (3 sections X 2 products). Most often one set (top) of flow indicators would be Full Flow for high rate fertilizer and 2nd set (bottom) would be Low Flow for starter.



General Plumbing Guidelines From Flowmeter Outlet This is usually Minimum 3/4" hose 3/8" OD tubing used to feed each manifold. Length of this hose can vary. or 3/8" hose. Maximum recommended length is 20 feet and lengths do not need to be This is usually 1/4" OD tubing equal. or 3/8" hose. Typical length is 1-4' with check valves placed on each row that distance from ground. Check valve is mounted near each row. 1/4" turn cap is always check valve Fertilizer Opener, outlet. Colored disc orifice Seed Firmer, SS can be placed under cap. Tube, etc.

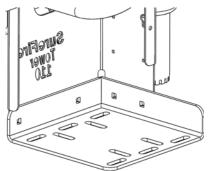
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## **Tower 110 & 200 Mounting Options**

### Tower Basic Mounting Bracket Item Number: 511-1007 (8x16 hitch) 511-1008 (8x12 hitch)

This kit includes a bracket to mount to the top side of a bar or hitch and mount the tower directly over that bar. It is often used on front fold planter hitches. Ubolts to mount to two common hitch sizes are included in the kits as labeled above.



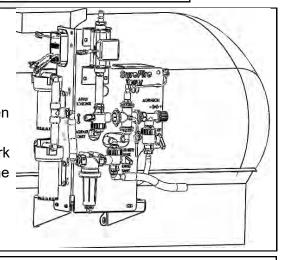
# Tower Offset Mounting Bracket Item Number 511-1010

The Tower is available as a stand alone item. This kit includes a bracket to mount to the top side of a bar and hold the Tower . U-bolts are NOT INCLUDED. They must be ordered separately

based on mounting bar size. Multiple slots allow the Tower to be mounted away from or directly over the bar.

### Tractor Front Mount Elliptical Cradle Tower Mounting Bracket

**Item Number 511-1009** Mounts a Tower directly to the front of tractor front mount 200 & 300 gallon elliptical tank cradles. This bracket will mount the back of the tower just over 4 1/2" forward of the flat bracket mounting face. When using a tractor mounted tank, SurePoint recommends mounting the Tower near the tank, not back on the implement. Electric pumps work better to push the liquid than to suck the liquid a long distance into the pump inlet.



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#### 500 Gallon Elliptical Cradle Tower Mounting Bracket Item Number 526-10-200500

Mounts a Tower directly to the side of the SurePoint 500 gallon elliptical tank cradle. This bracket will mount the back of the tower just over 9" forward of the flat bracket mounting face.



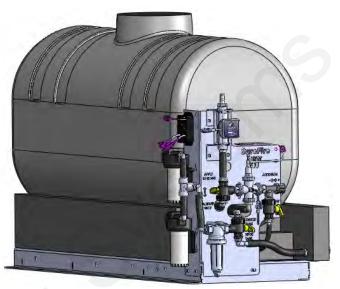
## Accelerator with Tower 200 Pump Panel

The Accelerator is a completely assembled and tested fertilizer system. It has a 55, 110, or 155 gallon tank resting in a custom molded tank base that doubles as a rinse water tank. This bolts to a steel frame with eighteen 5/8" mounting slots for flexible mounting to fit many situations. The Tower 200 is often used with the accelerator to work with the rinse tank base.

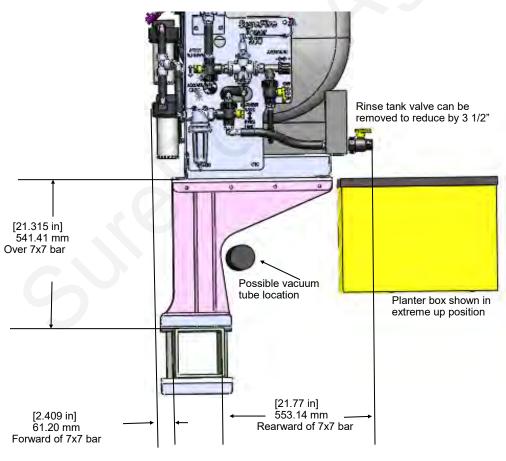


Dimensions:

55 Gallon: 27" W x 54" L x 36" T 110 Gallon: 28" W x 72" L x 36" T 155 Gallon: 28" W x 72" L x 46" T



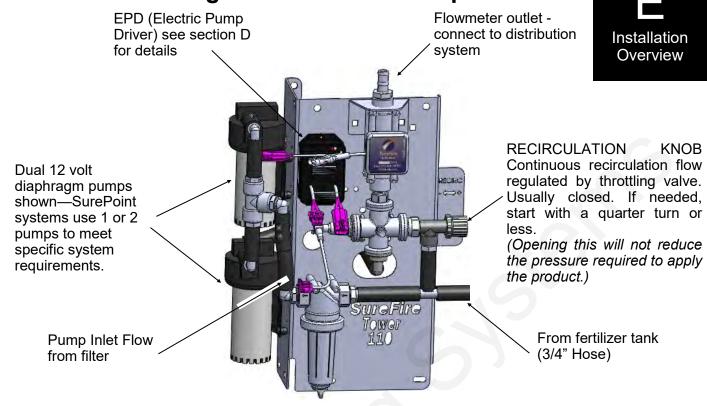
### Accelerator Z Mount Kit (fits 5" to 7" wide bars, included bolts fit 7" tall bar) Item Number 526-01-100300



This mount kit includes two welded brackets to mount any of the 3 sizes of accelerator tanks above and offset from the 7x7 planter toolbar as shown.



## **Tower 110 Plumbing Overview & Valve Operation**



### Do I need recirculation flow?

Recirculation flow allows the pump(s) to run faster than if the total pump flow was applied to the ground. This is helpful when operating at very low flow rates. On a Tower 110 equipped with two 5.3 GPM pumps, you likely will NOT open the recirculation valve if applying over 1.5 GPM to the ground.

### How to use the Recirculation Adjust Valve:

Follow these steps to set the agitation adjust valve after your system is primed and tested:

1.On the Deere display go to **Tests** and choose **Nozzle Flow Check**. Enter your field operating speed and rate. Turn your master switch on. The system will now operate at your Target Rate and Test Speed.

2.Start with the recirculation adjust valve completely closed and note the slow pump speed (by pump noise).

3.Open the recirculation adjust valve slowly and note the increased pump speed and noise. Start with a quarter turn of the knob. The system is applying the same amount to the ground, the pumps are now running faster due to more recirculation flow.

4.Set the valve to somewhere in the middle based on visual observation of agitation flow needed. (A quarter turn is often sufficient recirculation to speed the pump up slightly.)

5.On your Deere display, verify the system has locked on to application rate at your agitation valve setting.

### Troubleshooting:

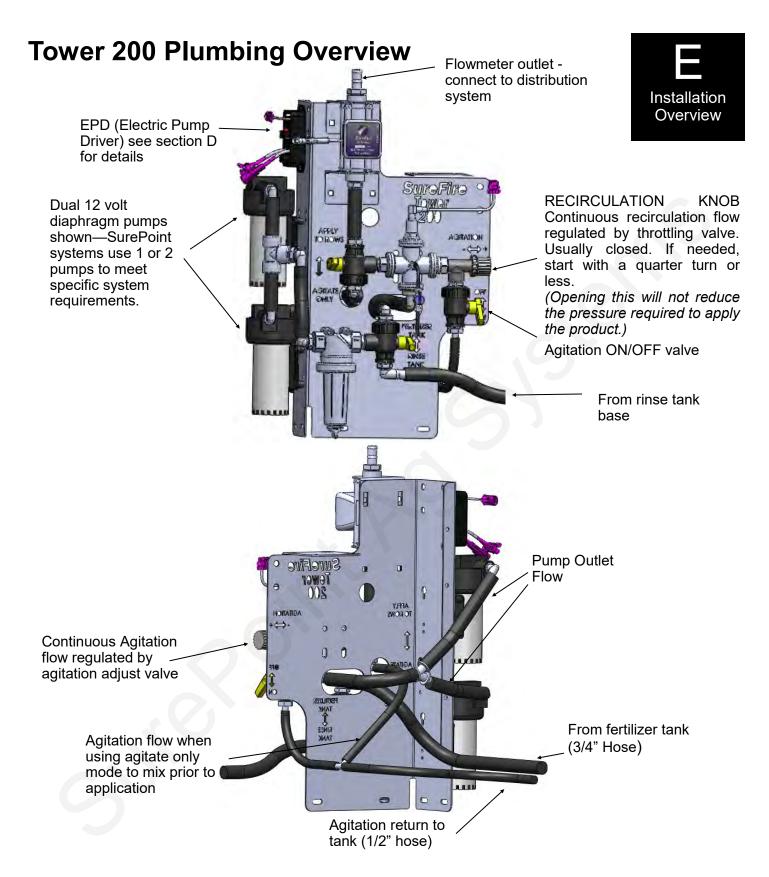
•If the system can not reach your target, you need to close the agitation adjust valve some.

•If the rate is still fluctuating around your target and you have a two pump system, unplug one pump. At low flows, one pump may deliver the needed rate and produce a more stable flow.

## What if my product needs agitation?

•Tower Electric Pump systems can provide minimal agitation. If more agitation is needed, a separate pump may be needed or the system may need a hydraulic pump. On the Tower 110, simply remove the tee located below the recirculation valve. Connect the main hose from product tank to the filter and connect the tank agitation hose to the recirculation valve. Agitation will reduce the amount the pump can deliver to the rows.





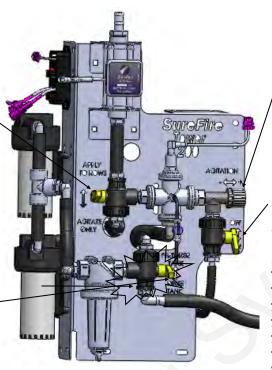
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## **Tower 200 Valve Operation**

System Mode Valve: This valve selects if you will apply to the rows. Valve must be in the up position for field operation. Move down to Agitate Only for tank mixing prior to field operations.

Tank Selection Valve: This valve selects if product is pulled from the fertilizer tank or rinse tank. For field operation the valve must be up. Move down to Rinse Tank to flush fertilizer system.





Agitation Adjust Valve: RECIRCULATION KNOB This valve adjusts how much flow returns to the tank while working in the field. Normally closed. If needed, start with a quarter turn.

Agitation On/Off Valve: This valve will shut off agitation flow without the need to move the agitation adjust valve. This valve must be closed when rinsing the system with product still in the fertilizer tank. If not closed, the rinse water will be injected into the fertilizer tank through the agitation line.

### How to use the Agitation Adjust Valve:

Agitation or recirculation flow serves two purposes. First, it mixes products that will separate. Second, it allows the pump(s) to run faster than if the total pump flow was applied to the ground. The pump(s) will become difficult to control if they are operated at the slowest speed possible. By circulating product back to tank, the pump(s) will run faster, producing a more stable flow at low application rates.

### Follow these steps to set the agitation adjust valve after your system is primed and tested:

1. On the Deere display go to **Tests** and choose **Nozzle Flow Check**. Enter your field operating speed and rate. Turn your master switch on. The system will now operate at your Target Rate and Test Speed.

- 2. Open the Agitation On/Off valve.
- 3. Start with the recirculation adjust valve completely closed and note the slow pump speed (by pump noise).

4. Open the recirculation adjust valve slowly (start with a quarter turn) and note the increased pump speed and noise. The system is applying the same amount to the ground; the pumps are now running faster due to more recirculation flow.

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6. On your Deere display, verify the system has locked on to application rate at your agitation valve setting.

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- If the system cannot reach your target, you need to close the agitation adjust valve some.
- If the rate is still fluctuating around your target and you have a two pump system, unplug one pump. At low flows, one pump may deliver the needed rate and produce a more stable flow.

Opening the recirculation knob will not reduce the pressure required to apply the product.



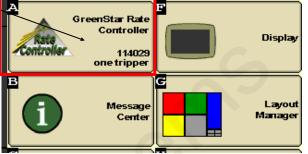
## **Rate Controller Setup**

This manual is written for John Deere displays with GRC. It is good to update the software on your display and rate controller. Your screens may vary some if using an older or newer version.

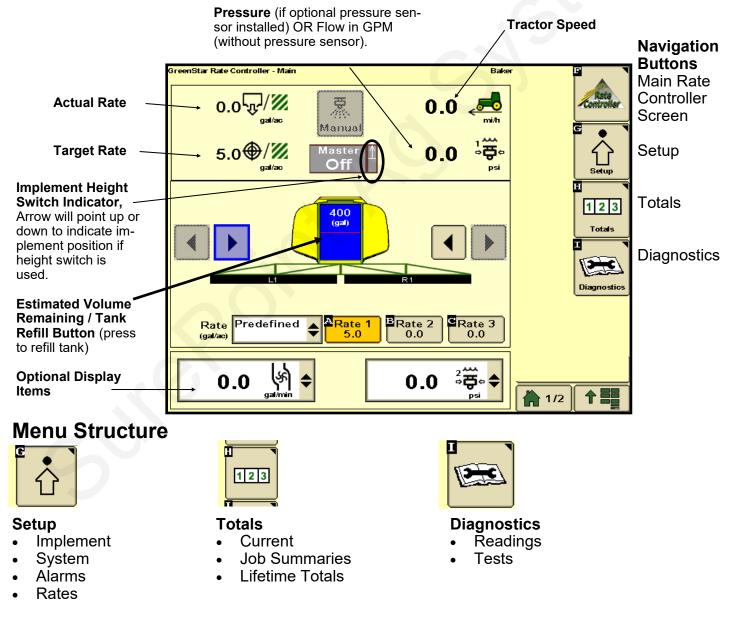
To access the GreenStar Rate Controller Functions, pushthis button. If this button is not present the rate controller is not communicating with the display. See your John Deere operators manual or your John Deere dealer for assistance.

This button will take you to the Main Rate Controller Screen below.





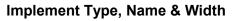
### Main Rate Controller Screen



## Setup - Implement

Here you will enter the **type**, **name**, **total width** and **section width** for the implement you will be using for this operation.

GreenStar Rate Controller - Setup Surefire A	g F				
Implement System Alarms Rates	Controller				
Implement	G N				
Liquid Fert. Tool					
Surefire Ag					
New Rename Remove Disable This GRC	123				
Implement Width 30.00 Setup (ff) Sections					
15.00 15.00					
Set Height Switch as needed for your system.					
Height Jo Not Share	12:06pm				



- 1. Choose implement type "Liquid Fert Tool"
- 2. Enter a **Name** for the Implement where "Surefire Ag" is shown above.
- 3. Enter your implement width in feet.
- 4. Push Setup Sections button if dividing the implement into sections.
- 5. Setup the width of each section on the new screen that pops up.

#### **Height Switch**

A height switch is optional for a Liquid Fert Tool setup.

If using a height switch on your implement, check the box at the bottom of this screen. You must then choose one of the choices at right. On a planter, set this to "Receive Status" to use the Seed Controller's height signal.

(Some Seed Controller/Rate Controller combinations may not allow sharing of the Height Switch.)

On a single product fertilizer applicator you would set to "Do Not Share".

If you are sharing a height switch, one of the controllers must be set to "Send Status" and the other one set to "Receive Status".



Example only. Your

setting may be different.

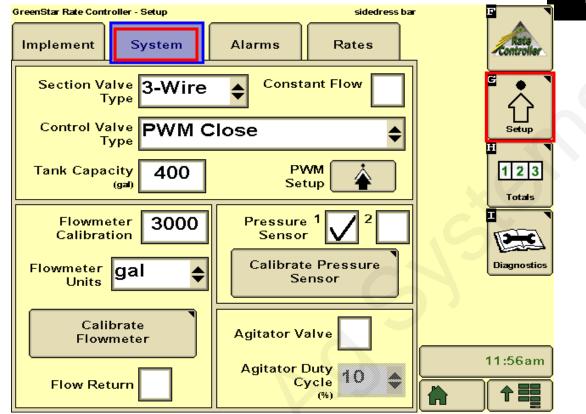
Setup & Operation



## Setup - System

**Setup > System** is where you will set the John Deere Rate Controller to work with the SurePoint fertilizer system components.

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- 1. Section Valve Type: 3-Wire Constant Flow: Do NOT check this box.
- 2. **Control Valve Type**: PWM Close ("Close" means when the rate is zero or all sections are off, the controller will stop the pump)
- 3. Flowmeter Calibration:
  - Electromagnetic Flowmeter: see chart\*
- 4. Flowmeter Units: gal
- 5. Flow Return: NOT Checked

- Flowmeter Model<br/>(GPM) (orange label<br/>or blue label)GS2 & GS3<br/>Flowmeter<br/>Calibration0.13 2.630000.3 5.030000.08-1.622700
- 6. **Pressure Sensor**: Check #1 and/or #2 if using optional electronic pressure sensor(s). See next page for instructions to calibrate pressure sensor. (When using the 213-00-3765**Y1** adapter harness, the pressure connector

on the Section harness is Pressure Sensor 2. On 213-00-3765Y**2 and later**, Pressure 1 is on the Section 1-6 connector.)

- 7. Agitator Valve: NOT Checked
- 8. Flow Return: Optional Flow Return connector is on the Section harness, if using this feature.
- 9. See next page for instructions on "PWM Setup" & "Calibrate Pressure Sensor"

\*Earlier model flowmeters (meters with white labels with black print) have different calibration numbers. See the documentation with that flowmeter or see the pulses per gallon on the sticker with the Serial Number.



## Setup - System (continued)

### **PWM Setup**

From System Setup screen, push "PWM Setup" to open this screen.

#### 1. Control Valve Calibration: 9911

The John Deere Rate Controller Control Valve Calibration can be changed to optimize performance on your specific equipment. The 4 digit number is formatted XXYZ. Increase XX to make the system respond quicker. If set too high, the actual rate will oscillate around the target. Y is the output deadband and Z is the control deadband. Generally leave these two digits low. Read your JD Rate Controller Operators Manual for more information. For example, to slow your response speed, move the number from 9911 to 8011, changing the valve response from 99 to 80. SurePoint has found the fastest setting has the best performance with electric pump systems.

- 2. Coil Frequency: 100
- 3. High Limit: 255 (maximum value allowed)
- 4. Low Limit: 20 (If you are applying a very low rate and pump will not slow down enough, you may have to lower this or else open the Recirculation valve slightly.)

The "Calibrate PWM Limits" button is not necessary after you enter the numbers above.

5. Push the lower right button to return to the System Setup screen.

#### Tip for faster system startup at beginning of pass:

Increasing the PWM Low Limit may help the system get to Target Rate quicker on startup. If the PWM Low Limit is set too high, the pump will not be able to slow down enough when you slow down or close sections. Go to Diagnostics > Readings > Delivery System to monitor PWM Duty Cycle when runnina.

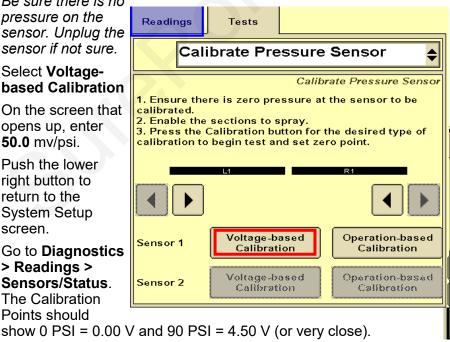
### Calibrate Pressure Sensor

From System Setup screen, push "Calibrate Pressure Sensor" to open this screen.

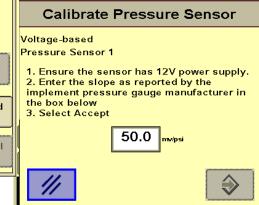
- 1. Be sure there is no pressure on the sensor. Unplug the sensor if not sure.
- 2. Select Voltagebased Calibration

2. On the screen that opens up, enter 50.0 mv/psi.

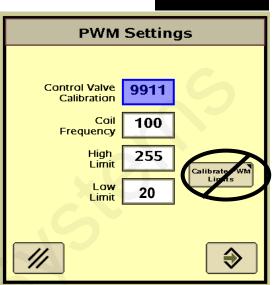
- 3. Push the lower right button to return to the System Setup screen.
- 4. Go to **Diagnostics** > Readings > Sensors/Status. The Calibration Points should



Tip: If the system has been running, there may be pressure in the system due to the check valves. In that case, simply unplug the sensor while this setup is being done so it will calibrate the zero point correctly.







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## Setup - Alarms

Customize your alarms and settings on this page.

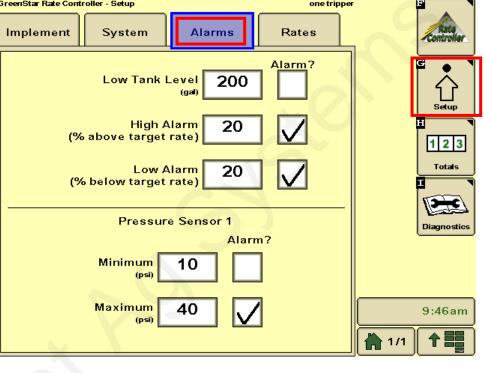
- 1. Low Tank Level can be used by the customer if they desire, but is not required.
- 2. High and Low Alarm: 20% is the John Deere default and SurePoint recommended setting. SurePoint recommends these alarms be enabled (checkmark in the box).
- 3. Minimum Pressure: 10 psi is a safe minimum pressure to ensure all check valves (4 psi setting) are fully opening and equal flow will go to every row. SurePoint recommends turning this alarm off as each time the system turns on & off it will GreenStar Rate Controller - Setup one tripper activate, being a nuisance.
- 4. Maximum Pressure: 40 psi is recommended the settina. Electric pumps will draw more current and reduce output flow as pressure increases. lf pressure is routinely over 30 psi, consider changing to a larger orifice or metering tube for optimum performance. Turn this alarm on so you are warned when system pressure increases for some reason (cold morning operation may trigger this alarm). *Higher pressure is a* problem only if it keeps the pump from hitting the Target Rate. The pumps will operate at 50 PSI or more, but pump output will be reduced as pressure increases.

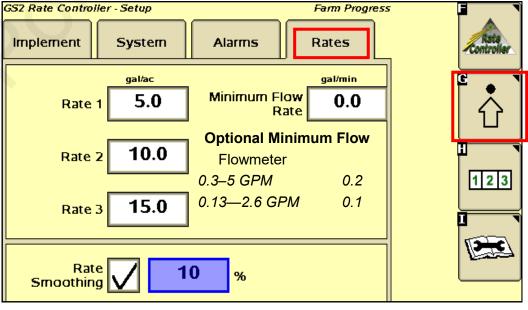
## Setup - Rates

Enter your desired application rate(s) here.

- 1. Enter up to 3 rates.
- 2. SurePoint recommends checking the Rate Smoothing box and entering 10%.
- 3. SurePoint recommends leaving Minimum Flow Rate at 0.0. If greater than zero, this is the minimum flow in *aallons* per minute that the system will NEVER go lower than. Optionally, it could be set to the minimum flow limit of your flowmeter.

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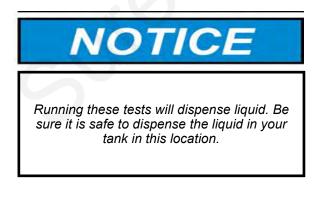
4. If system is overapplying and will not come down to rate, check the Minimum Flow Rate (and the PWM Low Limit).

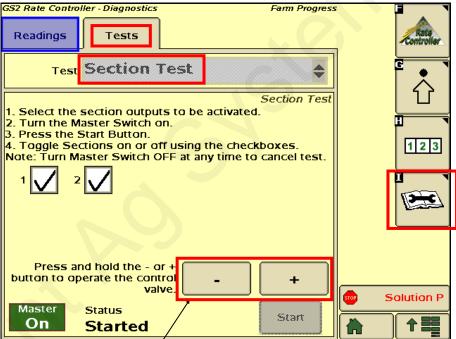


## **Initial Operation Instructions - Step 1**

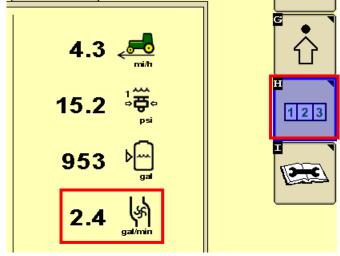
### SurePoint highly recommends you perform these exact steps with water to verify system is correctly installed and ready for field use.

- Go to the Section Test or Calibrate PWM Limits Test (Diagnostics > Tests > Section Test or Calibrate PWM Limits). These tests function like a MANUAL mode where you have direct control of pump and valves.
- 2. Turn the Master switch on.
- 3. Test section valves by checking and unchecking boxes. Check boxes to open all valves.
- 4. Push the "+" button and <u>hold it</u>. Electric pump(s) should begin running. (It takes lots of individual taps of this button to cause a visible effect).
- 5. Is water being pumped? If system is not primed, open the priming air bleed valve. This will allow air to be expelled and the pump to prime. Be sure the recirculation knob is closed.
- 6. With pump running and water flowing, push "1,2,3" button. Look at flow in GPM. Is there a reading there? If not, is the system primed with water flowing to every row? If water is flowing, but no reading, check flowmeter calibration and wiring harness connections.
- 7. Push wrench button, now push the "-" button. Go back to the "1,2,3" screen. Did the flow in GPM decrease?
- Make sure the GS2/GS3 flow readout in GPM can be increased and decreased with the plus & minus buttons.
- 9. The system can also be tested using the Calibrate PWM Limits Test. Use the + and buttons to speed up and slow down the pump.





Go to Step 2 on the next page when you can increase and decrease the GPM reading using the + and buttons.

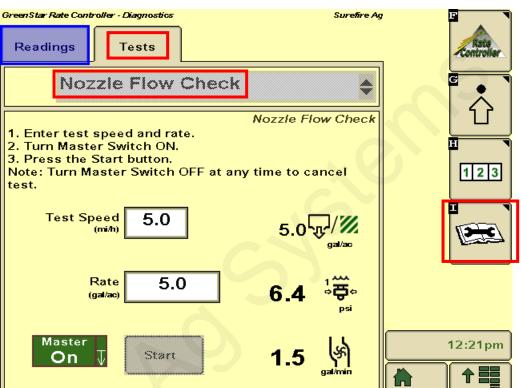






## **Initial Operation Instructions - Step 2**

- Go to the Nozzle Flow Check (Diagnostics > Tests > Nozzle Flow Check). This test will operate the system as if it were running in the field at a speed and application rate you enter.
- 2. **Test Speed**: Enter your typical field operating speed.
- 3. **Rate**: Enter your typical application rate.
- 4. Turn the Master switch on.
- Pump will turn on and begin applying the entered rate.
- 6. Observe the system. Are the flow and pressure on the screen stable and reasonable? Is the flow reasonable and equal from each application point?
- 7. Repeat this test at minimum and maximum values for both Test Speed and Rate. Remember heavier fertilizers, such as 10-34-0, will have



much higher pressures at a given flow than water.

- 8. You can use this procedure with fertilizer (instead of water) to verify your minimum pressure is at least 10 psi (to ensure all check valves open). Also check the maximum speed and rate to make sure pressure is under 40 psi (to limit electrical current to pumps). *When testing with water, the pressure will be much less than it will be when using fertilizer. If the pressure is too low, all of the check valves may not open and you may not get flow to every row.*
- 9. While the test is running, you can go to **Readings > Delivery System**. Check out the **PWM Duty Cycle**. 255 means the pumps are running full speed. This would not be a good normal operating condition. Be sure the Recirculation knob is closed.

#### Helpful Tip

The Section Test (or Calibrate PWM Limits) is the first and most basic test to make sure that the system is set up and hooked up correctly. This test verifies that you can run the pump and control the speed of the pump.

If there is a problem with the operation of the system, start with the Section Test or Calibrate PWM Limits Test.



Running these tests will dispense liquid. Be sure it is safe to dispense the liquid in your tank in this location.

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## Initial Operation Instructions - Step 3-Optional

This is a built-in test to calibrate the flowmeter. check that the entire system is setup correctly.

- 1. Go to Calibrate Flowmeter -Catch (Diagnostics > Tests > Calibrate Flowmeter - Catch). The Calibrate Flowmeter screen will pop up.
- 2. Number of Nozzles that will spray: Enter total rows on equipment.
- 3. **Test Speed:** Enter typical operating speed.
- 4. **Rate:** Enter typical application rate.
- 5. Volume to dispense: Enter that volume vou are capable of catching and measuring from a single nozzle (in ounces).
- 6. Push continue button in lower right corner. Turn master switch on and begin test.
- 7. The screen to the right will pop uр after test is complete. Enter the sample size collected from 1 row. You need enter only sample measurement. 1 The GRC then calculates new the flowmeter

Setup & It also serves as a GreenStar Rate Controller - Diagnostics Surefire Aa Operation Readings Tests Calibrate Flowmeter - Catch Calibrate Flowmeter Enter the values below. 1 2 3 Test time must be between 10 seconds and 10 minutes. Number of Nozzles 12 that will Spray Test Speed 5.0(mi/h) Rate. 5.0 (gal/ac) 12:22pm Volume to Dispense 10 per Nozzle T (fl oz) **Estimated Test Time** 0:37 (mm:ss) ₽

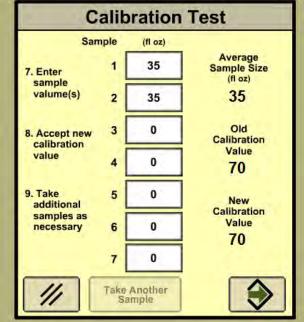
calibration value based on the average sample size.

With SurePoint Electromagnetic flowmeters, most times the sample volume is correct. In that case, just enter the same sample size you did in #5 above to leave the calibration value unchanged. If the sample volume differs from what is expected, recheck the calibration settings. Do not change the calibration value if there is a small difference in the sample volume. It takes a fairly large sample from several rows to get a number that is accurate enough to change the default Flowmeter Calibration.

SurePoint recommends that you do not change the Flowmeter Calibration value unless field use shows that the amount indicated by the flowmeter is not correct.

Pay close attention on the first tanks of fertilizer to verify that the display is measuring correctly.

NOTE: DO NOT ADJUST THE FLOWMETER CALI-BRATION VALUE BASED ON A CATCH OF 1 ROW ON AN IMPLEMENT. AT A MINIMUM CATCH 3-4 ROWS.





Electri	ic Pumps W	Image: Second constraints     Two Control Signal       LED's     Constraints			
EPD Status Lights 205-19024 Legacy EPD PWM Signal Trouble					
Status LED	Status Description	Troubleshooting Steps Steps			
On Steady	Power input is good and PWM input Signal is detected	No Problem, Typical operating condition. To Pump(s) Status LED- should blink once per sec- ond Power Supply (from battery)			
Steady Blink (1 hz— 1 blink/sec)	Power input is good and PWM signal is not de- tected.	<ul> <li>Typical 'Off' Condition. If pumps should be on:</li> <li>1. Inspect wiring and connectors</li> <li>2. Check voltage at PWM connector to EPD, should be 1-12 volts to turn on.</li> <li>3. Check voltage on PWM wires at 37 pin connector, pins 15&amp;16.</li> </ul>			
Blink once, pause, blink once, pause	Open circuit between motor output and motor.	Check harness and connectors to motor. If using two motors, plug each in separately directly to EPD (bypassing Y-harness)			
Blink twice, pause, blink twice, pause	Output short circuit de- tected.	Check motor wiring			
Three blinks, pause, three blinks, pause	Overcurrent condition	<ul> <li>Check total load</li> <li>Clean cooling fins on EPD</li> </ul>			
Four blinks, pause, four blinks, pause	Input power fault. Low voltage condition in power to EPD.	<ul> <li>Unplug battery power from EPD to reset. Check power cables and connections for quality.</li> <li>Be certain that power cable connects directly to battery and has a solid, clean connection.</li> <li>Test the voltage under load coming into the EPD. Voltage may appear adequate when system is not on, but bad connectors or wiring may not carry the current needed under load.</li> <li>You may be able to reduce power draw by lowering the system pressure. Typically, though, this is an indication of a cable or connector issue.</li> </ul>			
Five blinks, pause	Input frequency out of range.	Check PWM Settings on Rate Controller.			
Control Sig- nal LEDs (top corner)					
Light intensity varies	Off - No PWM Signal 100% brightness - Maxi- mum PWM input signal	Red light in top corner should be on when PWM signal is received (system is applying product)			

**The most common issue with the 205-19024 EPD** will be a low voltage condition (under load) delivered to the EPD from the battery. Voltage drop occurs anytime current is moved through a wire. A low-voltage (12 v) system with long runs (60-80 feet) may have unacceptable voltage drops if any part of the system is weak or the load is high. This could be bad (corroded, weak, loose or burnt) connectors (at the battery, at the hitch, and at the EPD), too small of wire used (smaller wire equals more voltage drop), low source voltage, and heavy load. Any or all of these may contribute to a low voltage condition under load that may shut down the processor in the EPD module. This will be indicated by **4 quick flashes of the red light**, followed by a short pause. Unplug the power-in connector to reset the EPD. Check and correct any wiring deficiencies.



### Troubleshooting / Service Guide for SurePoint PWM Liquid Application Systems and JD GRC

Always verify the controller settings. See the screenshots in Section F of the system manual and on the QuickStart setup sheet.

### The pump won't run.

#### **Electric Pump System**

#### EPD flashing 4 times (Only on 205-19024 Legacy EPD - not on current 205-3770Y1 EPD)

1. Find the EPD module (electric pump driver—black module on Tower). Should have a steady blinking light (one blink per second) in the middle when pumps should be off. In Run mode, the center light should be steady red, the upper right should be steady red (indicates it is receiving a PWM signal). If Status LED (center light) is *flashing 4 times, then pausing*, EPD has tripped due to low voltage condition. Unplug the Power Supply to the EPD to reset. If condition persists, check Power Supply cables from battery to EPD to insure solid connections and good electrical path. Check connections at battery. Check connectors at the hitch and at the EPD. (*There should be 11.5-13 volts at the point where the EPD connects to the battery power harness, when tested under load*. This voltage may show up when there is no load, but the harnessing may not be good enough to deliver 11.5-13 volts under load.)

#### No Lights on EPD

1. There should be a steady blinking light in the middle of the EPD. If no light is ON, check the 40-amp fuse in the EPD harness near the battery. Use a voltmeter to verify that there is 12-13 volts at the Power Supply connector that plugs into the EPD. *If there is good voltage here, but no light on the EPD, replace the EPD module.* 

#### Will pumps run?

- 1. Connect the two large connectors that are plugged into the bottom of the EPD to each other (bypass the module and supply 12 volts directly to pumps).
- 2. Do the pumps run? If not, check the 40 amp fuse in the EPD harness near the tractor battery. Inspect harnesses and connections. If 2 pump system, plug pumps in by themselves to check individually. If pump won't run, connect it to pickup battery with jumper cables.

#### Pumps run, but won't pump anything-

- 1. Are valves from tank to pump open? Is strainer clean? Close recirculation. Open air bleed valve.
- 2. Tap on pump with rubber mallet. Pour water (hot, if available) in inlet of pump. Remove outlet hose from pump.

#### Electric pumps only run with 12 volts direct from battery

#### Check to see if a PWM signal is getting to the EPD:

- 1. Connect pumps and power harness back to EPD.
- 2. Go to Diagnostics > Tests > Calibrate PWM Limits to investigate this issue.
- 3. In Calibrate PWM Limits, hold down "+" button for 8-10 seconds. A single tap of this button produces a very small change in signal to the valve, so you must hold it. (Look at PWM Duty Cycle DC%)
- 4. Remove PWM valve connector at EPD and check voltage. You will need 6-12 volts to turn pumps on. (PWM Duty Cycle at 100 should be 12+ volts on PWM signal)
- 5. If 6-12 volts is not present, check harnesses and review control valve type setup (should be PWM Close or PWM).
- 6. Go back to the 12-pin Deutsch pump connector, check PWM voltage between Pins 5 & 6 (check pins 5 & 2 if wires on PWM connector are Yellow and BLACK).
- 7. If you have a 37-pin round connector, check the voltage between pins 15 & 16. Also check voltage between pins 2 and 16.



Trouble-

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## **Application Rate & Flow Troubleshooting**

### **Application Rate Fluctuates**

First, you need to determine if the fluctuation is caused by the controller sending fluctuating signals to the valve.

1. <u>Inspect & clean pump inlet strainer.</u> Strange flow rate fluctuations are very often due to an obstruction to the pump inlet. Inspect plumbing from tank to pump.

OR

- 1. Go to **Diagnostics > Tests > Calibrate PWM Limits** as shown in Initial Operation, Section F.
- 2. Turn the system on and watch the flow in GPM.
- 3. Is the flow steady within a very small range? For example a fluctuation from 2.3 to 2.5 GPM would be considered normal. A fluctuation from 2-4 GPM is a problem. If only a small normal fluctuation is seen, skip steps 4-8 and proceed to "Application Rate Fluctuates in Field ......." below.
- 4. If there is a large fluctuation, observe the system flow. Is the discharge a steady stream? Are the flow indicator balls floating steady?
- 5. If visually the flow is steady, but the display reports a fluctuation in GPM, inspect the flowmeter. See section B for flowmeter information. *If flow is steady, but flowmeter is fluctuating, there is a good chance the system is sucking in air between the tank and the pump. Tighten all fittings and clamps.*
- 6. If visually the flow is unsteady, the flowmeter is working correctly reporting a flow problem. Is the pump turning steady or surging?
- 7. Look for any type of obstruction in the pump inlet. Clean the strainer. If continually plugging the strainer, investigate fertilizer quality and necessary strainer size.

# Application Rate fluctuates in field, but flow in Section Test mode is stable.

This problem indicates the valve calibration needs changed. The system is surging because the Rate Controller is moving the pump driver or hydraulic valve too much.

- 1. Go to Setup System PWM Setup.
- 2. Change the **Valve Calibration** by reducing the valve speed (first two digits). For example reduce the number for 9911 to 8511, which changes valve speed from 99 to 85.

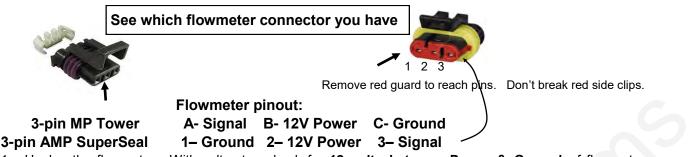
### Application Rate is slow to get to the Target Rate

- 1. Check the Recirculation knob. If this is open, it will take the pump longer to get the system to Target Rate. Normally, the recirculation should be closed.
- 2. You may need to increase the Valve Calibration. Go to Setup System PWM Setup.
- 3. Change the **Valve Calibration** by increasing the valve speed (first two digits). For example, increase the number from 8511 to 9911, which changes valve speed from 85 to 99. (SurePoint recommends 9911 for Tower Electric Pump systems, which is the fastest Valve Calibration possible)
- 4. If system is too slow to get to the Target Rate when starting, go to Setup > System > PWM Setup. Raise the Low Limit. (If Low Limit is 0, set at 25. This will start the pump at a faster speed when it initially turns on. (This number sets the low limit of your pump, so if it is set too high your pump may not be able to slow down enough at low speed/low rate settings or with some sections turned off.)
- 5. Optional Method 1 to get to Target Rate faster: (Caution: You can only use this method if you have Electric Section Valves.) Go to Setup System. Set Control Valve Type to PWM. This leaves the pump running at the last speed when product application is stopped. Under PWM Settings check the Pump Enable Checkbox. With the section valves closed and the pump running, this can build up too much pressure in the system at times. To reduce this pressure, open the Continuous Recirculation Flow Throttling Valve on the Tower slightly (1/4 turn) (see page 28-30). Since this will cause continuous recirculation, it will reduce the maximum output to the rows that is attainable and the pump will run at a higher speed all the time.
- 6. Optional Method 2 to get to Target Rate faster: Use the John Deere Rate Controller Flow Return feature. This will involve adding an additional electric valve and plumbing to return flow to the tank when product application is stopped. On the Setup System screen, check the Flow Return box. In Setup System, the Control Valve Type is set to PWM. Under PWM Settings check the Pump Enable Checkbox. With the Control Valve Type set to PWM, the pump continues to run at the last speed it was running when product application was stopped. Flow at this time is returned to the tank. When product application is resumed, flow is diverted from the tank back to the rows.





### No Flow shown on display, but liquid is being pumped Flowmeter Tap Test



- Unplug the flowmeter. With voltmeter, check for 12 volts between Power & Ground of flowmeter connector. Should have 4-5 volts between signal and ground. If voltage is not present, inspect wiring harness and check for voltage at harness connection(s) nearer the Rate Controller (at 12-pin Deutsch connector, Power is 1, Ground is 2, Flow Signal is 3).
- 2. If 12 volts is present, then conduct a **tap test**. Go to **Setup > System** and change the flow cal to 1. Have a second person watch GPM on the 1,2,3 screen while other person taps repeatedly (use a short piece of wire or a paper clip) between signal and ground pins of flowmeter connector. A flow value (gpm) should show up indicating the wiring is not damaged. (If alone, note or reset a volume counter to 0, and start Calibrate PWM Limits Test. Check for increased volume after tapping.) (Can also watch Flowmeter Hz on Delivery System screen.)
- 3. If the flow showed on the display during the tap test, your wiring to that point is good. If tap test did not work, go back to the next harness connection and do a tap test there between signal and ground.
- 4. If the tap test registers flow on the display, replace flowmeter. (*Sometimes, cleaning the inside tube of the flowmeter with soapy water and a soft brush will remove a film covering the electrodes.*)
- 5. Change Flow Cal back to appropriate Flow Cal when finished with Tap Test.
- 6. SurePoint has a Speed/Flow Simulator (PN 219-01462) or a Tap Tester (212-03-3912Y1) that can be used to confirm if the wiring is good between the flowmeter and controller.
- 7. It's possible that voltage checks and Tap Test will be OK, and still have corroded pins or wires that won't work.

#### **Field Verification of Flowmeter Calibration**

Always verify the flow cal setting by comparing the amount actually applied in the field (from weigh tickets) with the amount shown on the display. Adjust the flow cal as needed to get less than 1% difference between the actual amount applied and the amount shown on the display.

#### In general:

*Increase the Flow Cal number if not enough product is actually being applied.* (If you want more, increase the number)

**Decrease the Flow Cal number if too much product is being applied.** (If you want less, decrease the number)

#### Formula to Adjust Flow Cal Number

(Volume shown on display) / (Volume actually applied) X flow cal number in display = new flow cal

Example: Display shows 727 gallons was applied. Weigh ticket shows 750 gallons was actually applied. Flow cal number in display was 3000. (*We applied too much, so we will decrease the flow cal.*)

727 / 750 X 3000 = 2908 (new flow cal number to set in display)

(Any adjustments to the flow cal number will only be as accurate as the measurements used in figuring it.) Do not power wash the flowmeter.

Unplug the flowmeter before welding on the implement.



## Section Valve(s) will not move

- 1. Go to **Diagnostics > Tests > Section Test** to investigate this issue. If system shuts off with Solution Pump Dry warning, use the Calibrate PWM Limits Test.
- 2. Start Section Test. Check and uncheck the boxes. With the box checked the valve should turn on. The valve should be off with the box not checked.
- 3. If none of the valves are working, or if half of the valves are working, it may be a Power (or Ground) issue. The oddnumbered sections have one power source, the even-numbered sections have another power source. (See harness diagrams) On Gen3 LiquiShift, Left sections have one power source, right sections have another.

Pin	Function	4. If a valve does not open, switch the connector that is plugged into that valve with a con- nector that is plugged into a working valve. Also, plug in the connector to the non-working				
А	+ 12 V Constant	valve to a valve that is working.				
В	Ground	5. Check the harness connection to the non-working valve. It is a 3-Pin Weather Pack con-				
С	+ 12 V Signal	nector. Check voltage pin A to Pin B. Must be 12 volts, if not, go back to the next harness connection and check the voltage there. (See harness diagrams for pins)				

- 6. If voltage is present on pins A&B of 3 pin connection to valve, then check Pin C to Pin B. This should be 12 volts when the valve is commanded on or open. This should be zero volts when valve is off or closed.
- 7. If signal voltage is not present to open valve, use diagrams to check at the 14-pin connector, then the 47-pin for voltage on the proper pin for that section.
- 8. If harnesses and voltages are good, but valve still will not open, remove the actuator from the valve and see if the actuator will work when it is not connected to the valve. Use a wrench to turn the valve to be sure it is moving freely. Be sure actuator and valve are oriented correctly when you put them back together.
- 9. If constant voltage (Pins A&B) and switched voltage (Pins C&B) are present, inspect, repair or replace the valve.



*This is a 3-way valve*. If product will not flow when valve is ON, either move the outlet hose to the other outlet port, or remove actuator and rotate valve ball 180°, and replace actuator. Product should flow through the port closest to the Indicator light when the valve is open (green).

### **Pressure Sensor is not reading**

- 1. Be sure the Pressure Sensor that is displayed on your screen is the same sensor that is plugged into your harness for that product.
- 2. Make sure the pins where the harness screws on to the end of the sensor have not been bent.
- 3. Be sure Pressure Sensor is set up and calibrated in the display. Unplug the pressure harness before doing this.

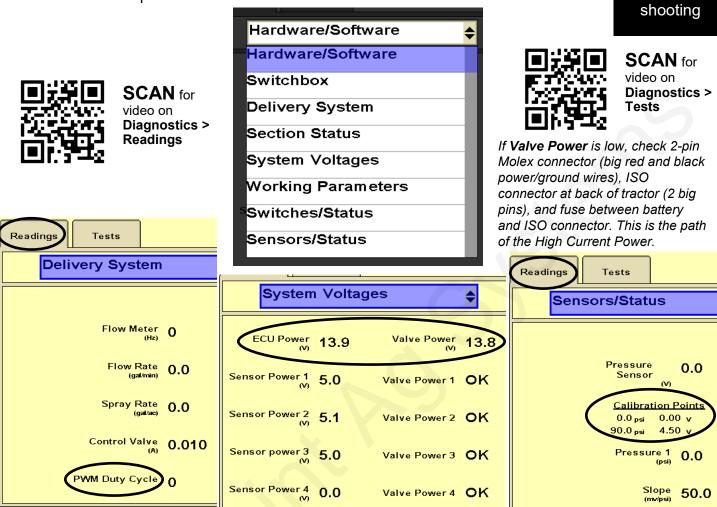
## Setup > Settings > Pressure Sensor Setup. Select the sensor you want. > Calibrate Pressure Sensor > Voltage-based Calibration > 50 mv/PSI.

- 4. There should be a green LED light on the end of the pressure sensor. (may be difficult to see in daylight). The sensor needs 12 v. Check between pins B&C on the Pressure connector on the harness that connects to the pressure sensor. If there is no voltage here, check the voltage between pins 1 & 2 on the 12-pin connector labeled PUMP.
- 5. Testing Pressure Sensor Harnessing: If the pressure sensor is not reading, you can use a AA or AAA battery to test the harnessing. Connect the (-) end of the battery to pin C and the (+) end to pin A of the pressure connector. The 1.5 v should show up as 30 psi on the screen. You can check this at *Diagnostics > Readings > Sensors/Status* (0 PSI should be 0.0v, 90 PSI should be 4.5 v)



### **Troubleshooting Tip**

- 1. Useful information is available at **Diagnostics** > **Readings**.
- 2. Below are examples of some of the screens available:



Check the operation of the flowmeter here on the Delivery System screen.

The **PWM Duty Cycle** tells how fast the pump is being told to run. The range is from 0 to 255.

Most systems generally should not need to run much more than 150 on the PWM Duty Cycle. If the Duty Cycle is running 200 to 255, there may be

other issues. If the system needs to run high Duty Cycles all the time, check to see that the expected pump output is within the pump capacity. Be sure the recirculation knob is closed. Be sure that the system pressure is not too high and limiting the pump output. Be sure that the strainer is not plugged or that there are no other inlet restrictions. Check each pump individually to be sure each is performing adequately.

System Voltages should be similar to those shown here (see note above right).

**Sensors/Status**—Check the operation of the **pressure sensor** here. The top number (V) will be between 0 and 5.0.

The **Calibration Points** should indicate that 0.0 psi is 0.00 volts and that 90 PSI is 4.5 volts.

The **Slope** should be 50.0 mv/psi. If pressure does not show on Pressure 1, try setting up Sensor 2. You can test the harnessing for the pressure sensor by using a AA or AAA battery. Connect the (+) end of the battery to pin A of the pressure sensor connector. Connect the (-) end of the battery to pin C. The Pressure Sensor (V) should be approximately 1.5 volts. The Pressure should read about 30 PSI.



Trouble-

### Other issues

#### 1. "My rate won't go low enough. I want 8 gpa, but it won't go less than 11."

A. Check **Setup > Rates > Minimum Flow Rate.** This can be set at 0.0 or at the low range of your flowmeter. This is **gal / min** not **gal / acre**.

B. Check **Setup > System > PWM Setup > PWM Settings > Low Limit**. Default setting for JD is 15 for electric pumps and 60 for hydraulic pumps. These may be set higher to get

the pump to start faster to get to Target Rate sooner, but if set too high, the pump cannot slow down enough when your speed drops or when sections close.

C. On a hydraulic pump, be sure the red manual override knob is down and locked on the hydraulic valve.

#### 2. "I can't get up to my rate. I want 12 gpa, and I can't get more than 10 gpa."

A. How many GPM are required to hit your rate? Is this within the pump's specifications? On an electric pump, the output of the pump decreases as the pressure increases. Keep the pressure under 40 PSI on an electric system. **Is a recirculation valve open**, allowing too much liquid to recirculate?

B. On a dual electric pump system, check each pump individually to see that each one is working at capacity.

C. **Is the strainer plugged?** If too small of a mesh strainer is being used, the fluid can gel up around the screen as the fluid is pulled through. Most SurePoint systems with metering tube and electromagnetic flowmeter can use a 20– or 30-mesh strainer.

D. Does the pump have enough hydraulic oil to hit the desired rate? If the pump is in series behind another pump or motor, the hydraulic oil to this pump may be limited. Run pump in Manual Override to see output.

E. Check Setup > System > PWM Setup > PWM Settings > High Limit. This should be 255.

F. Go to **Diagnostics > Readings > Delivery System.** What is PWM Duty Cycle while the pump is running (in the field or on a Section Test or Nozzle Flow Check)? 255 means the pump is being told to run at full speed.

G. Run the **Calibrate PWM Limits Test** and hold the (+) button to speed up the pump. Check GPM and PSI at different levels. Check the PWM Duty Cycle at Diagnostics > Readings > Delivery System.

H. Run a Nozzle Flow Check. See gal/ac, PSI, gal/min, and PWM Duty Cycle.

I. Is the flow cal correct? Is the width of the implement set correctly? Is speed reading correctly?

#### 3. "It's pretty close to the rate, but it won't ever lock in to the rate."

Go to Setup > Rates > Rate Smoothing. Check the box for Rate Smoothing. Put 10 in the box.

Without Rate Smoothing it is normal for the system to show the rate constantly changing small amounts as you go across the field. With Rate Smoothing, if the Applied Rate is close to the Target Rate, the display does not show all the small changes.

#### 4. "When I start up, I get a screen that says "Solution Pump Dry".

This is not unusual on the Deere display. If the flowmeter does not show flow immediately when you start, this screen pops up. It is made to protect centrifugal pumps that can be harmed quickly if they are dry. This is not a problem for SurePoint diaphragm pumps. This message may be stopped by going to Setup > System > PWM Setup > PWM Settings > Low Limit. Increase the Low Limit so the pump will start faster.

**Be sure the recirculation knob is closed**, so the flow goes to the row and not to recirculation. If you must recirculate, start with a quarter turn of the knob.

5.	"What settings do I use for	Setup Arrow	Tower Electric	PumpRight Hydraulic
	the SurePoint system on the original JD Rate Controller?	Implement	Liq Fert Tool—Set up width, sections, and height switch as needed	
	The full screenshots of these are in Section F of the manual that came with the system.	System—Section Valve— Control Valve	3-Wire— PWM Close	
	Here is a summary of the typical settings: Not everything is shown in this table. Some systems may	Flowmeter Calibration	3000—gal	2000—-gal
		PWM Setup	9911—100—255—20	2522—100—25560
	need to be adjusted for better	Alarms—Pressure Sensor	10—40	15—80
	operation.	Rates—Minimum Flow	0.0 or low end of flowmeter ( <i>Note: This is Gal/</i> <i>min NOT Gal/acre.</i>	
		Rates—Rate Smoothing	Check the box—10	





#### 6. "My pressure is too high / too low."

The pressure will be what it is depending on how hard it has to push to get the amount of liquid you are moving from the pressure sensor to where it leaves the system. This pressure will depend on the product itself, the volume (gal/min) you are moving and how much restriction there is to that flow. The orifice or metering tube will be the primary restriction, but it is possible that other parts of the system may add to the total pressure. 1/4" tubing can build a lot of pressure with 10-34-0. The pressure a system develops will be less (possibly much less) with water than it will be with a fertilizer product.



What pressure is "too low"?

You need enough pressure to open the check valves. If the pressure is too low, some check valves will open before others, so that some rows may be flowing while others are not. With 4 lb check valves, we like at least 8 PSI. With 10 lb check valves, we like 15-20 PSI.

#### What pressure is "too high"?

A pressure is too high if it keeps the system from being able to hit the rate you want or if it opens the PRV (Pressure Relief Valve) on a hydraulic pump.

The plumbing components of a SurePoint system are rated at 100 PSI or above. On an electric pump system, the pump capacity decreases as the pressure increases. Our standard Tower electric pump has an internal 70 PSI bypass. With an electric pump, we like to see pressures from 10 to 30 PSI. If the pump has the capacity to hit the rate at higher pressures, there is not a problem with doing that, but for long-term operation it would be best to switch to a larger orifice or metering tube. High pressure requires more current, which causes more voltage drop, which causes EPD problems.

The SurePoint PumpRight hydraulic pump has the ability to pump up to 290 PSI. SurePoint plumbs these with a 100 PSI pressure relief valve (PRV) so that plumbing components will not be damaged if high pressure develops. **Typical operating pressures with hydraulic pumps will be 20-60 PSI**, but the pump will work fine at 80-90 PSI if that is needed. If continually running in that high range, consider a larger orifice or metering tube.

Lower pressure will not necessarily reduce the **velocity of the output stream** at the row. Conversely, higher pressure will not necessarily increase the velocity of the output stream at the row. The velocity of the output stream is determined by the volume of the flow and the size of the opening at the output. Changing the pressure by changing an orifice or metering tube upstream from the outlet will not affect the velocity of the output stream if the flow volume remains the same.

**Options if pressure is too high with orifices**: Use a bigger orifice. Slow down. If pressure is too low, use a smaller orifice.

With metering tube: Options if pressure is too high: Use a larger diameter tube. Shorten the tubes that are on now. Slow down. (The pressure in a metering tube is related to the viscosity of the product. Many products change viscosity as the temperature changes. A product will have a higher viscosity (and therefore higher pressure) on a cold morning than it will on a hot afternoon.)

With metering tube: Options if pressure is too low: Switch to a smaller diameter tube. Use a longer tube.

7. How do I set the Recirculation knob? Generally, the recirculation knob is closed. If tank agitation is necessary while applying, the recirculation hose can be plumbed back to the tank. Electric pumps do not have the capacity to do much agitation. A small amount of recirculation may be desired if the pump needs to run slowly and the output is not smooth. Start with a quarter turn of the knob (less on an electric pump). A half turn of the knob will recirculate a lot. If too much is recirculated, the pump may not be able to hit the rate to the rows. Opening recirculation will not lower the pressure required to push the desired product to the rows.

See SurePoint video "<u>What is Metering Tube...?</u>" or "<u>396-4116Y1 Metering Tube Charts</u>" for more information on how metering tube works.

See SurePoint publication <u>"396-3249Y1: Troubleshooting Service Guide"</u> for a description of all the system components and additional troubleshooting/service information.

See the system manual for your system for more complete information. Manuals and publications are available for download at <a href="https://support.surepointag.com">https://support.surepointag.com</a>.

Also see the John Deere manuals for the Display and the John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller for more information on the setup and operation of those components.

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## **Recommended Care and Maintenance**

### Winterization

SurePoint recommends flushing your fertilizer pump and complete system with adequate amounts of water first. Next, use RV antifreeze to winterize your system by pumping an adequate amount through all components. At the beginning of the next season, begin with water to verify the system is in working order with no leaks.

Clean all harness connections.

### **Inspect Electric Pumps**

The electric pump and motor is a completely sealed component. Over time the electric motor will lose efficiency. The entire pump and motor will need replaced when it won't efficiently produce the flow required.

Each individual pump should be able to produce 4 gpm of water flow with an open outlet (zero pressure). If pump falls short of this specification, replace to ensure a trouble-free fertilizing operation.

You can test the operation of each pump individually by unplugging one pump and running one pump at a time. Compare the output of each pump to each other and to the standard above.

### **Pre-season Service**

See the next two pages for crucial preseason maintenance and check-up items.

All techs and end users should watch the videos at the following link. Currently there are 8 videos (2 to 6 minutes each). You can watch the whole set in 30 minutes.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKqJgQzi\_FVKJ8qbmTelo3cxhVCFql9Ab

Techs and end users should have and should read these Troubleshooting/Service Guides:

John Deere Greenstar Rate Controller publications and videos:

https://support.surefireag.com/products/32

https://support.surefireag.com/media/documents/396-3249Y1\_Troubleshooting\_Service\_Guide\_for\_PWM\_Liquid\_Systems-John\_Deere\_\_Rev\_05.13.22.pub\_with\_Delivery\_System\_flowmeter.pdf

Solution Pump Dry

No Flow Reading

My Rate is Bouncing Around

My Rate is Too High







### Pre-season Service for Tower (Electric pump) Systems

(A little time spent here may prevent some downtime when you want to be rolling.)

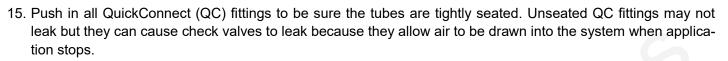
- 1. Visually check entire system (hoses, fittings, harnesses, etc.) for any signs of wear or trouble. If connectors, harnesses, or parts have been soaked in fertilizer, check these very carefully.
- 2. Particularly check all 37- and 16-pin connectors on systems that have been in use. Be sure pins are clean, not corroded, and are making good contact. Corroded pins need to be replaced. Cleaning will not restore good electrical contact. If the pin has corroded, a lot of time the corrosion extends to the first part of the wire. If there is much corrosion, consider replacing the cable. Newer style cables have Deutsch connectors that seal better than the round AMP connectors.
- 3. Check the 12-pin ISO Connector and 2-pin Molex power connector.
- 4. Check the Power Cable connection at the battery and at the hitch. If these have 480 MP connectors, consider upgrading the connectors to the Anderson connectors and possibly upgrading the full power harness and extension to the new heavier duty cables. The biggest problem with electric pump systems is when we get low voltage at the EPD because of the length of the cable necessary to get there. The heavier duty cables (6AWG wire) with the robust Anderson connectors helps to reduce the voltage drop. On EPDs with the Anderson connectors there is a Voltage Test connector. Test the voltage here when the pumps are running.
- 5. Check the flow indicators for cracks and clarity. They can become weathered and difficult to see through.
- 6. On the display, recheck all setup screens (see Section F of the manual or the QuickStart Setup Guide) to verify correct setup.
- 7. Raise and lower the implement to verify that the height switch (if being used) arrow is indicating correctly on the Run Screen by the Master Switch indicator.
- 8. Fill system with water and run in Manual mode (Section Test or Calibrate PWM Limits) to verify components and system are in working order. (May need to open air bleed valve to prime pump the first time. Be sure the air bleed valve and tube are not plugged. Be sure recirculation knob is closed.) In these two tests, you should be able to speed the pump up and slow it down with the (+) and (-) button. SurePoint gives recommendations for setting the PWM High Limit and Low Limit that generally work for nearly all systems. It is possible to fine-tune those settings with the Calibrate PWM Limits Test. The PWM Low Limit should be a setting at which the pump will run enough to register steady flow on the flowmeter. If the pump will be operating at a higher level (even when running with only one section on) the Low Limit can be increased. This is particularly helpful on the GRC to get quicker startup at the beginning of a pass. Understand that the pump will not slow down below the PWM Low Limit so if the Low Limit is too high, there could be over-application at those times that lower output is needed (such as with only one section on). Some users of the GRC may be willing to live with a little over-application on the small areas that will be covered with only one section on to get a faster startup on every pass by setting the PWM Low Limit higher.
- 9. This is a good time to check out the Readings > Delivery System screen. This is a screen that every tech and every user should regularly check.
- 10. On the Delivery System screen, check out the flowmeter operation at Flowmeter (Hz) to see the pulses (per second) that are being generated by the flowmeter. With the pump running at a steady speed this should be stable (±2 Hz variation).
- 11. Check out the PWM Duty Cycle. On a Nozzle Flow Check or while operating in the field at a steady speed, this should also be steady (±2). If this is bouncing around more, lower the Valve Response Rate (RC2000) or lower the first 2 digits of the Valve Calibration number (GRC). 9911 is our starting point on the GRC Valve Cal for an electric pump (and usually stays there).
- 12. Check the voltage at the EPD (on the Voltage Test connector) while the pumps are running hard. If the





voltage drops to 11 v or less there could be problems with the power harnessing.

- 13. Check the operation of each pump individually. Run the Calibrate PWM Limits Test with one pump at a time and verify the flow output (GPM) of each pump.
- 14. Tighten all clamps. Loose clamps may be evident by leaks on the output side of the system. Loose clamps from the tank to the pump are not always apparent but can be sources of air getting into the system which can create issues.



- 16. Remove the blue or black cap from the top of each check valve. Check the diaphragm to be sure it is intact and not gummed up with residue. Look under the diaphragm for debris. Compress the spring in the cap to be sure it moves freely. Carefully replace diaphragm and tighten cap. These check valve fairprene diaphragms (133-03-40155-07) and the O-ring (133-03-40160) in the check valve should be replaced every year or two for best performance.
- 17. Remove and clean the strainer. Be sure strainer is tightened securely so it will not suck air. Check the housing for cracks.
- 18. Run system with a Nozzle Flow Check with speed and rate to be used in the field.
- 19. Be sure all rows are flowing and that all metering tubes/orifices are open. (Note: It will take a higher flow rate with water to create enough pressure to open all the check valves so that each row will flow.)
- 20. While the test is running, go to Diagnostics > Readings > and look at Delivery System (Flow and PWM Duty Cycle), System Voltages, and Sensors/Status (Pressure Sensors on RC2000). Verify the Calibration Points (0 PSI = 0 v) and Slope (50). On the RC2000 check the Pump RPM on the RPM Sensors screen.
- 21. Verify that all sections open and close (and in the correct order) with the Section Test.
- 22. It is good to run a catch test to verify flowmeter operation. This can be done using the Diagnostics > Tests > Calibrate Flowmeter or can be run using a Nozzle Flow Check. If the amount caught is close to what it should be, do not change the Flowmeter calibration number unless you have repeatedly done accurate tests that indicate a change should be made. The flowmeters are generally very accurate with the factory flow calibration number and should not be changed unless very accurate data indicates it should.
- 23. Check the placement devices for wear and alignment. Check tension on Keeton seed firmers.

Use Flow Simulator (219-01462) or Tap Tester tool (212-03-3912Y1) to verify harnessing.

Use Pressure Simulator (212-03-3910Y1) to verify harnessing and setup and to change LiquiShift valves.

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## 396-3100Y1 QuickStart Card



SurePoint Tower Electric Pump System with PWM control for John Deere GreenStar Rate Controller (GRC) Supplement to 396-001060

The following screenshots show the setup settings that are typically good initial settings. Actual settings on your system may vary from those shown here. Adjust settings as necessary in the field to get the best operation from your system. For more complete system information see the full manual

for this system (396-001060) available at https://surepointag.com. Operator is responsible for the safe operation of this system. Setup-System Setup-Implement System Alarms Rates System Alarms Rates Implement Impleme Implement Section Valve 3-Wire **Constant Flow** \$ Liquid Fert. Tool ¢ Type Control Valve PWM Close ŧ Surefire Ag \$ Type PWM 123 Tank Capacity 400 123 Disable Setup New Rename Remove This GRO Totals Flowmeter Calibration 3000 Pressure Setup Implement Width 30.00 Sensor 3-6 Sections **3-c** Flowmeter gal Calibrate Pressure Diagnosti 4 15.00 15.00 Units Send Status Calibrate Agitator Valve Flowmeter Receive Status 12:06pm 11:56am Agitator Duty Cycle 10 Do Not Share Height Switch **\*** Flow Return 1 Set up Height Switch as appropriate for this system Flowmeter Cal—3000 Flowmeter Units—gal Calibrate Pressure Sensor PWM Setup Readings Tests Calibrate Pressure Sensor PWM Settings Calibrate Pressure Sensor Voltage-based Calibrate Pressure Senso Pressure Sensor 1 Ensure there is zero pressure at the sensor to be alibrated. . Enable the sections to spray. . Press the Calibration button for the desired type of Ensure the sensor has 12V power supply. Control Valve 9911 2. Enter the slope as reported by the Calibration alibration to begin test and set zero point. implement pressure gauge manufacturer in the box below Coil 100 3. Select Accept Frequency ◀ 50.0 my/psi Low Limit mayHigh 255 need to be low-Limit Calibrat PWN Voltage-based Calibration Operation-based Calibration Sensor 1 its er if pump won'tLow

#### Pre-season Service —See the manual for important pre-season service tips. Troubleshooting Tips-See the manual (Section G) for more troubleshooting tips.

Voltage-based Calibration

Operation-based

Calibration

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Plug pumps directly into power from battery to verify current is there and pumps are working. 1.

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2. Try one pump at a time to verify pump operation.

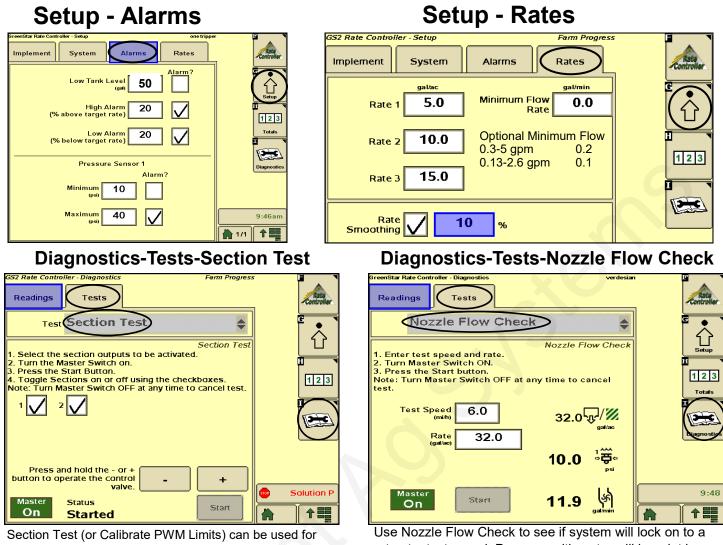
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reach low rate. Limit

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- 3. Run the Section Test to verify that section valves will open and that pumps will run. When + button is held down on Section Test, the PWM voltage to EPD should go up to 12 or 13 volts.
- Start with the recirculation (gray) knob closed. If it needs to be open, normally open a quarter turn or less. 4

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manual operation of the system. It can be used to prime the pump on startup, to rinse the system, or for troubleshooting.

Use Nozzle Flow Check to see if system will lock on to a rate at a test speed. Pressure with water will be a lot lower than it will be with a heavier, thicker product.

**Diagnostics—Readings—Delivery System** will show details on flowmeter operation and pump speed (PWM Duty Cycle). This can be useful information for troubleshooting.

### Flowmeter Tap Test

- 1. Unplug flowmeter. With voltmeter, check for 12 volts power between pins 1 & 2 (black and red wire) of flowmeter connector . Should have 4-5 volts between signal and ground (two outside pins black and blue). If no voltage, check at each connection back to Rate Controller. Visually check all connectors for corrosion.
- 2. If 12 volts is present, then conduct a **tap test**. Go to setup and change the flow cal to 1. Have a second person watch Delivery System (flowmeter Hz) screen while other person taps (use a short piece of wire or a paper clip) between pins 1 & 3 of flowmeter connector. Corrosion on pins or wires may test OK, but not operate flowmeter.
- 3. If voltage and tap test are OK, your wiring to that point is good. If still not fixed, inspect adapter harness and test continuity per schematic (see Section D). Try cleaning electrodes in flowmeter center tube with soapy water.
- 4. Replace flowmeter.

#### **Electric Section Valve Problems**

- 1. If one valve is not working, switch connections from that valve with a valve that is working to see if the problem is with the valve or with getting power/signal to the valve. If valve indicator light is continually green, replace actuator.
- 2. All valves should have constant 12V power between pins A & B. When valve is commanded to turn on, there should be 12V signal between pins B & C. Start checking at the connection closest to the valve and work back to the Rate Controller. (See wiring pinouts in main manual.) Even-numbered and odd-numbered valves have separate power.
- 3. If using Auto Section Control, be sure the controller doesn't think you are in an area already covered. Use the Section Test to open and close valves. ©2015-2023 SureFire Ag Systems

