

EchoSonic®

Ultrasonic Liquid Level Transmitter



LU27 Series Quick Start



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WELCOME TO THE ECHOSONIC® QUICK START

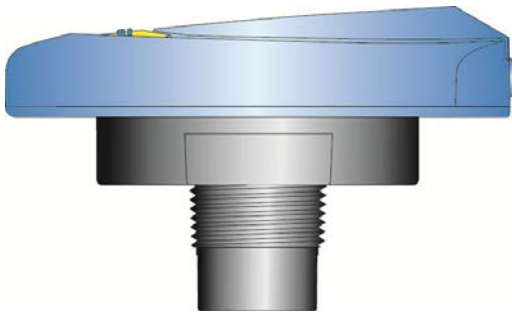
The EchoSonic® quick start is meant to show some of the more common setup solutions to getting the EchoSonic® up and running quickly. If you run into an issue that is not addressed here or wish to install or set up with a non-standard configuration, please address the EchoSonic® Manual or refer to the Flowline website at flowline.com.

WE DO YOUR LEVEL BEST

Thank you for purchasing Flowline's EchoSonic®. This general purpose ultrasonic sensor provides non-contact detection up to 9.8' (3m) powered by the 4-20 mA loop. This quick start includes everything you'll need to get the sensor up and running. For complete information, please refer to EchoSonic® documentation located at flowline.com.

COMPONENTS

Depending on how the sensor model that was shipped, you should have the EchoSonic® and Viton® gasket which are required to install the EchoSonic®. Some models will have the USB® Key Fob (LI99-2001) included with the EchoSonic®. Other will require the separate purchase of the Fob. A LI99-2001 Fob is required to interface to WebCal® and configure the sensor.



EchoSonic®
LU27-00, LU27-01
LU27-10, LU27-11



Viton® gasket (1")
P/N: 200128



USB® Key Fob
P/N: LI99-2001

CONFIGURING THE ECHOSONIC®

Configuration of your sensor should be performed prior to mounting, since it requires connection to your PC.

Step 1: Install the WebCal® Software

Download WebCal® from www.flowline.com/webcal-software onto a PC with the following minimum specifications:

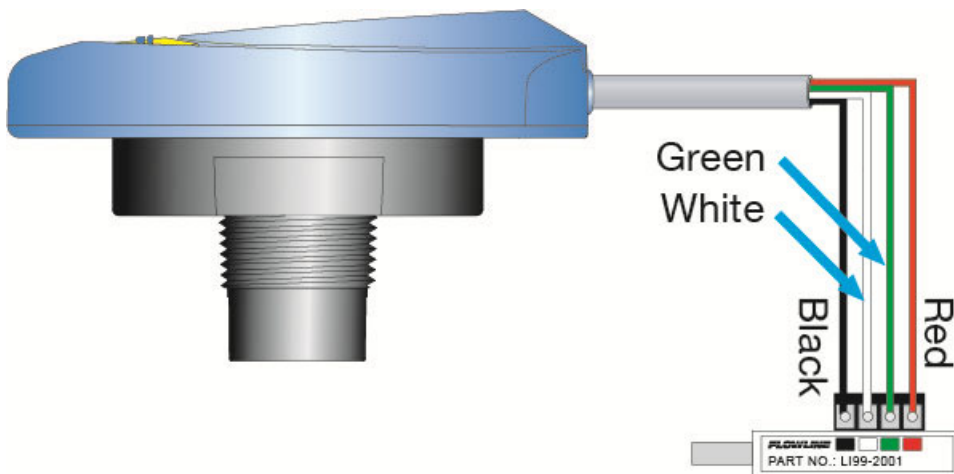
Windows® XP/Vista/7/8/10, 10 MB storage space, 256 MB RAM, 1 USB 2.0 port

Double-click the WebCal® icon to install before proceeding to Step 2. You must have an active Internet connection to install WebCal®, as it will automatically verify driver updates.

Step 2: Connect the USB Fob

NOTE: Do not connect the Fob until after you've installed WebCal®.

The sensor communicates to its configuration software through the USB Fob. Prior to connecting the Fob, ensure that all external power is disconnected from the EchoSonic® as power is provided through the PC's USB 2.0 port. Do not use a cable connecting the sensor to the Fob any longer than 15 feet.



- 1) Connect the red, green, white, and black wires from the EchoSonic® to the corresponding colored terminals on the Fob (as shown in the diagram).
- 2) Tighten the terminal screws with a slotted screwdriver.
- 3) Plug the Fob into your PC's USB port.

NOTE: EchoSonic® II ships with the LI99-2001 Fob (white in color). The LI99-1001 Fob (black in color) **can be used** with EchoSonic® II (LU27 series) to configure the sensor with WebCal®.

Step 3: Configure through WebCal®

These instructions will walk you through configuration of the sensor through WebCal®. For more information, click the WebCal® **HELP** button in the lower right corner or anywhere on the WebCal® screen or refer to the EchoSonic® manual found at flowline.com.

The screenshot shows the WebCal® 6.5.1 - Sample Program configuration window. The main area displays the FLOWLINE™ logo and sensor details: Part Type: LU28, Serial Number: 1001, Firmware: LT8p00, Description: Transmitter, 314.88" (8 m), and FW Rev: 1. The configuration panel on the left includes a Model Number dropdown set to LU28, and several other settings: Loop Fail-Safe, Overfill (22 mA), Output at Empty (4 mA at Bottom), Startup Condition (Empty), and Config #0. The central diagram shows a vertical cylinder with a sensor at the top. The sensor height is 314.9 inches, and the fill height is 306.9 inches. The diagram also indicates a 20mA output at the sensor height and a 4mA output at the fill height. The right-hand panel contains buttons for Write to Unit, Wiring Diagram, Advanced, Factory Config, Clear Screen, Config File Name, Open Config File, Save Config File, Print Config File, and a Help button at the bottom right.

WebCal® Configuration Screen

Config

Loop Fail-Safe
 Overfill (22 mA) ▼

Output at Empty
 4 mA at Bottom ▼

Startup Condition
 Empty ▼

Config #0

Using the drop-down menus on the left of the WebCal[®] screen set the configuration for your application requirements. When a selection does not apply to your application, “Not Applicable” will appear in the drop-down. Make sure all drop-downs are set appropriately for your application before moving to the Tank Level section.

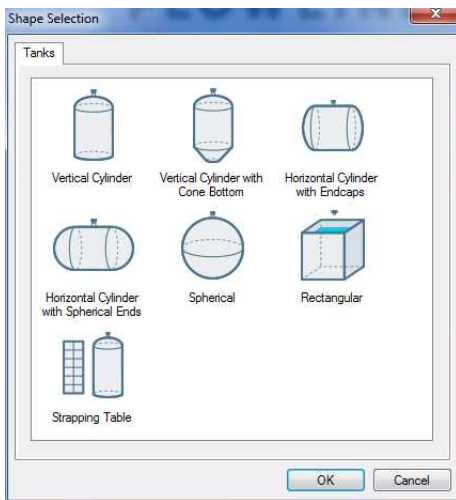
- **Loop Fail Safe.** Use this setting to choose the output level should the sensor not receive an echo.
- **Output at Empty.** Use this setting to change the 4-20 mA setting from its default.
- **Startup Condition.** During the 15-20 seconds during which the EchoSonic[®] starts up, this describes the level at which it will begin searching for the contents of the tank.

NOTE: If you would like to start over, click the **Clear Screen** button on the right.

A New feature of WebCal[®] 6.0 is the ability to configure the sensor in volumetric units (Gallons or Liters) or in the existing Distance (Height of Liquid) units (inches, cm, feet or meters). To change the actual units or to change from Distance to Volume, press the Tanks button located near the center of the window.

Shape Selection Window

This window will show the different options for tank shapes available in WebCal[®].



Dimensional Entry Window

Dimensional Entry - Vertical Cylinder

Sensor Output Units:
 Distance
 Volume Gallons ▼

Units: Inches ▼

Dimensions:

S - Sensor Height: 314.9

F - Fill Height: 306.9

R - Riser Height: 0.0

H - Tank Height: 306.9

D - Diameter:

Enter the dimensional information for the tank. You must enter all of the fields shown.

- **Sensor Height:**
- **Fill Height:**
- **Riser Height:**
- **Tank Height:**
- **Diameter:**

Dimensional Entry - Vertical Cylinder

Sensor Output Units:
 Distance
 Volume Inches ▼

Units: Inches ▼

Dimensions:

S - Sensor Height: 148.0

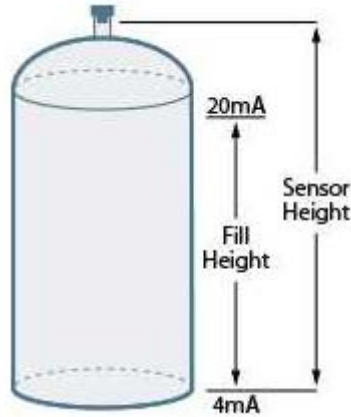
F - Fill Height: 136.0

R - Riser Height: 0.0

Note: Not all of the fields apply for every tank configuration.

Enter the appropriate tank level set points for your application.

- **Units.** Display measurements in inches or centimeters.
- **Sensor Height.** Distance measured from the bottom of the empty tank to the bottom of the transducer. Under factory configuration, this becomes the 4 mA set point.
- **Fill Height.** Distance measured from the bottom of the empty tank to the maximum fill height within the tank. Under factory configuration, this becomes the 20 mA set point.



Tank Level Settings

The options on the right of the WebCal[®] screen to finalize the configuration.

- **Write to Unit.** Send your configuration into EchoSonic[®].
- **Wiring Diagram.** Open PDF wiring schematic of your configuration.
- **Advanced.** Configure advanced settings. Read the section below on advanced setting options
- **Factory Config.** Return EchoSonic[®] to the original factory configuration.
- **Clear Screen.** Clears the screen of configuration settings.
- **Config File.** Name, save, open or print your configuration for later use.

Write to Unit

Wiring Diagram

Advanced

Factory Config

Clear Screen

Config File Name

Open Config File

Save Config File

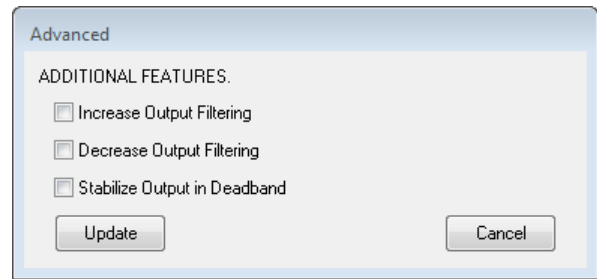
Print Config File

Finalize Settings

The **Advanced** button is used for options available when setting up the sensor with special, non-standard features. Many of these features are available for specific applications that may change from time to time. Consult WebCal[®]'s **HELP** file for the latest information on the use of any of these features.

The more commonly used Advanced features are the Invert Relay and Increase Output Filtering described below.

- **Increase Output Filtering.** Select this radio button to add additional filtering to the 4-20 mA output.
- **Decrease Output Filtering.** Select this radio button to remove all output filtering on the 4-20 mA output.



Advanced Settings

Before configuration can be completed:

- You must click the **Write to Unit** button to save the settings to the unit.
- Then, click **Wiring Diagram** for a hard copy of the sensor's settings.
- Finally, enter the file name under which you wish to save the configuration file and click **Save Config File**.

Configuration is now complete.

Disconnect the USB Fob before continuing to the next step: Mounting the EchoSonic[®].

For updates to WebCal[®], or to make sure you're using the most up-to-date version available, click the **Update** tab on the top of the WebCal[®] screen.

MOUNTING THE ECHOSONIC®

The sensor should always be mounted perpendicular to the liquid surface using the provided Viton® mounting gasket. Insure that there are no restrictions or obstacles in the path of the ultrasonic signal. Further mounting information can be found on the Flowline website at flowline.com.

The EchoSonic® has a 1" NPT or G fitting and requires more care in mounting to reduce any coupling of the ultrasonic signal to the mounting structure. The below listed fittings are recommended.

For installations in existing 2" fittings:

- 1) Use a LM52-1400 2" thread x 1" thread adapter (shown to the right) or a LM52-1410 2" slip x 1" thread adapter. (An adapter with an air gap around the 1 inch threads as shown is recommended)



LM52-1400

For installations in plastic tanks (use one of the following):

- 1) Use a 1" Bulkhead fitting, such as the LM52-1890 Bulkhead fitting.
- 2) Use a larger Bulkhead fitting, such as the LM52-2890 in combination with a reducer bushing such as the LM52-1400.
- 3) Weld a plastic 1" half coupling to the tank top.



LM52-1410

For installations in metal tanks (use one of the following):

- 1) Use the recommended bulkhead fittings as shown above.
- 2) Use a flange with a 1" riser, such as the LM52-1850 (the thread is above the plane of the flange). **Do not use a blind flange with a tapped 1" thread.**
- 3) Use a larger flange with a 2" thread and add a reducer bushing such as the LM52-1200.



LM52-2890

Note: While installations directly into a 1" metal fitting are not recommended, acceptable results may be obtained if the 1" fitting is a half coupling in form and the outer diameter of the coupler is tightly wrapped in vinyl tape to dampen vibrations.

For installations in open tanks and sumps:

- 1) Use Flowline's LM50-1001-1 side mount bracket.

Note: The Side Mount Bracket (LM50 series) is not designed for use with stand pipes or as a method to secure stand pipes. There are too few threads to properly hold the sensor and the stand pipe.



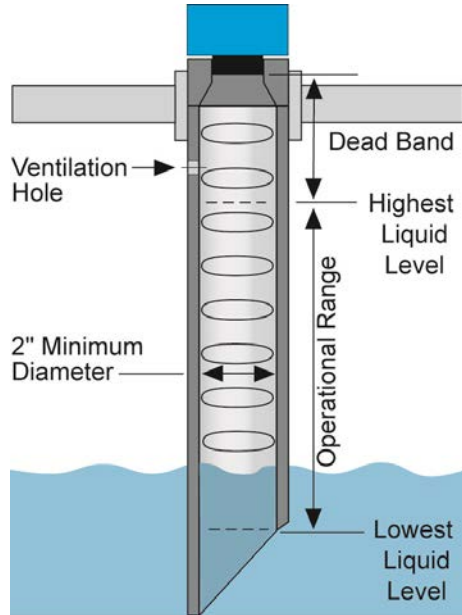
LM52-1850



LM50-1001

Mounting with a Stand-Pipe:

A stand-pipe may be used to dampen turbulence, separate surface foam from the point of measurement or increase performance in heavy vapor. When mounting the sensor in a stand-pipe, the minimum diameter of the pipe is 2". Larger diameter pipes can be used. The pipe should be attached with a coupling and reducer bushing. The pipe length should run the measurement span and the bottom of the pipe should remain submerged at all times to prevent foam from entering the pipe. Cut the bottom end of the pipe at 45° and drill a 1/4" pressure equalization hole high in the dead band. The pumps should not drive liquid past the open end of the standpipe which causes the liquid in the pipe to oscillate.



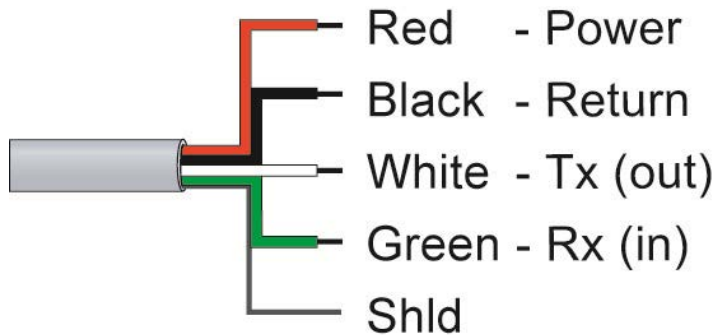
Stand-Pipe Mounting

IMPORTANT MOUNTING GUIDELINES

- 1) Never mount the sensor at an angle.
- 2) Liquid should never enter the dead band.
- 3) Mount at least 3" from the side wall.
- 4) Never mount the sensor in a vacuum.
- 5) Do not obstruct the sensor's beam width.

WIRING THE ECHOSONIC®

After mounting the sensor, make the necessary electrical connections. A wiring diagram with specific recommendations for the sensor's configuration can be printed from the WebCal® program. A typical wiring diagram is shown on the next page.



Red (Power) and **Black** (Return) leads are for connection to a 24 VDC power supply or to a 4-20 mA loop power source. The red and black wires can be extended more than 1000 feet using 22-gauge or larger wire, however do not extend the green and white wires beyond 15'.

White (Tx) and **Green** (Rx) leads are reserved for use with WebCal® and should not be connected during usage in the application. These wires should not be connected to WebCal® while power is supplied from any source other than the LI99-2001 Fob.

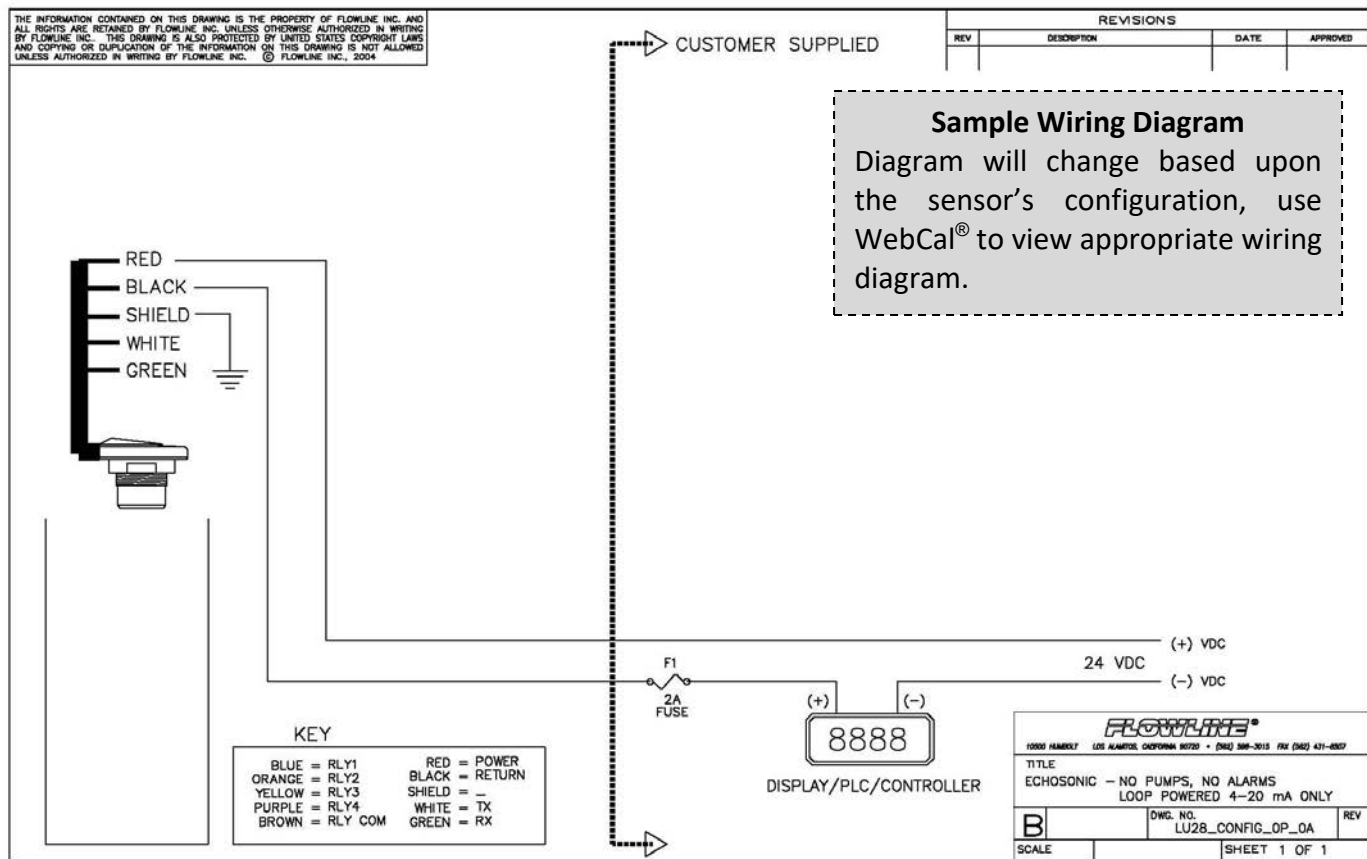
NOTE: When using the White and Green wires with WebCal®, the maximum cable distance between the EchoSonic® transmitter and the computer is 15'.

NOTE: Never allow the white or green wires to touch any power supply.

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The following wiring diagram can be used when wiring to the EchoSonic®.



Typical Wiring Diagram (Your WebCal® Wiring Diagram May Vary)

GENERAL NOTES FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS, USAGE AND SAFETY

- Where personal safety or significant property damage can occur due to a spill, the installation must have a redundant backup safety system installed.
- Wiring should always be completed by a licensed electrician.
- Supply voltage should never exceed 28 VDC.
- Protect the sensor from excessive electrical spikes by isolating the power, whenever possible.
- The sensor materials must be chemically compatible with the liquids to be measured.
- Design a fail-safe system for possible sensor and/or power failure.
- **Never use the sensor in environments classified as Hazardous.**

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RETURNS

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