

# R900® RF









The R900 Meter Interface Unit (MIU) is a compact electronic device that collects meter-usage data from up to two networked encoder registers and transmits the data for collection by the meter reader. The R900 MIU is compatible with ARB® III, IV & V, ProRead (ARB VI), E-Coder™ (ARB VII), and Sensus ECR® II & III\* encoder registers. The R900 MIU automatically detects the type of register to which it is connected; therefore, no field programming is necessary.

Data transmitted by the MIU is received by Neptune walk-by, mobile, or fixed-network data collection systems and stored for downloading at the utility office. The R900 MIU is a one-way communication device that transmits data using frequency-hopping, spread-spectrum technology to ensure data security and improve meter reading accuracy and reliability.

When connected to a single encoder register by a three-conductor wire, the R900 MIU reads the register automatically once an hour and transmits the meter reading with MIU ID number every 14 seconds. When connected to two networked encoder registers, the R900 MIU reads the registers automatically once an hour and transmits the meter readings with MIU ID numbers alternately every 11 seconds. When connected to E-Coder electronic absolute

encoders, the R900 MIU reads the registers every 15 minutes and transmits in the same intervals as described.

As part of the ARB "absolute" encoder technology, the remote electronic reading is guaranteed to match the reading on the encoder register exactly (once per hour) when the R900 MIU interrogates the encoder register.

## **R900 WALL MIU**

The R900 Wall MIU features a compact enclosure that can be easily mounted to most flat wall surfaces or pipe. The R900 Wall MIU can be installed as far as 500 feet from the encoder register. The MIU is designed to easily upgrade existing probebased systems that use wall receptacles.

### **R900 PIT MIU**

The R900 Pit MIU features a compact enclosure equipped with an external antenna for optimal performance. The antenna is designed to be mounted above the pit lid through the industry standard 1-3/4" hole. The rugged antenna design allows installation in high traffic areas and the electronic enclosure is fully potted to withstand flooded pit environments. The MIU is designed to easily upgrade probe-based systems that use pit receptacles.

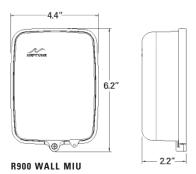
\* The ECR® III Register is supported when programmed with the same format used in the "6 wheel ECR II register."

No FCC license required

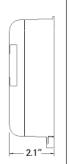
**KEY FEATURES** 

- No MIU programming required automatically detects register type
- Long-life lithium battery with HLC capacitor
- Available in both R900 Wall MIU and R900 Pit MIU versions
- Fully submersible R900 Pit MIU enclosure
- Rugged pit antenna designed to withstand traffic
- Reads up to two networked ProRead or E-Coder encoder registers
- Compatible Neptune meter reading systems
- Enables E-Coder "value-added" features\*
- Suitable for any size utility
- 20-year warranty (10 full/10 prorated)

<sup>\*</sup>When connected to second generation or later R900.



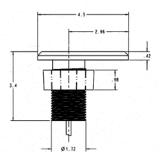




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*TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS* 

**R900 PIT MIU** 



**R900 PIT ANTENNA** 





The R900 works with route management software to provide a complete meter reading solution with advanced functions for water utilities.

- Enhanced output power allows migration from walk-by to mobile, and fixed-network for targeted C&I accounts
- Provides value-added features like leak, tamper and reverse flow detection when connected to Neptune's E-Coder electronic absolute encoder3
- Improves meter reading accuracy
- Addresses "hard-to-read" meters
- Increases meter reader safety
- Minimizes reading time
- Enhances customer care
- Reduces costs
- Easy to install
- Easily upgradeable with existing probe-based systems
- Electrical Specifications:
- Power: Lithium battery with HLC capacitor
- Transmitter Specifications:
  - Transmit period: Every 14 seconds for single meter and alternately every 11 seconds for two networked encoder registers
  - Transmitter channels: 50
- Channel frequency: 910 to 920 MHz spread spectrum
- Output Power: Meets FCC Part 15.247
- FCC Verification: Part 15.247
- Encoder Register Interface Wall:
- · Compatible with Neptune ARB III, IV & V, ProRead and E-Coder, and Sensus ECR II & III\*
- Maximum cable length: Networked - 250 feet (91 m) (total for both registers); Single Register - 500 feet (152 m)
- Encoder Register Interface Pit:
  - · Compatible with Neptune ARB III, IV & V, ProRead and E-Coder, and Sensus ECR II & III<sup>3</sup>
  - Two available wire lengths: 6 feet and 25 feet
- Environmental Conditions:
  - Operating temperature: -22°F to 149°F (-30°C to 65°C)
  - Storage temperature: -40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)
  - · Operating humidity:
    - R900 Wall MIÚ:

  - 0 to 95%, condensing R900 Pit MIU: 100% submersible
- Functional Specifications:
  - 1-2 register readings
  - 1-2 MIU IDs

\*The ECR® III Register is supported when programmed with the same format used in the 6 wheel ECR II register.

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