

AIM On-Line Air Ingress Monitor

• On-line monitor for improved turbine efficiency.

• Assists the diagnosis of tube fouling and air blanketing.

- Easy single point installation using averaging pitot tube.
- Five continuous 4-20 mA outputs.
- RS232 or RS485 interface.





AIM (shown with optional five valve manifold)

Excessive air in-leakage and ineffective non-condensable gas removal can lead to condenser inefficiencies as great as 23%. One generator recently estimated the cost of air in-leakage on a 500 megawatt turbine as in excess of £1000 per mbar, per week. In addition to the increased generation costs, the man/ hours taken to locate the source of the leak are a major concern.

Chell Instruments second generation A I M provides real time measurement of air ingress enabling trends to be picked up at an early stage, and relevant action taken. Once air in-leakage is detected comparison of the individual measured parameters under differing plant load conditions, with historical data and with other plant measurements is useful in indicating the most likely source.

Continuous output of all the measured parameters via 4-20 mA signals and the digital interface allows data logging, further analysis of the information, or integration into the plant management system.

Air Ingress Monitor	
Case	IP65 with sealed keypad
Process connections	Carbon steel 3-valve manifold (5-valve manifold available)
Display	31/2 digit 25mm high intensity LED
Cable entry	3 x M20 cable glands
Powerinput	100 - 240 VAC 50/60 Hz
Analogue outputs	5 x 4-20 mA proportional to air ingress, % air, absolute pressure, differential pressure and temperature
Digital interface	RS232 or RS485
Temperature range	0 - 70°C
Temperature resolution	0.1°C
Temperature uncertainty	0.3°
Differential pressure range	0-1 mbar (0 - 10 mbar optional)
Differential pressure resolution	0.1% of full-scale
Differential pressure uncertainty	0.5% of reading
Absolute pressure range	0 - 100 mbar (0 - 1000 mbar optional)
Absolute pressure resolution	0.1% of full-scale
Absolute pressure uncertainty	0.5% of reading
Pitot Tubes & Valves	
Pitot tube length	100mm to 600 mm (4" to 24")
Material	316 stainless steel
Pipe fitting	1" BSP, carbon steel.
Output connectors	1⁄2" BSP
Integral RTD	PT100 1/10DIN 4-wire with Jaeger plug
Valve option	Manual ball valve (requires extended neck pitot tube)