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#### **Other Resources**

- 396-4953Y1 Manual for PumpRight System using Sentinel Rate Control
- 396-4954Y1 Manual for Tower System using Sentinel Rate Control
- 396-4608Y1 Gen3 LiquiShift Manual
- 396-4034Y1 PumpRight Pump Manual

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- Manuals
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Sentinel ECU Version: V.1.5.0

System Summary (helpful for tech support)

System Purchased from:		
Date Purchased:	Þ	
S0 number from Sales Order: <u>S0</u>		
Using Sentinel for: Row Monitoring	Rate Control	Gen3 LiquiShift
Pump: Electric PR17	PR30 PR4	0 🔲 D250
Implement:		
Metering Tube colors	_&[	8' 5' Other
Implement Width Rows	Spacing	Sections



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TAKE NOTE! THIS SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS MANUAL IS USED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO INSTRUCTIONS INVOLVING YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.



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.







#### Hydraulic Fluid and Equipment Safety

This system uses hydraulic equipment with hydraulic fluid under extremely high pressure.

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.

SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.







# **General Description**

You have purchased a SurePoint Sentinel system for your equipment. This system will be controlled by the Sentinel ECU through your in-cab ISO display. If you are using the Sentinel for row monitoring, your liquid system will continue to function as usual with application rates being regulated by your existing rate control. The Sentinel works

independently, monitoring the row-to-row accuracy of your system and alerting the operator of over-applying, restricted or blocked rows.

If you are using Sentinel for Rate Control, the Sentinel ECU will be the rate controller for your system.

SurePoint currently supports Sentinel operating on the following displays: **John Deere** 2630 & 4640, **Ag Leader** InCommand 800 and 1200, **Case IH** Pro 700 and Pro 1200, and **Trimble** TMX-2050. <u>The use of</u> <u>Sentinel on any other display may result in diminished functionality.</u>

A 2-pin Molex power and 12-pin Ampseal Power/CAN connector are required on your implement to connect the Sentinel ECU to the implement bus. While some equipment manufacturers already provide this connection, SurePoint offers harnessing to provide this connection on any implement. Ask your SurePoint representative what accommodations may be needed for your specific equipment.

# **Basic Installation Steps for Row Monitoring**

- 1. Manifold together the Sentinel flow modules as necessary to obtain the correct section-control configuration.
- 2. Mount the Sentinel flow modules as necessary using existing or provided brackets and hardware.
- 3. If necessary, route the provided ISO extension cable from the implement hitch to the desired Sentinel ECU mounting location.
- 4. Locate the 2-pin Molex power and 12-pin Ampseal POWER/CAN connectors that the Sentinel ECU will be connected to and remove the terminator.
- 5. Mount the Sentinel ECU using the provided bracket in a location within 4 feet of the above connection.
- 6. Attach the Sentinel ECU harness (208-06-\_\_\_Y2) to the Sentinel ECU and plug the other end of the harness into the above Molex/Ampseal POWER/CAN connection.
- 7. Use the previously removed terminator to terminate the POWER/CAN connection found on the ECU harness.

Follow steps 8-11 if using Sentinel Flowmeter Modules:

- 8. Locate the CAN Trunkline harness (208-06-29XX) and plug the 4-pin Amp Superseal connectors into the open connection on Flow module(s) as shown on page 7.
- 9. Route this harness to the ECU harness, using 4-pin Deutsch extensions when needed.
- 10. Locate the "Flowmeter Bus" connector on the ECU harness. Remove the terminator (208-06-2912Y1) and plug the 4-pin Deutsch from the flow modules into this connection.
- 11. Move the terminator to the open 4-pin connector on the end of the CAN Trunkline harness.
- 12. From the in-cab display, address the flow modules and configure the implement as outlined in the setup instructions in this manual using the tab for the system you have.







# **System Overview Example 1**

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

- Tank
- Pump
- Section Valves
- Sentinel Flow Monitor















ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	204-01-4625AAGB1B1	Sentinel™ Flowmeter Module
2	120-T3MT3F-4XT1M	T3 Male/Female Manifold w/ (4)T1 Male Outlets
3	124-02-010003	T3 Fork
4	120-T3FTEE	T3 Tee
5	120-T3MPLUG	T3 Male FC Plug
6	124-02-010004	T4 Fork
7	120-T4FT3FRC	T4 Female x T3 Female FC Reducer Coupling
8	120-T4MT3MRN	T4 Male x T3 Male FC Reducer Nipple
9	121-T3M075-90	T3 Male FC x 3/4" HB - 90 degree
10	121-T3F075	T3 Female x 3/4" HB
11	124-01-G11056-V	Viton O-Ring for T1 fittings
12	124-01-G11058-V	Viton O-Ring for T3 fittings
13	124-01-G11054-V	Viton O-Ring for T4 fittings

See next page for a list of T1 fittings





# Parts and Fittings

**Isolated Rows** 



#### Commonly used Quick-Connect (QC) Fittings

Part Number	Description
113-12-038038	Stem Elbow—3/8" Stem x 3/8" QC
113-05-025	Plug - 1/4" QC
13-05-038	Plug - 3/8" QC

#### **T1 Fittings**

	Part Number	Description
	120-T1M038QC	T1 Male x 3/8" QC
1	120-T1M025QC	T1 Male x 1/4" QC
	121-T1M038	T1 Male x 3/8" HB
	121-T1M050	T1 Male x 1/2" HB
	124-01-G11056-V	Viton O-ring for T1 Fittings

#### **Sentinel Flow Meter**

Part Number	Description
204-01-4625AAGB1B1	4-Row Sentinel flow meter
124-02-010001	T1 Fork
374-4024Y1	4-Pin Amp Superseal dust plug
384-1105	Hardware Kit - mounting bolts



# SurePoint Harness Layout for ISO Sentinel

The SurePoint Sentinel module communicates with the Sentinel ECU through a proprietary communication network (CAN). The Sentinel ECU then, using the ISOBUS communication protocol, relays the flow information through the tractor ISOBUS and generates the user interface on the in-cab display. A series of connections are required to form this communication network.



### Tractor Connection **In-Cab Display** Designed to integrate with any imple-(user-provided) Tractor **ISOBUS** Front ISO Extension Sentinel ECU (optional) CAN Bus and Power -In Connectors Implement Switch CAN Bus and Power-Out Connectors Speed Input (Terminator) Term. Resistor LS Controller Prod1 Programing LS Controller Prod 2 **RS232** Meter Meter Bus 2 Bus 1

### Bus Connections

2 Bus connections are provided for convenience so that each side of the implement can plug into the ECU harness without the need for a long, continuous chain of connections.



#### **Implement Height and Speed Input**

Not used in all configurations, the implement height and speed input connections provide additional input options in situations that require advanced alarm control and an auxiliary speed source. These conditions generally exist only in hybrid systems, utilizing multi-branded components.

### Sentinel and LiquiShift

The Sentinel ECU has incorporated software that allows for customized control of up to 2 SurePoint LiquiShift systems. When used, the ECU replaces the LiquiShift Controller.

# Service Connections

The Terminating Resistor, Programming and RS232 connectors are for service only and should not be used.































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#### 208-06-5022Y1 Connector pinouts for Rate Control and Row Control



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#### 208-06-5023Y1 Connector pinouts for Gen3 LiquiShift Rate Control

#### Product 1

Product 2





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The connectors not shown here are the same as on the 5022 harness on the previous page.







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2911 is similar to the above, but with three Device connectors.

4976 and 4977 are similar to the above, but with four Device connectors.

The Deutsch 4-pin Tower CAN Bus connector (bottom right of each drawing above) is plugged into another trunkline or, if it is the last trunkline, it is plugged into a Terminator.



A Front ISO Extension will not be needed on all systems.

If there is a 12-pin ISO connector on the implement, the Sentinel ECU harness can be plugged in there.

If it is necessary to connect to the 9-pin ISO connector on the tractor, a Front ISO Extension will be needed .

#### 214-00-3553Y1 Thru 214-00-3557Y1

#### Front Extension Harness – (9-Pin ISO Connector @ 3-Pin Master Switch to 12-Pin Ampseal 16 ISO and 2-Pin Molex Power)



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#### How to get to Sentinel on the VT (or UT)

SurePoint Tech Support has additional screenshot documentation available on setting up the display to use the Sentinel ISO device. This includes setting up Task Control, Section Control, Work Setup, etc, depending on the display.





Pro 700 Display



You can set up VT Upload and VT Implements on Toolbox > Layout (shown in Left Area above). On first bootup, VT Upload may take several minutes for a new device.

Press ISOBUS to go to ISOBUS devices or Press the Sentinel icon to go to the Sentinel screens.

John Deere 4640 Gen 4 Display

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PRESS "ISO" to go to the ISOBUS VT screens. There may be more than one ISOBUS device connected



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#### Ag Leader InCommand






### **Icons from Sentinel**





Sentinel Wheat "HOME" button returns to the main run screen.



SETTINGS tools - set up products, devices, rows, sections



SurePoint - see software version. Go to Auxiliary Settings screen.







SETUP WIZARD







**IMPLEMENT Setup** -enter implement geometry



Nozzle Test - Run a test with a simulated speed and target rate. (v.1.3.0)



SPEED Setup - select speed source and see which speed sources are reporting speed.



Catch Test - check and adjust flowmeter calibration. (v.1.3.0 and later)



HARDWARE - set up height switch, master switch, task control, Intellisection



RATE Setup - set up rate mode, target rate, rate smoothing



**ROW BAR** - see Sentinel row graphs depicting the flow on each row





Save Task Controller settings





LiquiShift - this icon will be available when Sentinel is controlling the LiquiShift valves.



Go to Next Page to see more rows



#### Sentinel Startup Light Sequence to identify Sentinel Multiflow Modules

After the Sentinel has been set up, when the Sentinel is turned on there will be some lights that light up on the flowmeter units. The Sentinel Multiflow unit that contains Rows 1-4 (Multiflow 1) should have an alternate flashing of lights A-B and C-D. (A-B, C-D, A-B, C-D, A-B, C-D, A-B, C-D). While these lights are flashing on Multiflow 1, Multiflow 2 (Rows 5-8) should have light B lit. Multiflow 3 (Rows 9-12) should have lights A & B on. Multiflow 4 (Rows 13-16) should have light C on.

The address of any module can be confirmed by unplugging it and watching the light pattern as it is plugged in.



#### Other LED Signals

When liquid is flowing, there will be a flashing of LEDs on the channels with flowing liquid, with the frequency proportional to the flowrate.

When liquid is not flowing, the LED on each channel will be lit to indicate there is liquid in the unit. (These lights will blink off shortly once every 3 seconds.)

When liquid is not flowing but is present in the flowmeter, if the LED is OFF (with a short blink every 3 seconds), that indicates the flowmeter on that row is not detecting any liquid. If all rows are like this, it could indicate a low conductivity fluid that the units will not read. If one or two rows are like this, it could be a marginally conductive liquid or faulty flowmeter on that channel. Clean the inside tube with a soft cloth.

### Using the Setup Guide Wizard for Software Version 1.4.0 and above

Use these pages along with the screenshots in the appropriate tab (Monitor, Control, Control & Monitor) to set up the Sentinel for your application.



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Setup Guide SENTINEL Product 1	34	32	
Ctrl         Rate         PWM Max         80.00 %           Mode         Ctrl         200.00         PWM Min         25.00 %           Speed         200.10         Fraction of the second se		PR17	
Max RPM 500 Open 0.00 % Flow 2000.00 Verify with meter Cal PPG 2000.00 label! Tank 0		PR30	
0-5V 100.0 Capacity 0 Tank Level 0 33	EXTT	PR40	
32. Select the Pump. Appropriate values will a be entered on this page.	utomatically	PR80	▼
If <b>Spartan</b> is selected, enter the Flow Cal for ta are using.	he model you	D250	
		Tower Electric	
		Spartan	

#### New for 2023 in Software Version 1.4.0 - SETUP GUIDE WIZARD

The Setup Guide Wizard will guide you through setting up the screens for the type of application you will be doing.

Use this document along with the screenshots in 396-4035Y1 or 5477Y1 to set up the Sentinel for your system. Choose the appropriate tab in this manual to see additional information about setting up your system.



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# Setting Up



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## **Sentinel Row Monitoring**

## With Sentinel Flowmeters



226-01-5319Y1 3CS Row Monitoring Sentinel ISOBUS ECU Level 1 ECU

Typically will use one of the following Sentinel ECU Harnesses							
208-06-5021Y1 Sentinel ECU Harness 208-06-5374Y1 Sentinel Lvl 1 Monitor Only							
208-06-3536Y3	Sentinel ECU Harness						



Sentinel ISOBUS ECU

Level 2 ECU

## Set-up and Configuration for Row Monitoring

#### See the Sentinel Setup Guide Wizard on pages 31-33. Use the following pages for additional screenshots.

The following pages will guide you through the initial set-up and configuration of your Sentinel Row Monitoring system. Below is an overview of the steps necessary to fully configure

the system before operation. Each subsequent page outlines the page features as well as the sequence of buttons used to navigate to that page from the HOME screen.

## Basic Steps for Initial System Set-up for Row Monitoring

For detailed information on a step, go to the referenced page

REFERENCE Page #	Press the <b>HOME</b> button	
38	Go to the settings page by touching the <b>SETTINGS</b> b	button
38	On the settings page, specify the number of products	being monitored (maximum of 4)
38-39	Configure each product by touching the <b>PRODUCT</b> b	
38-39	Select DEVICE (Liquid Row Monitor) and set up each	n product with requested information.
39	Press <b>MORE</b> , set up Rate (AVG), Smoothing (10%),	other options for this setup.
39	When finished, use the BACK arrow to go back to the	e SETTINGS menu.
40	Set up the implement dimensions by touching the IM	
40	Choose a speed source by selecting the SPEED but	ton.
40	). Select system control options (IntelliSection, lift switc	h, etc.) under HARDWARE.
41	I. Select the Rate Mode ( <i>AVG</i> ) at <b>RATE SETUP.</b>	Hardware
42	2. From the Settings screen, touch the <b>NEXT</b> button.	e Setur
42	3. Click on Flow Module Diagnostics	
42	4. Ensure that all flow modules are plugged in and click	Reset All Addresses
	5. Unplug all of the Sentinel Flowmeter Modules.	
	<ol> <li>Beginning with module #1 (on Product 1), plug it back the screen. Have someone watch the screen to verify module. Also, watch the lights on the module per Ser</li> </ol>	k in - module 1 should turn green on y successful addressing for each ntinel Startup Light Sequence (p.30).
	7. Moving across the implement, plug in each module for	or Product 1 in order.
	3. If applicable, address the modules for product 2 by re	epeating steps 15-17 for product 2.
	9. Select the correct module orientation (ABCD or DCB	A) (What is Row 1? (A) or (D)?
43	). Customizing Scans and Alarms	
44-48	I. Row Detail Screen, LiquiShift setup, Customizable	Toolbar, and Operation
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#### Sentinel Setup and Configuration Home Screen Navigation for Row Monitoring Setup & Operation Real-time, implement-wide Sentinel HOME Screen performance is displayed here as both inter Ser Series target rate and actual rate Sentinel Prod # 2 Row # TARGET ACTUAL GPA GPM GPA GPA Product 5.0 5.0 0.15 5.0 If an implement height switch is ACTUAL DUTY plugged into the Sentinel harnessing, FLOW MASTER SPEED PRESS CYCLE ωи D there is an arrow showing the current 6.0 27.6 1.2 39.28 implement height status. 96 MPH PSI GPM The Row Bar View provides a quick visual reference of total system performance as well as individual row flow. **Row Bar View** The black bars represent the userdefined row-flow tolerance above and below the current flow

### **Row Bar Button**

The SENTINEL ROW BAR button appears when using row flow monitoring. When doing row flow monitoring, this takes you to the row bar view page (above). This button may appear on the right side of the screen or on bottom left, where it puts the Row Bar View on the bottom half of the screen.

### Row Detail Button

Prod # 1	Row # 2
GPA	GPM
0.0	0.00

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Touching the **ROW DETAIL** button will display individual row details including individual row flow, rate, module temperature, voltage, etc. (see page 40) To change the row that is being displayed in this button, touch the row on the flow chart. (see pg. 40)

### **Customizable Toolbar (Screen Settings)**

Touching this button will allow you to set up the icons on this row. When you press this button you will see three rows of icons. The top row shows what is on your screen now. To change an icon, press on that icon on the top row and then press on the icon you want there on the 2nd or 3rd row. Click OK.



### **Next Product Button**

Toggle between up to 4 product screens (Liquid Row Flow Monitoring) by touching the **NEXT PRODUCT** button.



### Settings (Tools) Button

The **SETTINGS** button will be used to access the system configuration pages and to change individual product alarm, tolerance, and rate settings. (see next page)

### Master (ON/OFF) Button

MASTER	MASTER
OFF	ON

The **MASTER ON/OFF** button enables and disables the Sentinel system. *This must be* **GREEN (MASTER ON)** *for Sentinel to work.*  ARROW indicates implement position when using Implement Switch with Sentinel









#### SETUP for Row Flow Monitoring - Sections - Rows - Tolerance - Rates - Smoothing -LiquiShift Enable



14a.) Check this box for Metric Units.

15.) See below: Rate Mode - For row monitoring set this to AVG. Sentinel will report how far from average each row is. For systems with less than 6 rows, set 16.) Smoothing - Start with 10%. Typical setting User Def and enter the rate.



23.) Press the Back Arrow when finished with this screen.

- 7.) Enter the number of SECTIONS for this product.
- 8.) Enter the number of **ROWS** for this product.
- 9.) Enter the row spacing in INCHES.
- 10.) Start Row = 1 for Product 1.

Product 2 Start Row will typically be 1 more than the number of Rows on Product 1. On a 16-row system, Product 2 will start with Row 17.

- 11.) Enter Implement Width in FT.
- 12.) Tolerance start at 25%. You can lower this in the field. If the tolerance is too low, there will be unnecessary alarms. The Row Bar Graph will show red if a row is off-rate by the Tolerance % or more. Tolerance sets the black bars on the Row Bar View graph.
- 13.) Verify the number of rows in each section.
- 14b.) Press More to go to the next screen.
- will be from 5 to 15%.

The green line on the Row Bar Graph will be a thin line if the row variation is less than the Row Smoothing %.

- 17.) For Row Monitoring with Rate Mode set to AVG, you do not need to enter any rates.
- 18.) Rate for Outside Rows is typically "X 1.0".

Some applications may be "X 0.5" (half-rate) or "X 1.5" (rate and a half) for outside rows.

- 19.) Interplant Mode -
- 20.) LiquiShift Enable Check this box if Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift on this product. (LiquiShift A-B valves can be controlled by a black LiquiShift Control Module on the back of the A-B Valve stack or can be plugged into and controlled by the Sentinel.)
- 21.) LiquiShift A/B Close on Stop Typically this is not checked.
- 22.) Module Orientation ABCD if Row 1 is A. **DCBA** if Row 1 is D on the Sentinel flowmeter module (typical).



#### SETUP for Row Flow Monitoring - Rate Setup - Smoothing - Flow Adjustment

Product 1 1-Product 1 Rate Hode Rate Smooth Avg Flow Adjustment Reset 1.00 7.00 9.00 User Defined Manual Rates 1.00 7.00 9.00 First Last Outside Row Rates X 1.0 X 1.0 Interplant Mode Pisabled	ALL ROWS ABCD I DCBA	<ul> <li>33.) For Row Monitoring verify the Setting is AVG. Smoothing usually starts at 10%. You do not need to enter a rate when it is set to AVG.</li> <li>34.) Flow Adjustment - Use this to synchronize the Sentinel flowmeter modules with the main system flowmeter. Once the accuracy of the main flowmeter has been confirmed, change the Flow Adjustment factor as needed to synchronize the Sentinel reading with the main flowmeter reading.</li> </ul>
LiquiShift Enable	5	<u>Main Flowmeter GPM</u> Sentinel Total Flow GPM =
LiquiShift A/B Close On Stop	10:18am	Flow Adjustment Factor
		(Generally between 0.95 and 1.05)

On software version 1.3.0 and later, the Flow Adjustment factor can be set for each row on the Row Detail Screen if an individual row is reading incorrectly (see page 40).

#### SETUP for 2 products with Row Flow Monitoring



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If you are setting up Sentinel to do row monitoring on 2 products your screen will look like this. You will need to go through the setup steps for both Product 1 and Product 2.

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## Sentinel Flow Module Setup and Configuration Addressing Sentinel Flow Modules







#### Flow Module Diagnostics

To address the Sentinel flow modules, start by having all the modules plugged in. From this screen, push **Reset All Addresses**. This sends a message to the modules to erase their address. All modules for Product 1 are then unplugged and then plugged back in, in order across the machine. As each module is plugged in, Sentinel identifies its location on the machine and the module is then given its new address and it will turn green on the screen. Have someone watch this screen to be sure each module is recognized as it is plugged in.

If there is a problem with modules not addressing, be sure the tractor is running to keep the voltage up.

Once all modules are addressed, choose the proper **orientation** as described below.

Repeat for each Product.



#### Flow Module Diagnostics Screen

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### **Customizing Scans and Alarms for Row Monitoring**









This screen allows the user to change how row information is displayed on the HOME screen.

- 35.) When checked, the **Auto Scan** feature will scan through the product pages and/or rows on the HOME screen. You can change the length of time it stays on each page or row before advancing.
- 36.) Auto Hide Alarms (if checked) sets how long full-page alarms are displayed before they go away.
- 37.) Disable Alarms Check this to turn off alarms. May want to do this for testing or troubleshooting.
- 38.) Alarm Time how long a row must be outside of the specified tolerance before the alarm sounds.
- **39.** Re Alarm Interval The time before the Alarm alarms again after being acknowledged. If the issue that triggered the alarm is not resolved, it will keep alarming at this interval until resolved (if the box is checked).
- 40. Bus Update Interval Use this to slow down ISOBUS traffic if the BUS load is too high. Reset only after talking to a SurePoint representative.
- 41.) Flow Module Diagnostics Flow Module Diagnostics are addressed on previous page.
- 42.) Store Object Pool Stores the current ISOBUS layout on the VT.
- 43.) **Delete Object Pool** Deletes the current object pool on the VT and forces the monitor to regenerate the display when it is rebooted.
- 44.) **Next VT** press to push Sentinel to another virtual terminal. This may be necessary if there is more than one monitor or display in the cab.



### **Row Detail Screen - Software Version - Auxiliary Settings**



#### Row Detail Screen

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45.) Pressing the Row Detail button (top left corner) on the Run screen brings up the Row Detail Screen.

The bar graph for Rows 1-16 shows the flow in each row at that instant.

A thin green line means the flow varies less than the Smoothing Factor % from the correct amount.

A thicker green line means the flow on that row varies by more than the Smoothing Factor % but less than the Tolerance %.

A red bar indicates the flow on that row varies by more than the Tolerance % set up for that product. Example: Smoothing Factor - 10%

Tolerance -20%Flow less than 10% variance - thin green lineFlow with 10-19% variance - thicker green bandFlow more than 20% variance - red band

- 46.) Press the Left Arrow or Right Arrow to see details for other rows.
- 47.) A Row can be ENABLED or DISABLED by checking or unchecking the **ENABLED** box.
- 48.) **Flow Adj:** Fine-tune the flowmeter on this row here.
- 49.) Press the SurePoint icon to see the software version number and Sentinel ECU number (see bottom left picture).
- 50.) **Auxiliary Settings Screen-** Press the sunburst. *Do Not Change anything unless directed by SurePoint Tech Support.*
- 51.) **Use LS Conn for Press(ure)** Check this box if using the Sentinel to control LiquiShift while using 3rd party rate control so pressure will display on rate control run screen.

	Auxiliary Settings Screen WARNING: Do not change without consulting with SurePoint Ag!	Auxiliary Settings for most displays shown at left.
Ag Systems	Rate/Target At Boom	For JD 2630, use below:
Sentinel FCU Version:	Rate/Target At Bin	Rate/Target At Boom
V.1.5.0	Rate/Target At Section 🖌	Rate/Target At Bin
	Rate/Target At Row	Rate/Target At Row
Continel Foll Contiel "	Bin Enabled	Bin Enabled
Sentinel ECU Serial #	Register As Device Class Auto	
318565	Use Prod2 As Fan Control	For Ag Leader, use below:
OU8120000022700000000BR549	Use LS Conn For Press 51	Rate/Target At Boom
A00A80005D40000A	Simulate Flow (Demo)	Rate/Target At Bin
0001D00A6E04D008	Turn Compensation X Axis	Rate/Target At Section
	Bus Update Interval 1000 MSEC	Bin Enabled
ECU Instance: 0	ENTER UNLOCK REBOOT DEFAULT CODE CONTROLLER SETTINGS	Pro 1200: Register as Device Class - Sprayer

## Sentinel Row Monitoring and SurePoint LiquiShift

SurePoint LiquiShift can be controlled through the Sentinel ECU or through a LiquiShift Controller Module (black box-PN 218-2565Y1). *If your LiquiShift has this black box, Sentinel is NOT controlling LiquiShift and you do not need to do this setup.* Many times, Sentinel will be used to control LiquiShift, and the LiquiShift Controller Module is not needed. To activate LiquiShift on Sentinel, follow these buttons:









The LiquiShift button will now be displayed on the HOME screen

Using Sentinel to control your LiquiShift eliminates the need for the LiquiShift Controller module (218-2565Y1). This is a black module that would be on the back side of the A-B LiquiShift valves.

If this module is not there, an 8-pin harness extension (206-08-XXXX) is added from the Sentinel ECU harness (LS Controller connector) to the LiquiShift Controller plug on the pump final harness (Gen3 LS) or on the Manifold Controller (3454) harness (Gen2 LS).

The Sentinel gives the operator absolute control over the LiquiShift shift points, realtime pressure readings, and provides in-cab manual control. For more information regarding the use of Sentinel in controlling your SurePoint LiquiShift, refer to your LiquiShift system manual.



## Setting LiquiShift shift points



Standard High Pressure Up Shift Point: 70 PSI

Standard Low Pressure Down Shift Point: 20 PSI

If these shift points are not set correctly, the LiquiShift may not work or may work very erratically.

They must be set so that when the valves switch, there is appropriate pressure in the new tube to keep the system operating smoothly.

For example, if the shift points are set at 50 PSI and 25 PSI, the valves will switch from A to B when the pressure in tube A reaches 50 PSI. This flow in tube B may only build 15 PSI, so it will immediately switch back to A. Since the pressure there is 50 PSI or more, it will switch to B. The system will switch back and forth repeatedly causing wild pressure rate and pressure fluctuations.

There may be situations where it may work better to use something other than a 70/20 PSI setpoint, but don't set other numbers without knowing what you are doing.



For typical operation, this box is NOT checked.



#### Operating Sentinel Row Monitoring TURN IT ON



(10) Press this Row Bar View button to take out the middle section of the screen above, and show the screen below - the **Row Bar View** (normal Run Screen view for monitoring).





#### For Sentinel Row Monitoring to work,

(1) MASTER ON button must be green, and (2) the Product ON/OFF button must be green.

- (3) For Row Monitoring, Rate Mode is normally AVG.
- (4) Sentinel will not operate until a SPEED is registered. Enter simulated speed here.
- (5) The system pressure will not read here unless Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift, but will be shown on the Rate Controller screen.
- (6) Set up Total Flow / Min for this reading measured by the Sentinel flowmeter modules.
- (7) Set up Avg Flow / Area for this reading measured by the Sentinel flowmeter modules.
- (8) Manual Sections doesn't do anything for Row Monitoring. It works with Rate Control.
- (9) Press this button to select which icons show up on this row of buttons. (see #14 below)
- (11)**Row Detail button** scrolls through row by row to show the GPM and GPA measured by the Sentinel flowmeter on each row. Press on this box to see more row details.
- (12)When doing only Row Monitoring with the Sentinel set to AVG Rate Mode, this box shows the average rate currently being applied on all rows as measured by the Sentinel flowmeter modules.
- (13) Row Detail Bar gives a bar graph view of the amount currently being applied by each row. The top screen shows a straight thin green line indicating that all the rows are applying with a variance less than the Row Smoothing % that is set. A few rows on the bottom screen show a little wider green bar, indicating a variance that is greater than the Row Smoothing %. The red bar on Row 16 indicates that this row is applying outside the Tolerance % set in the Product setup. The thin black lines above and below the green line show the Tolerance % set in the Product setup. Changing the Tolerance will move those black lines further apart or closer together.
- (14) **Customizable Toolbar** Press on the gear to select which icons appear on this row. Example: Press on box 4 (None) Select *Total Flow/Min* from below. Press OK- to have *Flow GPM* display in box 4 of that toolbar.

#### Customizable Toolbar & Totalizer Counters - Acres - Hours - Gallons

Sentinel has 3 totalizer counters to keep track of acres, hours, and gallons. Any of these may be set up on the Customizable Toolbar near the top of the Product Run Screen. If these are not on the Customizable Toolbar, the values may still be seen by pressing the *Reset Totals* button on the Rate Setup screen. The items may be individually reset to 0 by pressing the Reset Total button for that item, or the totals may be left unchanged by returning to the Run Screen without resetting the values. *Rate Setup Screen* 





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## **Sentinel Row Flow Monitoring Operation**

Once the Sentinel has been set up in the display, little is required of the user to operate the Sentinel. The system is designed to run in the background and only alert you if there is a problem. Most Sentinel users will spend a portion of their initial start-up time correcting inaccuracies in row-to-row flow on their implement. As previously mentioned, the HOME



screen (Row Bar View) yields a quick snapshot of row-to-row comparisons while the Row Detail report gives



#### Row Bar Button

From the HOME screen, when the flow for a row or rows goes outside the set tolerance, the row will display red in the bar chart. When a row becomes plugged, the rest of the rows will show an increase in flow as product from the plugged row is now sent to the remaining rows. Likewise, if a row begins to show increased flow, such as in the case of a broken hose, the rest of the rows may show a decrease in flow.

Watching this screen for a while will allow you to see what the normal operating range is, so you can adjust the tolerance to avoid false alarms but to get timely notification if there is a problem.

If a row-flow falls outside the set tolerance, a full page alarm is displayed with Product #, Row #, and low-flow (LF) or high-flow (HF). The length of time from when the row shows a problem to when this alarm is displayed is determined by the **ALARM TIME** previously set. This page will close automatically based on the **AUTO HIDE** time previously set.



From the HOME screen, touching the row detail button will display the *Row Detail* page. The user can toggle through the rows by touching the **< >** buttons.

If there is an issue with a row, monitoring of individual rows may be disabled by unchecking the *ENABLED* box on that row.

#### Sentinel HOME Screen for Row Flow Monitoring



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## Fine-Tuning Sentinel Row Flow Monitoring

Prod # 2

GPA

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MASTER

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Row #

0.15

SPEED

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MPH

GPM

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#### **ISSUE:** "My Sentinel does not show the same rate or flow as my rate controller."

What's happening: It's possible that the flowmeter on the rate controller and the Sentinel row flowmeters are not in svnc.

Do This: If you are applying 5.5 gal/acre with the rate controller, but the Sentinel shows 5.0 gal/acre (1), do a catch test with the regular flowmeter to determine if it is calibrated correctly. Adjust as needed.

Once the rate controller flowmeter is cali*brated correctly*, then compare the Rate (1) and the Flow (2) with what the Rate Controller shows. If there is a discrepancy, go to the Sentinel Rate Setup screen, and change the Flow Adj. factor.

If the Sentinel is showing too much flow,

increase the Flow Adj. If the Sentinel is reading low, decrease the Flow Adj. (Start with 0.95 or 1.05 and finetune from there.)

#### **ISSUE:** "One row always shows high (or low) flow."

First: What is the Row Smoothing set at? Recommended starting point is 10%. What is the Tolerance set at? We recommend starting at 25%. These can be adjusted either way.

What's happening: Two possibilities:

- (1) That row is always applying high or low.
- (2) The row is applying correctly, but the Sentinel is reporting it as high (or low).
- **Do This: A.** Swap hoses or tubes to switch rows at the Sentinel to see what the Sentinel shows. This may give an idea of where the problem is.

**B.** Do a **catch test** on that row and on a couple rows either side of it.

- (1) If the row is applying high (or low) check the plumbing to that row for any conditions that might be causing the error. If you can find nothing causing the discrepancy, you can increase the flow to a row by shortening a metering tube a few inches. You can decrease the flow to a row by putting a hose clamp around a hose to that row.
- (2) If the row is actually applying correctly, but showing wrong on the Sentinel, change the Flow Adj. on the Row Detail screen. If the Sentinel is reading low, decrease the Flow Adj. If the Sentinel is showing high, increase the Flow Adj.
- (3) Fine-tune the Flow Adj as needed.



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**Row Bar View** 

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FLOW

1.2

GPM





## Setting Up

## Sentinel Rate Control

## Without Sentinel Flowmeters (No Row Monitoring)



226-01-3547Y1 Sentinel ISOBUS ECU

Typically will use one of the following Sentinel ECU Harnesses

#### For Rate Control without Gen 3 LiquiShift

208-06-5022Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness- 2 products - 18 sections
208-06-4099Y4	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - 2 products - 18 sections
208-06-4984Y2	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - 4 products - 18 sections

#### For Rate Control with Gen 3 LiquiShift

208-06-5023Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 2 PR - 16 sect
208-06-4701Y2	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 2 PR - 16 sect
208-06-4985Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 4 PR - 16 sect



## Set-up and Configuration for Rate Control

## See the Sentinel Setup Guide Wizard on pages 31-33. Use the following pages for additional screenshots.

The following pages will guide you through the initial set-up and configuration of your Sentinel system for Rate Control. Below is an overview of the steps necessary to fully configure the system before operation. Each subsequent page outlines the page features as well as the sequence of buttons used to navigate to that page from the HOME screen.

## Basic Steps for Initial System Set-up for Rate Control

For detailed information on a step, go to the referenced page

	STEP
REFERENCE Page #	1. Press the <b>HOME</b> button
54	2. Go to the settings page by touching the <b>SETTINGS</b> button
54	3. On the settings page, specify the number of products being monitored (maximum of 4)
54	4. Configure each product by touching the <b>PRODUCT</b> button
54-55	<ol> <li>Select DEVICE - Liquid Rate Control and set up each product with requested information for sections, rows, tolerance, etc</li> </ol>
55	6. Select <b>MORE</b> , select <b>Rate Mode</b> , enter Rate and Smoothing (10%).
55	7. When finished, use the BACK arrow to go back to the SETTINGS menu.
56	8. Set up the implement dimensions by touching the IMPLEMENT button.
56	9. Choose a speed source by selecting the SPEED button.
56	10. Select system control options (task control, lift switch, etc.) under HARDWARE.
57	11. RATE SETUP - Select the Rate Mode Rx or User Def and enter Rates.
58	12. RATE CONTROL SETUP (Control Speed, Flow Cal, PWM Settings, etc)and OPERATION information
59	13. LiquiShift setup for Rate Control
60	14. Nozzle Test (v 1.3.0 and later)
61-62	15. Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)
63	16. Customizable Toolbar and Totalizer Counters
64-65	17. Rate Control Operation and Setup Summary

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### Sentinel Setup and Configuration Home Screen Navigation for Rate Control



## BUTTONS: Wheat & Row Bar

The wheat button takes you to the Multi-Product RUN SCREEN (below). This button appears on the right side of the screen. Pressing it puts the Operate > Setup > Diagnostic view on the bottom third of the

screen, with the Rate Control information in the center section (see above).



The SENTINEL ROW BAR button appears when using Row Flow Monitoring. If using Rate Control without Row Monitoring, this button will not be used.

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## **Customizable Toolbar (Screen Settings)**



Touching this gear button will allow you to set up the icons on this **Customizable Toolbar** row of the screen. When you press this button you will see three rows of icons. The top row shows what is on your screen now. To change an icon, press on that icon on the top row and then press on the icon you want there on the 2nd or 3rd row. Click OK.



Toggle between product screens by touching the **NEXT PRODUCT** button.



The **SETTINGS TOOLS** button will be used to access the system configuration pages for Product setup and to change individual product alarm, tolerance, and rate settings.



The **MASTER ON/OFF** button enables and disables the Sentinel system. *This must be* **GREEN (MASTER ON)** *for Sentinel to work.*  ARROW indicates implement position when using Implement Switch with Sentinel





#### SETUP for Rate Control - Settings - Product Setup - Device Type









15.) See below: Rate Mode - For rate control, set this to 16.) Smoothing - Start with 10%. If the actual **Rx** (for prescriptions) or to **User Def** to enter preset rates. Enter the main target rate in Rate.



- 7.) Enter the number of SECTIONS for this product. \*See note for Gen3 LiquiShift below.
- 8.) Enter the number of ROWS for this product.
- 9.) Enter the row spacing in **INCHES**.
- 10.) Start Section = 1 for Product 1.

Product 2 Start Section will typically be 1 more than the number of sections on Product 1.

- 11.) Enter Implement Width in FT.
- 12.) Tolerance start at 25%. This only applies to Row Monitoring (when used).
- 13.) Verify the number of rows in each section.
- 14a). Check this box for Metric Units.
- 14b.) Press More to go to the next screen.
  - rate at any time is within this % of the Target Rate, the display will show the Actual Rate as being equal to the Target Rate.
- 17.) You can enter up to 3 user-defined rates. These can also be entered on the Rate Setup screen.
- 18.) Rate for Outside Rows is typically "X 1.0".

Some applications may be "X 0.5" (half-rate) or "X 1.5" (rate and a half) for outside rows.

- 19.) Control Integral 0.10
- 20.) LiquiShift Enable Check this box if Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift on this product (typical if using LiquiShift). (LiquiShift A-B valves can be controlled by a black LiquiShift Control Module on the back of the A-B Valve stack or can be controlled by the Sentinel.)
- 21.) LiquiShift A/B Close on Stop Typically this is not checked.

22.) Press the Back Arrow.

\*Gen3 LiquiShift systems may have different section setups. Check the section harness to see which section the last row is assigned to in order to determine total number of sections for each product.

12 rows	12 sections	Gen3 LiquiShift		12 rows	6 sections
16 rows	16 sections	One product	Two Products	16 rows	8 sections
24 rows	12 sections			24 rows	8 sections
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#### SETUP for Rate Control - Rate Setup - 2 Products - Version Number - Auxiliary Settings

Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 1-Product 1 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10	ABCD ALL ROWS ABCD DCBA DCBA 9:00am 10 9:00am	<ul> <li>33.) For Rate Control, the Setting should be Rx or User Def.</li> <li>Smoothing usually starts at 10%.</li> <li>You can enter a Target Rate here.</li> <li>Press Presets to enter up to 3 User-Defined rates.</li> <li>34.) Flow Adjustment - Only used with Sentinel flowmeter modules.</li> <li>35.) Reset Totals - Press to bring up Gallons, Time and Acres totalizers.</li> </ul>
		Product 2
Number of Products 2 Current Setup Product 1 Product 3 Device LiqRateCont LiqRated Rows 16 16 Sections 2 2 Spacing 30.0 INCH 30.0 I Implement 40.0 FT 40.0 F Width Device Rows Sections Spacing	2 Cont NCH T	Device       Sections       Total Rovs       Spacing         LiePateCont       2       16       30.0       Inch         Start Section       Implement Width       Tolerance       25.0       *         Section       40.0       FT       25.0       *         Section       Section       Section       Section       *         Section       Section       Section       Section       *         Section       Section       Section       *       *         Section       Section       Section       *       *         Section       Num Rows       Section       *       *       *         Section       Num Rows       Section       *       *       *         Section       Num Rows       Section       *       *       *       *         Section       Num Rows       Section       *       *
Implement		See page 43 for JD 2630, Ag Leader, or

If you are setting up Sentinel to do Rate Control on 2 products your screen will look like this (above). You will need to set up both Prod 1 and Prod 2.



36.) Press the SurePoint icon to see the Sentinel ECU version information.

37.) Press the *sunburst* to see the Auxiliary Settings Screen. Default Auxiliary Settings shown at right. See the next page for JD 2630, Ag Leader, or Pro 1200 Settings.

Pro 1200 Settings.



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#### SETUP for Rate Control - SETUP - Control Speed - Flow Cal - PWM Max and Min





41. Press Sunburst for Auxiliary Settings.

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38. From the Sentinel HOME screen, press the center **SETUP** tab.

Start with the following settings. Adjust as needed.

Ctrl Mode - RATE

 Ctrl Speed PR17 - 250-300
 PR30 - 200

 PR40 - 160
 D250 - 150

 Tower Electric - 2000-2500

Adjust as needed in the field. Increase the Ctrl Speed if the pump is slow to adjust. Decrease the Ctrl Speed if the pump fluctuates and will not lock on to the rate going across the field.

**RPM Cal** - 15 (for hydraulic pumps equipped with RPM sensor)

**Max RPM** - 500 (Maximum is 550, can set lower) **Flow Cal** - 2000 - most hydraulic pump systems

0.6 to 13 gpm flowmeter and larger.

3000 - most electric pump systems

0.3 to 5 gpm and smaller

(Flow cal number is on serial number sticker on side of flowmeter)

PWM Max - 80 to 100 (can be set lower)

**PWM Min -** 25 for most hydraulic pumps. 5-10 for most electric pumps.

**Start Boost -** usually 0. Can be set slightly higher than normal PWM Duty Cycle for a startup boost.

**Open PWM** - Normally RED. Turn to GREEN if you want the pump to continue running for product agitation while you turn around. When doing that, enter a PWM % to set the pump speed for agitation (usually 30-40%)

- 39. **DIAGNOSTIC TAB** Observe the system parameters during operation.
- 40. Press SurePoint icon to see software version information.

SurePoint	Auxiliary Settings Screen WARNING: Do not change without consulting with SurePoint Ag!	Auxiliary Settings for most displays shown at left.
Ag systems	Rate/Target At Boom	For JD 2630, use below:
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Sentinel ECO Version:	Rate/Target At Section	Rate/Target At Bin
V.1.5.0	Rate/Target At Row	Rate/Target At Section
	Bin Enabled	Bin Enabled
Sentinel ECU Serial #	Register As Device Class Auto	
318565	Use Prod2 As Fan Control	For Ag Leader, use below:
OU8120000022700000000BR549	Use LS Conn For Press	Rate/Target At Boom
A00A80005D40000A	Simulate Flow (Demo)	Rate/Target At Bin
0001000465040008	Turn Compensation X Axis	Rate/Target At Section
0001000402040000	Bus Update Interval 1000 MSEC	Bin Enabled
ECU Instance:	ENTER UNLOCK REBOOT DEFAULT CODE CONTROLLER SETTINGS	Pro 1200: <b>Register as Device</b> Class - Sprayer

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## Sentinel Rate Control and SurePoint LiquiShift

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Standard High Pressure Up Shift Point: 70 PSI

Standard Low Pressure Down Shift Point: 20 PSI



If these shift points are not set correctly, the LiquiShift may not work or may work very erratically.

They must be set so that when the valves switch, there is appropriate pressure in the new tube to keep the system operating smoothly.

For example, if the shift points are set at 50 PSI and 25 PSI, the valves will switch from A to B when the pressure in tube A reaches 50 PSI. This flow in tube B may only build 15 PSI, so it will immediately switch back to A. Since the pressure there is 50 PSI or more, it will switch to B. The system will switch back and forth repeatedly causing wild pressure rate and pressure fluctuations.

There may be situations where it may work better to use something other than a 70/20 PSI setpoint, but don't set other numbers without knowing what you are doing.



For typical operation, this box is NOT checked.



Green - Valve is ON.

#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Nozzle Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Test run the system with a simulated speed and target rate.

From the Product Setup page press the Nozzle Test icon.



Select which sections you want to run for this test. NEXT.

Enter SPEED and RATE. NEXT.

Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press NEXT.

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Product 1 Select Sections to sum for Test		Product 1	
		For the nozzle test, the system will run the previously selected sections at a specified rate. Please enter the information below.	
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
		Simulated Speed: 5.0 MPH Target Rate: 10.0 GPA	
Prev Next	14:01	Rear Next	14:01
		Next	

Turn MASTER ON to start the test. Monitor Actual Rate, Pressure, Flow per Minute, Duty Cycle (%), and Pump RPM (hydraulic pump). These are important parameters of system operation. Know what they are during normal operation.

Product 1	-		
Nozzle Test			To stop the test, turn MASTER OFF.
Enable the Master Switch to beg Disable the Master Switch to ab MASTER	in the test. ort the test.		If only 1 or 2 rows are on, the system may struggle to maintain a smooth output and rate.
		<u>1</u>	When testing with water, the pressure will be much less than it will be with a heavier, thicker fertilizer. On a system with check
Target/Actual Rate 10.0	) / 10.0 GPA		valves, some of the check valves may not open at low pres-
Pressure:	21.9 PSI		sure.
Flow Per Minute:	2.0 GPM		Increase the speed or rate to increase the pressure.
Buty Cycle:	25.75 %		
Pump RPM:	0.0		
Cancel		10:16am	



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#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.



From the Product Setup page press the Catch Test icon (36). Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press CATCH TEST (37).



#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.

While the test is running, the actual rate, pressure, and GPM will be shown. The Volume Target is the volume per row multiplied by the number of rows being caught. When the Volume Target for the test rows is reached, the test will stop. Pour together or add together the amount caught in all the rows tested. Enter this amount in **Actual Volume (1)**.

Repeat the catch test to verify consistency and accuracy. Note: catch tests with water, especially if the system is operating at a low pressure, may not give an accurate catch test.

SurePoint electromagnetic flowmeters are typically very accurate out of the box with the factory flow cal. With accurate tests and measurements it is possible to calibrate them to 1 to 2% accuracy. A short test on a few rows with a small sample caught may not be accurate enough to adjust the flow cal. Always verify the flow cal in the field by comparing acres worked and gallons applied.

Best practices dictate ongoing verification of acres worked and gallons applied to verify flow cal.

A catch test can be done with water, but for the most accurate results, use the actual product.

Flow Cal for the actual product may be slightly different than the flow cal for water.

Product 1 Catch Test		Product 1 Catch Test	
Enable the Master Switch to begin the test. Disable the Master Switch to cancel and abort the test. Once the test is complete, press the Newt button.		WARNING !! For an accurate sample make sure that the lines and pump are primed, the different rows sampled catch relatively the same amount and the system pressure is adequate. After changing the flow cal, run another test to verify the setting. Always verify with the area and amount of product used in the field after a calibration change. Total the amount caught across all the rows. Put the sum of the amount caught in the 'Actual	
Target/Actual Rate 6.0 / 0.0 GPA Pressure: 12.2 PSI		Volume' entry point. The new Proposed Cal will calculate. Press the Accept New Cal button change the calibration.	
Flow Per Minute: 0.0 GPM Volume Target/Actual: 128/ 128 0Z		Empected Volume: 128.03 OZ Actual Volume: 130.00 Current Cal: 2500 Proposed Cal: 2462	<u> </u>
Cancel	11:13am	Cancel Accept New Cal	11:13am



### Customizable Toolbar & Totalizer Counters - Acres - Hours - Gallons

Sentinel has 3 totalizer counters to keep track of acres, hours, and gallons.

Any of these may be set up on the Customizable Toolbar near the top of the Product Run Screen. If these are not on the Customizable Toolbar, the values may still be seen by pressing the *Reset Totals* button on the Rate Setup screen. The items may be individually reset to 0 by pressing the Reset Total button for that item, or the totals may be left unchanged by returning to the Run Screen without resetting the values.



Push any of the **Reset** buttons to reset that total to 0. To return without changing any of the totals, press **Done.** 



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#### SurePoint 396-4035Y1 Sentinel Liquid Row Monitor and Rate Control

## **Sentinel Rate Control Operation**

Once the Sentinel has been set up in the display, little is required of the user to operate the Sentinel. The system can be started with an Implement Switch that will turn the system on when the implement is lowered. It can be turned on and off with a Master On/Off Switch (footswitch or on-screen). The system can also be turned on and off using Task Control to turn

the system (or sections) on and off as the implement enters the field or overlaps previously applied areas using GPS location information.



#### Sentinel Wheat (Home) Button

On the HOME screen, the top row (1)

is a Customizable Toolbar with options to display several different system parameters.

The **center section (2)** shows the Rate Control operation for each product. The user defined rates are available for selection on the go.

**Center Section** - If operating more than one product, the Target and Actual Rate for each product will be shown on the left side.

The **bottom section (3)** has 3 tabs. Watching the information on the Diagnostic tab will help the user become familiar with normal operating parameters. Knowing what is normal can help the operator diagnose and fix the issue if a problem occurs.

Normal operation is with Duty Cycle and Section Control set to AUTO.

To run, there must be SPEED, Height Switch down, Master ON, Product ON, target rate set, and a working width.

Toggle between Rate 1, 2, and 3 on the go, or press the top Target Rate box and

enter a different target. Press the gear/teardrop on the bottom right to go to the Rate Setup screen.

*To operate manually*, press **Speed**, enter a speed, select **DUTY CYCLE MAN**, enter a **DC%** (minimum of 15 for electric, minimum of 30 for hydraulic),

## Section Control: MAN. Master: ON. Height switch: DOWN (if used)

To test the system, you can change the Duty Cycle % as the pump is running. Observe the Flow (GPM) and Pressure with each Duty Cycle %. On an electric pump system, you can do this with one pump plugged in at a time to verify the operation of each pump. Look at the *Diagnostic* tab on the *Operate / Setup / Diagnostics section* for more information.

#### **MANUAL** Operation






### Sentinel HOME Screen for Rate Control -- Setup and Diagnostic Tabs

**Setup** values are shown for typical **electric** pump system. These can be adjusted as necessary for best operation.



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**Start Boost - 0** (pump starts where it stopped) or set in field (enter PWM DC % for startup speed)

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Increased Duty Cycle with no increase in RPM could mean the pump is not getting enough hydraulic flow to spin the pump faster.

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**Flow Cal** can be adjusted slightly if an accurate catch test or field verification indicates it should. Increase Flow Cal if more product is needed. Decrease flow cal if less product is needed.

Decrease **PWM Min** if pump will not slow down enough for low speed/rate/width.

Check the **Diagnostic** screen regularly so you have an idea what "normal" operating numbers are. This can help when you need to troubleshoot an issue.



**Diagnostic:** (PWM) **Duty Cycle** shows the PWM signal sent from the controller to control the pump. On a hydraulic system, this needs to be around 30% before the pump will run. 40%- 50% is a typical operating range. On a normal pass this should be fairly stable (± 2%). The Duty Cycle will adjust for speed, rate changes or width changes (sections going on and off).

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**RPM** shows the pump RPM on a hydraulic pump equipped with an RPM sensor. This should be less than 500. Can be set at 550 if maximum pump output is required. **RPM Freq** shows the signals received from the RPM sensor. This can also be used during a tap test on the Pump RPM harness connector.

Watch these values regularly during operation so you know what "normal" looks like. For example, a plugged strainer could mean the pump has to run faster than normal to get enough product. This will show up in an increased Duty Cycle and RPM.

Working Width will change as sections turn on and off. It should show the application width at any time.







## Setting Up a System With

## Sentinel Rate Control and Sentinel Row Flow Monitoring



226-01-3547Y1 Sentinel ISOBUS ECU

Typically will use one of the following Sentinel ECU Harnesses

#### For Rate Control without Gen 3 LiquiShift

208-06-5022Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness- 2 products - 18 sections
208-06-4099Y4	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - 2 products - 18 sections
208-06-4984Y2	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - 4 products - 18 sections

#### For Rate Control with Gen 3 LiquiShift

208-06-5023Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 2 PR - 16 sect
208-06-4701Y2	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 2 PR - 16 sect
208-06-4985Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 4 PR - 16 sect



### Set-up and Configuration for Rate Control & Row Monitoring

## See the Sentinel Setup Guide Wizard on pages 31-33. Use the following pages for additional screenshots.

The following pages will guide you through the initial set-up and configuration of your

Sentinel Rate Control & Row Monitoring system. Below is an overview of the steps necessary to fully configure the system before operation. Each subsequent page outlines the page features as well as the sequence of buttons used to navigate to that page from the HOME screen.

### Basic Steps for Initial System Set-up for Rate Control & Row Monitoring

For detailed information on a step, go to the referenced page

REFERENCE Page #	STEP
71	1. Press the <b>HOME</b> button
71	2. Go to the settings page by touching the <b>SETTINGS</b> button
71	3. On the settings page, specify the number of products being monitored (maximum of 4)
71-72	4. Configure each product by touching the <b>PRODUCT</b> button
71	5. Select DEVICE (Liquid Rate Control + Monitor) and set up each product (sections, rows,)
72	6. Press <b>MORE</b> , set up Rate (USER DEF), Smoothing (10%), other options for this setup.
	7. When finished, use the BACK arrow to go back to the SETTINGS menu.
73	8. Set up the implement dimensions by touching the IMPLEMENT button.
73	9. Choose a speed source by selecting the <b>SPEED</b> button.
73	10. Select system control options (task control, lift switch, etc.) under HARDWARE.
74(72)	11. Select the Rate Mode (USER DEF) at RATE SETUP.
74-75	12. From the Settings screen, touch the NEXT button.
75	13. Click on Flow Module Diagnostics
75	14. Ensure that all flow modules are plugged in and click Reset All Addresses
	15. Unplug all of the Sentinel Flowmeter Modules.
	16. Beginning with module #1 (on Product 1), plug it back in - module 1 should turn green on the screen. Have someone watch the screen to verify successful addressing for each module.
	17. Moving across the implement, plug in each module for Product 1 in order.
	18. If applicable, address the modules for product 2 by repeating steps 15-17 for Product 2.
	19. Select the correct module orientation (ABCD or DCBA) (What is Row 1? (A) or (D)?
76	20. Customizing Scans and Alarms



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77	22. Software Version and Auxiliary Settings Screens
78	23. LiquiShift Setup
79	24. Row Detail Screen, Enable/Disable Row, Flow Adj for row
80	25. Customizable Toolbar and Totalizer Counters
81-83	26. Rate Control & Row Monitoring Run Screen and Operation & Setup Summary
84	27. Nozzle Test - Simulated speed and rate test
85-86	28. Catch Test - Verify and adjust flowmeter calibration
87	29. Fine-Tuning Sentinel Row Flow Monitoring



## Sentinel Setup and Configuration Home Screen Navigation for Rate Control



## **Customizable Toolbar (Screen Settings)**

Press the Row Bar Graph button or the Wheat button in the bottom left corner to toggle between the two screens on the bottom third.

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Touching this gear button will allow you to set up the icons on this **Customizable Toolbar** row of the screen. When you press this button you will see three rows of icons. The top row shows what is on your screen now. To change an icon, press on that icon on the top row and then press on the icon you want there on the 2nd or 3rd row. Click OK.



Toggle between product screens by touching the **NEXT PRODUCT** button.



The **SETTINGS TOOLS** button will be used to access the system configuration pages for Product setup and to change individual product alarm, tolerance, and rate settings.



The **MASTER ON/OFF** button enables and disables the Sentinel system. *This must be* **GREEN (MASTER ON)** *for Sentinel to work.*  ARROW indicates implement position when using Implement Switch with Sentinel





#### SETUP for Rate Control & Row Flow Monitoring - Settings - Product - Device







15.) See below: Rate Mode - For rate control, set this to 16.) Rate Smooth - Start with 10%. If the actual Rx (for prescriptions) or to User Def to enter preset rates. Enter the main target rate in Rate.



- 7.) Enter the number of SECTIONS for this product. \*See note at bottom of p.70 for Gen3.
- 8.) Enter the number of ROWS for this product.
- 9.) Enter the row spacing in INCHES.
- 10.) Start Row = 1 for Product 1.

Product 2 Start Row will typically be 1 more than the number of rows on Product 1.

- 11.) Enter Implement Width in FT.
- 12.) **Tolerance -** start at 25%. This is for Row Monitoring. Bar will turn red if a row varies by more than this from the average flow.
- 13.) Verify the number of rows in each section.
- 14a). Check this box for Metric Units.
- 14b.) Press More to go to the next screen.
  - Rate at any time is within this % of the Target Rate, the display will show the Actual Rate as being equal to the Target Rate.

Row Smooth - 10% The bar graph will show a thin green line for each row that is within this % of the target.

- 17.) You can enter up to 3 user-defined rates.
- 18.) Rate for Outside Rows is typically "X 1.0".

Some applications may be "X 0.5" (half-rate) or "X 1.5" (rate and a half) for outside rows.

- 19.) Control Integral 0.10
- 20.) LiquiShift Enable Check this box if Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift on this product (typical using if LiquiShift). (LiquiShift A-B valves can be controlled by a black LiquiShift Control Module on the back of the A-B Valve stack or can be controlled by the Sentinel.)
- 21.) LiquiShift A/B Close on Stop Typically this is not checked.
- 22.) Press the Back Arrow when finished with this screen.



#### SETUP for Rate Control & Row Flow Monitoring - Rate Setup - Flow Adjustment - 2 Products



On software version 1.3.0 and later, the Flow Adjustment factor can be set for each row on the Row Detail Screen if an individual row is reading incorrectly (see page 75).

#### SETUP for 2 products with Rate Control and Row Flow Monitoring



If you are setting up Sentinel to do rate control and row monitoring on 2 products your screen will look like this. You will need to go through the setup steps for both Product 1 and Product 2. Product 2 will usually start with the next row after Product 1, so if Product 1 has 8 rows, Product 2 will start with Row 9.

Product 2 may start with Section 7 if the main harness has connectors for Sections 1-6 and Sections 7-12 on a non-Gen3 LiquiShift system.

\*Gen3 LiquiShift systems may have different section setups. Check the section harness to see which section the last row is assigned to in order to determine total number of sections for each product.

12 rows	12 sections	Gena	3 LiquiShift	12 rows	6 sections
16 rows	16 sections	One product	Two Products	16 rows	8 sections
24 rows	12 sections		ι	24 rows	8 sections

## Sentinel Flow Module Setup and Configuration Addressing Sentinel Flow Modules







#### Flow Module Diagnostics

To address the Sentinel flow modules, start by having all the modules plugged in. From this screen, push **Reset All Addresses**. This sends a message to the modules to erase their address. All modules for Product 1 are then unplugged and then plugged back in, in order across the machine. As each module is plugged in, Sentinel identifies its location on the machine and the module is then given its new address and it will turn green on the screen. Have someone watch this screen to be sure each module is recognized as it is plugged in.

If there is a problem with modules not addressing, be sure the tractor is running to keep the voltage up.

Once all modules are addressed, choose the proper **orientation** as described below.

Repeat for each Product.



#### Flow Module Diagnostics Screen

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## **Customizing Scans & Alarms for Row Monitoring**







This screen allows the user to change how row information is displayed on the HOME screen.

- 35.) When checked, the **Auto Scan** feature will scan through the product pages and/or rows on the HOME screen. You can change the length of time it stays on each page or row before advancing.
- 36.) Auto Hide Alarms (if checked) sets how long full-page alarms are displayed before they go away.
- 37.) Disable Alarms Check this to turn off alarms. May want to do this for testing or troubleshooting.
- 38.) Alarm Time how long a row must be outside of the specified tolerance before the alarm sounds.
- **39.** Re Alarm Interval The time before the Alarm alarms again after being acknowledged. If the issue that triggered the alarm is not resolved, it will keep alarming at this interval until resolved (if the box is checked).
- 40. Bus Update Interval Use this to slow down ISOBUS traffic if the BUS load is too high. Reset only after talking to a SurePoint representative.
- 41.) Flow Module Diagnostics Flow Module Diagnostics are addressed on previous page.
- 42.) Store Object Pool Stores the current ISOBUS layout on the VT.
- 43.) **Delete Object Pool** Deletes the current object pool on the VT and forces the monitor to regenerate the display when it is rebooted.
- 44.) **Next VT** press to push Sentinel to another virtual terminal. This may be necessary if there is more than one monitor or display in the cab.



Next VT icon from v.1.3.0



Save to this VT from v.1.3.0



#### SETUP for Rate Control - SETUP - Control Speed - Flow Cal - PWM Max and Min





1.) Press the center **SETUP** tab.

Start with the following settings. Adjust as needed.

Ctrl Mode - RATE

 Ctrl Speed PR17 - 250-300
 PR30 - 200

 PR40 - 160
 D250 - 150

 Tower Electric - 2000-2500

Adjust as needed in the field. Increase the Ctrl Speed if the pump is slow to adjust. Decrease the Ctrl Speed if the pump fluctuates and will not lock on to the rate going across the field.

**RPM Cal** - 15 (for hydraulic pumps equipped with RPM sensor)

Max RPM - 500 (Maximum is 550. Can set lower)

Flow Cal - 2000 - most hydraulic pump systems

0.6 to 13 gpm flowmeter and larger.

3000 - most electric pump systems

0.3 to 5 gpm and smaller

(Flow cal number is on serial number sticker on side of flowmeter)

PWM Max - 80 to 100 (can be set lower)

**PWM Min -** 25 for most hydraulic pumps. 5-10 for most electric pumps.

**Start Boost -** usually 0. Can be set slightly higher than normal PWM Duty Cycle for a startup boost.

**Open PWM** - Normally RED. Turn to GREEN if you want the pump to continue running for product agitation while you turn around. When doing that, enter a PWM % to set the pump speed for agitation (usually 30-40%)

**2.) DIAGNOSTIC TAB** - Observe the system parameters during operation.

3.) SurePoint icon - press for version information

4.) Press starburst for **Auxiliary Settings** Screen.





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## Sentinel Rate Control and SurePoint LiquiShift

SurePoint LiquiShift can be controlled through the Sentinel ECU or through a LiquiShift Controller Module (black box-PN 218-2565Y1). Most times, Sentinel will be used to control Gen3 LiquiShift, and the LiquiShift Controller Module is not needed. To activate LiquiShift on Sentinel, follow these buttons:





Standard High Pressure Up Shift Point: 70 PSI

Standard Low Pressure Down Shift Point: 20 PSI



If these shift points are not set correctly, the LiquiShift may not work or may work very erratically.

They must be set so that when the valves switch, there is appropriate pressure in the new tube to keep the system operating smoothly.

For example, if the shift points are set at 50 PSI and 25 PSI, the valves will switch from A to B when the pressure in tube A reaches 50 PSI. This flow in tube B may only build 15 PSI, so it will immediately switch back to A. Since the pressure there is 50 PSI or more, it will switch to B. The system will switch back and forth repeatedly causing wild pressure rate and pressure fluctuations.

There may be situations where it may work better to use something other than a 70/20 PSI setpoint. but don't set other numbers without knowing what you are doing.



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For typical operation, this box is NOT checked.



Green - Valve is ON.

## Row Bar Graph and Row Detail Screen



- 3.) A Row can be ENABLED or DISABLED by checking or unchecking the ENABLED box.
- 4.) Flow Adj.: If a catch test confirms that the actual flow in the row is more or less than what the Sentinel shows for that row, adjust the individual row flowmeter calibration here. Usually will be between 0.90 and 1.10. Adjust as needed per catch test verification.

Note: This flow adjustment is opposite of what is a normal flowmeter calibration adjustment. If the actual output is less than what the Sentinel shows, reduce the Flow Adj. number.



### Customizable Toolbar & Totalizer Counters - Acres - Hours - Gallons

Sentinel has 3 totalizer counters to keep track of acres, hours, and gallons.

Any of these may be set up on the Customizable Toolbar near the top of the Product Run Screen. If these are not on the Customizable Toolbar, the values may still be seen by pressing the *Reset Totals* button on the Rate Setup screen. The items may be individually reset to 0 by pressing the Reset Total button for that item, or the totals may be left unchanged by returning to the Run Screen without resetting the values.



Push any of the **Reset** buttons to reset that total to 0. To return without changing any of the totals, press **Done.** 

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## **Sentinel Rate Control & Row Monitoring Operation**

1.) When operating with RATE CONTROL **and** ROW FLOW MONITORING, the Wheat button in the **top right corner** gives you the top half of the screens below.



- (2) and (3) Button in lower left corner is a toggle switch.
- 2) Press to bring up Row Bar View. (Must be on Operate tab to have toggle button.)
- 3) Press to bring up Operate/Setup/Diagnostic tabs

#### Typical Run Screen view for Rate Control & Row Monitoring Operation



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Rate 3 15.00





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#### **TESTS - Nozzle Test** (v 1.3.0 and later)

Test run the system with a simulated speed and target rate.

From the Product Setup page press the Nozzle Test icon (35).



Select which sections you want to run for this test. NEXT.

Enter SPEED and RATE. NEXT.

Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press NEXT.

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		Simulated Speed: 5.0 MPH Target Rate: 10.0 GPA	
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Turn MASTER ON to start the test. Monitor Actual Rate, Pressure, Flow per Minute, Duty Cycle (%), and Pump RPM (hydraulic pump). These are important parameters of system operation. Know what they are during normal oneration

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ate to increase the pressure.



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#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.



From the Product Setup page press the Catch Test icon (36). Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press CATCH TEST (37).



#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.

While the test is running, the actual rate, pressure, and GPM will be shown. The Volume Target is the volume per row multiplied by the number of rows being caught. When the Volume Target for the test rows is reached, the test will stop. Pour together or add together the amount caught in all the rows tested. Enter this amount in **Actual Volume (1)**.

Repeat the catch test to verify consistency and accuracy. Note: catch tests with water, especially if the system is operating at a low pressure, may not give an accurate catch test.

SurePoint electromagnetic flowmeters are typically very accurate out of the box with the factory flow cal. With accurate tests and measurements it is possible to calibrate them to 1 to 2% accuracy. A short test on a few rows with a small sample caught may not be accurate enough to adjust the flow cal. Always verify the flow cal in the field by comparing acres worked and gallons applied.

Best practices dictate ongoing verification of acres worked and gallons applied to verify flow cal.

A catch test can be done with water, but for the most accurate results, use the actual product.

Flow Cal for the actual product may be slightly different than the flow cal for water.

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SurePoint 396-4035Y1 Sentinel Liquid Row Monitor and Rate Control

## **Fine-Tuning Sentinel Row Flow Monitoring**

## **ISSUE:** *"My Sentinel does not show the same rate or flow as my rate controller."*

What's happening: It's possible that the flowmeter on the rate controller and the Sentinel row flowmeters are not in sync.

**Do This:** If you are applying 5.5 gal/acre with the rate controller, but the Sentinel shows 5.0 gal/acre (1), do a **catch test** with the regular flowmeter to determine if it is calibrated correctly. Adjust as needed.

Once the rate controller flowmeter is calibrated correctly, then compare the Rate (1) and the Flow (2) with what the Rate Controller shows. If there is a discrepancy, go to the Sentinel Rate Setup screen, and change the Flow Adj. factor.

If the Sentinel is showing too much flow,



reduce the Flow Adj. If the Sentinel is reading low, increase the Flow Adj. (Start with 0.95 or 1.05 and fine-tune from there.)

#### ISSUE: "One row always shows high (or low) flow."

**First:** What is the Row Smoothing set at? Recommended starting point is 10%. What is the Tolerance set at? We recommend starting at 25%. These can be adjusted either way.

What's happening: Two possibilities:

- (1) That row is always applying high or low.
- (2) The row is applying correctly, but the Sentinel is reporting it as high (or low).
- **Do This: A.** Swap hoses or tubes to switch rows at the Sentinel to see what the Sentinel shows. This may give an idea of where the problem is.

B. Do a catch test on that row and on a couple rows either side of it.

- (1) If the row is applying high (or low) check the plumbing to that row for any conditions that might be causing the error. If you can find nothing causing the discrepancy, you can increase the flow to a row by shortening a metering tube a few inches. You can decrease the flow to a row by putting a hose clamp around a hose to that row.
- (2) If the row is actually applying correctly, but showing wrong on the Sentinel, change the Flow Adj. on the Row Detail screen. If the Sentinel is reading low, increase the Flow Adj (1.05). If the Sentinel is showing high, decrease the Flow Adj (0.95).
- (3) Fine-tune the Flow Adj as needed.





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## Sentinel Troubleshooting Sentinel doesn't show up on my display

- Verify that the Sentinel ECU has power 2 green lights should be illuminated on the ECU.
   A. Using a voltage tester, check voltage on the ECU harness.
- 2. Do you have more than one display (VT)? Check to see if Sentinel booted up on the other display.
- 3. Check connections:
  - A. Tractor ISO plug
  - B. CAN and power connections leading to the ECU harness
- 4. Reboot everything.

## Sentinel flow module(s) will not address

- 1. Be sure there is a terminator on the end of Flowmeter Bus 1 and Flowmeter Bus 2.
- 2. Make sure that the trunk lines are plugged into the correct port on the module (+12v DC).
- 3. Be sure the tractor is running. Low voltage may cause modules to not address.
- 3. Make sure that you have all the modules plugged in before touching RESET ALL ADDRESSES
- 4. Unplug ALL modules for that Product and plug the modules in <u>one at a time</u>, making sure the previous module addresses before moving on to the next (have someone watch the display and startup light sequence on the module (see page 30).
- 5. Verify that the lights on the module are flashing. If there are no lights, there is no power to the module.

A. If the module lights do not light up, check the connection to the module and inspect all connections to the ECU harness.

B. If all connections look good, use a voltmeter to check voltage to the module using the harness drawings.

C. If 12 volts is present and module fails to light up, the module may be faulty.

6. Reboot everything.

### When addressing modules, one or more modules flash green or stay blue

1. Make sure that the implement is set up with the correct number of rows.

A. If a module is plugged in that the Sentinel is not expecting, it may flash blue/green to signify that it is addressed, but not expected. Not all ISO displays will respond this way.

2. If your implement is configured with a number of rows not divisible by 4, the last module may not show as "expected". For instance, in the case of a 6-row potato planter, 2 modules are used but only 2 rows are plumbed on the second module. When addressing, module 2 may display as "not expected." When plugged in, it will be issued an address and 6 rows will display on the Sentinel HOME screen. The last 2 rows on the module will be ignored.

## Sentinel shows no flow and rows are grey

- 1. Make sure the **MASTER** button on the Sentinel **HOME** screen displays **MASTER ON**. If not, touch the button to cycle it. If there is a Height Switch arrow on the MASTER button, be sure it shows down to run.
- 2. Are you performing a stationary flow test? If so, a simulated speed must be entered and Section Control must be MAN.
- 3. Is a speed being displayed on the Sentinel HOME screen when moving?
  - A. If not, change the speed source.







## **Sentinel Row Flow Troubleshooting**

## Individual rows read high or low

- 1. Are you testing with water? Unless the system is designed for water, row-flow may be uneven. Some rows may not flow if there is not enough pressure.
  - A. Increase rate to build a minimum of 15 pounds of system pressure
- 2. Check row plumbing
  - A. Look for pinched or kinked lines to the row
  - B. Inspect check valves for plugging or damage
  - C. Clean out orifices and inspect placement (seed firmer, stainless tube, etc.) for plugging
  - D. Flip the outlet plumbing for 2 rows and determine if the problem follows the row

1. If the low/high flow reading stays with the same row on the Sentinel, inspect the module for plugging.

- 2. Flush the module with warm water and clean the inside of the flowmeter with soft brush/rag.
- 3. Row-flow may be too low for Sentinel to read or product may not be conductive
  - A. Increase rate or add a small amount of fertilizer to product to increase conductivity
- 4. Perform a catch test on several rows to determine if the information being displayed is correct.
- 5. Adjust the individual flowmeter with the Flow Adj. on the Row Detail screen.

NOTE: Water is not always a great conductor. If you are having problems reading flow with water, try adding a small amount of fertilizer to your product tank.

## Sentinel alarms too often

Often times during initial start-up the Sentinel alarms can seem excessive as Sentinel highlights the row-torow inaccuracies in the system. Small things like tubing lengths and check valve springs can make big differences in row-flow. To start out, a user may consider increasing the **TOLERANCE** up to 50% until these issues are resolved. Here are some other adjustments that can be made:

- 1. Decrease the length of time that full-page alarms display by changing the **AUTO HIDE ALARMS** setting.
- 2. Increase the time before a row alarms by increasing the **ALARM TIME** setting.
- 3. Is Sentinel alarming when the implement is up or when turning around?
  - A. Use the IntelliSection option
  - B. Consider disabling alarms with the use of a lift switch
- 4. Go to the **ROW DETAILS** and disable the problematic row
- 5. Disable all alarms by checking the DISABLE ALARMS box

## As-applied rate doesn't match my rate controller

1. Do you have a small implement?

A. If your implement has few rows, **AUTO RATE** may not calculate correctly. Try using **MANUAL RATE** 

2. Use the FLOW ADJUSTMENT input box on the Rate Setup screen to adjust the Sentinel flowmeters.

**NOTE:** Don't calibrate the Sentinel to a system that hasn't been calibrated first. Always verify flow and main flowmeter calibration by performing a catch test.

## Sentinel Doesn't display speed

- 1. Change the speed source. Toggle through the speed sources until speed displays.
- 2. If none of the speed sources are working, a communication problem with the tractor may exist. Consult your tractor dealer or add a GPS speed receiver found in the Accessories section of this manual.





## **Sentinel Rate Control Troubleshooting**

Section Test or Manual Section Valve Operation and Manual Pump Operation



To operate the Section Valves manually, press **Manual Section**, then press any section button to turn the valve off/on.

To test the valves sitting still, put **DUTY CYCLE to MAN, MASTER** : ON, **SPEED** entered, **Section Control: MAN.** 

To run the pump while doing this, enter a number for the Duty Cycle %. The Flow (GPM) and Pressure should be steady. Adjust DC%.

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Actual Flow 5.0 GPA 1.2 GPM Flow Freq 60.32 hz
RPM 0.0 MASTER ON RPM Freq 0.00 hz
Working Width 20.0 ft

### System Won't Run

- 1. Enter a **SPEED** (tap the box and enter).
- 2. Select a RATE.

- 3. Master ON. Section Control MAN.
- 4. Adjust SPEED and RATE to test range.
- 5. Observe Flow (GPM), Pressure, and Duty Cycle %. On hydraulic pump observe RPM.
- 6. When testing with water, the pressure will be much less than it will be with a heavier fertilizer. You may have to increase the rate significantly to open all the check valves so all rows will flow.
- 7. You can go to Manual Section (on the top row) and close some sections to see system response.
- 8. If Duty Cycle / Rate / Flow oscillate and won't lock in, decrease the Control Speed on the Setup Tab (adjust electric pump by 500, hydraulic by 50). Adjust Control Speed as needed for best field performance.
- 1. Is MASTER ON? Is the Product ON? Is there a SPEED? Is there a RATE? Switch Section Control from AUTO to MANUAL. Is there a Duty Cycle %? Is hydraulic flow ON and plumbed correctly?
- 2. On **Hardware** screen, uncheck TASK CONTROL. If you have TASK CONTROL checked on the Sentinel, Task Control must be activated and turned ON in the display software.
- 3. Verify settings for Master Switch and Implement Switch. If these boxes are checked, these items must be plugged into the Sentinel harnessing, not into harnessing for another control module. If using an IMPLE-MENT SWITCH for Sentinel, is the orientation correct (check arrow on MASTER ON button)?
- 4. If there is a DC% showing, but the pump is not running, check the hydraulics or the EPD on an electric pump system (check the EPD lights). Verify there is voltage on the 2-pin PWM Connector.



## **Sentinel Care and Maintenance**

## Cleaning

Under no circumstance should the Sentinel modules or ECU be cleaned with a pressure washer. While the flow modules and ECU are sealed, the intense pressure generated by pressure washers may penetrate the seals and cause irreversible damage.

It is good to occasionally clean the Sentinel flowmeter tubes. Take off the top fitting and run a Q-tip or soft cloth or brush through the tube on the Sentinel flowmeter. A film can build up over the electrodes inside the tube.

## Winterization

SurePoint recommends flushing your 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.

### **Pre-season Service**

(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.
- 2. On the display, recheck all setup screens (see Section D) to verify correct setup.
- 3. Fill system with water and run in Manual mode to verify components and system are in working order.
- 4. *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. Hydraulic pumps have tremendous suction and if there is a loose clamp between the pump and the tank, it will suck in air, which will cause erratic flowmeter readings.
- 5. Push in tubes at all Quick-Connect fittings so they are seated tightly. Tubes that are not fully seated are not always obvious and may not leak, but may allow air in, which can cause check valves to leak.
- 6. 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.)
- 7. Run a flow check (Nozzle Test) to verify that system will lock on to a Target Rate. Pressure will be much lower when testing with water than it will be with fertilizer. In some regions, tap water may not be conductive enough for the Sentinel to read accurately. Adding a small amount of fertilizer to the water will generally help.
- 8. Do a catch test to confirm flowmeter calibration. For best results, do a catch test with the product to be used. There may be a slight difference between the flow cal for water and the flow cal for the product. Always verify flowmeter calibration by comparing acres worked and gallons applied in the field.







## **Sentinel Accessories**

## **Mounting Brackets**





#### **Sentinel Mounting Brackets**

Part Number	Description
515-100950	Sentinel ECU Mounting Bracket Kit
515-100201	4-Row Sentinel Mounting Bracket Kit
515-100202	8-Row Sentinel Mounting Bracket Kit
515-100203	12-Row Sentinel Mounting Bracket Kit
515-200201	4-Row Low-Profile Bracket Kit
515-200202	8-Row Low-Profile Bracket Kit
515-200203	12-Row Low-Profile Bracket Kit
515-100701	4-Row Dual Product Add-on Kit
515-100702	8-Row Dual Product Add-on Kit
515-100703	12-Row Dual Product Add-on Kit

### **ISO Extension Harnesses**



Part Number	Description
214-00-3553Y1	10 FT. Front ISO Extension Harness
214-00-3554Y1	20 FT. Front ISO Extension Harness
214-00-3555Y1	30 FT. Front ISO Extension Harness
214-00-3556Y1	40 FT. Front ISO Extension Harness
214-00-3557Y1	50 FT. Front ISO Extension Harness

### **Implement Height Switches**



## GPS Speed Receiver



Part Number	Description
501-100530	Magnetic Finger Type Height Switch
501-1005	Magnetic Mercury Switch
501-100520 / 100525	Push Button Switch for Parallel Arms

Part Number	Description
203-01-01410	Astro II with 3-pin MP 150 Shroud



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