

# Taylor Master & RoadMaster Gauge

### FOR BULK STORAGE



### LP-GAS AND ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

### **CAUTION\***

Read completely before attempting installation. These instructions are prepared to assist qualified personnel familiar with liquid storage tank equipment. Most consumers are not qualified to perform the installation described. If you have any questions about installation or operation of Master gauges, contact Taylor Products or an authorized distributor for assistance.

\* Materials and specifications are subject to change without notice.

Pressure ratings subject to change due to temperature and other environmental considerations.

### **Construction & Operation**

Master liquid level gauges are designed for centerline mounting or top mounting on bulk-storage tanks, centerline mounting on bobtails or transports. Angle mounting is optional at extra cost.

The materials used in construction are carefully selected for compatibility with the liquid to be gauged, so, you can expect the unit to provide many years of trouble-free service.

Master gauges are operated by liquid displacement of a float bulb attached to a counter-balanced float arm. The counterbalance has been adjusted so the float will be half-submerged in tank's liquid.

The main gear at the pivot point drives a pinion gear attached to a center shaft. The 2.2:1 gear ratio converts the 140° float arc to 308° of center shaft rotation. A drive magnet, attached to the end of the center shaft under the gauge head, couples with a dial pointer magnet through the solid, non-magnetic head to move a pointer around a dial, usually graduated in percent of tank volume. The limits of measurement are 5% to 95% or 3% to 97% of tank volume.

### Attachment To Tank

For RoadMaster and Master Model B Gauges, different adapters can be welded or screwed into tanks to attach the gauge. Any adapter used must conform to Taylor Products Machining Standard MS-508T. For standard Master gauges the mounting bolt holes are on the vertical centerline. Straddle mounted gauges for mounting bolt holes spanning vertical centerline are available on special order.





Straddle Mount

The most popular Taylor adapter, 118425, has a 2.5" Male NPT thread which screws into a 2.5" Female NPT coupling welding into the tank. (The sealing gasket and eight mounting studs and nuts are included with the gauge. The minimum adapter opening diameter the float and counterbalance must pass through is 2.25". Any adapter used must be installed with its axis truly aligned with the tank axis. This enables the installed gauge to be exactly horizontal and provide accurate gauge readings.

#### Inspection & Assembly Of Gauge

When the gauge is received, remove and inspect it to make sure it is in operating condition. Use the screw and nut or cotter pin provided to install the float arm and dial (per figure 7, step 8) on the gauge. Make sure the float will fall under its own weight by moving the float arm slowly through its range to detect any binding or restriction. The dial pointer should move slightly past the extreme ends of the dial scale when the float arm reaches the limits of its travel.

Make sure it is calibrated properly by aligning the float arm with the support arm. The side or end mounting gauges should then read 50% and top mounting gauges should read below empty. The 50% graduation on the dial should be at the 12 o'clock position after the gauge is installed in the adapter. If you find any problems call your local distributor.

#### **Accuracy Precaution**

Before installing your Master gauge, be sure it fits your tank properly. Check the length of the float arm, measuring from the pivot point to the center of the float bulb. This dimension should be .465 times the inside diameter of any horizontal cylindrical tank, and .428 times the inside diameter for mobile tanks with RoadMaster gauges.

Before filling the tank, be sure the gauge moves freely inside. Many storage tanks contain dip pipes, baffles, or other obstructions which may interfere with free movement of the gauge float arm, preventing proper performance.

Accurate measurement of Liquefied-Petroleum Gas, LP Gas, or Anhydrous Ammonia, NH3, requires converting a volume measured at an observed temperature to the volume at a standard base temperature of 60°F. LP Gas is usually a mixture of propane, butane and possibly other gases, so the conversion factor is usually determined from a chart when the specific gravity of the LP Gas is at 60°F is known.

#### CAUTION

#### NEVER EXCEED THE MAXIMUM SAFE FILLING LEVEL.

The temperature chart for various specific gravities (mixtures) of LP Gas is based on the permitted filling densities as given in NFPA Pamphlet 58, Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases. This chart is required for an LP Gas liquid-level gauge to be listed under the re-examination service by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. The chart indicates the maximum safe level for LP Gas when the specific gravity and liquid temperature are known. This safe level allows space in the tank for liquid expansion if the liquid temperature rises.

#### WARNING

The gauge is not a substitute for a fixed or adjustable liquid level gauge which may be required for filling. Do not use gauge for filling.

#### WARNING

Failure to follow these instructions or to properly install and maintain this equipment could result in an explosion and/or fire causing property damage or personal injury or death. Taylor Products equipment must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with all federal, state and local codes and Taylor Products instructions. The installation in most states must also comply with NFPA standards 58 and 59, and ANSI K61.1. Only personnel trained in the proper procedures, codes, standards and regulations of the LP-Gas and NH<sub>3</sub> industries should install, maintain and service this equipment.

Be sure all instructions are read and understood before installation, operation and maintenance. These instructions must be passed along to the end user of this product.

Release all system presure prior to installation. Failure to do so could result in personal injury. Use proper safety equipment at all times. Completely purge the system of all LP-Gas or NH<sub>3</sub>.

### CAUTION

Contact or inhalation of liquid propane, ammonia and their vapors can cause serious injury or death! NH3 and LP-Gas must be released outdoors in air currents that will insure dispersion to prevent exposure to people and livestock. LP-Gas must be kept far enough from any open flame or other source of ignition to prevent fire or explosion! LP-Gas is heavier than air and will not disperse or evaporate rapidly if released in still air.

#### Note

Before installing, inspect float gauge assembly for shipping damage that may affect performance.

### Installing The Master and RoadMaster Gauge

If the gauge has not been assembled, read the section on inspecting and assembling the gauge.

1. Place the white plastic centralizers on the short end of the studs for the 4 and 7 o'clock positions with the lips outward and install these studs in the gauge adapter.





**5.** Slip the gauge head onto studs and start the mounting stud nut at the 6 o'clock position. Remove the dial and install remaining nuts finger-tight. Tighten nuts near the bottom of head just enough to make the head parallel to the adapter face. Tighten in sequence while increasing torque gradually. Make sure the gap between the head and adapter remains the same all the way around. If it is not, loosen nuts near the narrow gap slightly and tighten nuts near the wide gap. After the nuts have been partially tightened and head is parallel with flange, apply about 10 ft./lbs. torque using nut tightening sequence. Now, apply about 20 ft./lbs. using nut tightening sequence. Then apply a final torque of 25 to 35 ft./lbs. to each nut several more times in sequence.



Nut Tightening Sequence

#### WARNING

Uneven or excessive nut torque can damage gasket and/or gauge head.

#### **6. Installation Inspection**

Purge the vessel if necessary. Pressurize it to at least one-third the rated tank pressure if it is a pressure vessel. Check for leakage all around, between head and adapter and around each mounting bolt head. Over-tightening of mounting bolts may cause cracks or warp the head. If no leaks or other defects are detected, fill the vessel. Check for pointer movement after 5% full, prior to filling to the desired level.



### **Routine Maintenance And Inspection**

- Periodically inspect the portions of the gauge on the outside of the tank
- Replace broken dial glass
- · Look for water under the glass
- Replace missing dial and gauge hardware
- · Correct any other external physical damage
- Check for leaks and corrosion
- Periodically observe that the dial pointer moves freely in response to changes in tank level

### **Gas Pressure Warning**

In certain isolated cases and with very low temperature, it may be possible to open a tank with slight loss of gas. A 300 lb. pressure gauge may show a zero reading and still have up to four or five pounds pressure in the tank. However, pressure is probably being generated all the time and a sudden pressure reduction will substantially increase the rate of vaporization.

### WARNING

#### DO NOT TEST THE FLOAT FOR LEAKAGE BY ANY MEANS.

If the dial indicates a lower liquid level than what is known, then the gauge float may be leaking and may be filled with liquid. Place the removed float in a safe, isolated and well-ventilated area to give the LP Gas or NH<sub>3</sub> a chance to diffuse. With these liquefied gases and other similar products, a danger of float explosion exists due to liquid or gas expansion resulting from warming a float from any source.

### **Precautions Regarding Removal Of Gauge**

If gauge removal appears necessary, only do so under competent supervision. Make sure tank is completely purged.

### **Fire Hazard Warning**

A hazard of fire or explosion may exist if proper methods are not used, when installing or removing Magnetel<sup>®</sup> from vessels containing pressurized liquid or gas, flammable liquids, oxidizers, NH<sub>3</sub> or LP Gas.

### **Removing The Gauge**

When removing centerline-mount gauges, do not strain or force the parts, especially in lining up the counterbalance. After mounting stud nuts have been removed, replace the dial chamber and slowly rotate the gauge left or right until the pointer is at the 50% level. In this position, the counterbalance will be parallel to the support arm and can be easily withdrawn through the opening.

With the same careful manipulation, top-mount gauges may be easily removed also. Tip the gauge slightly so the pointer rests at its lowest possible position, slowly withdrawing the gauge from the tank.

Item Number	Description	
RoadMaster Parts		
130040	SS Spiral Wound Teflon Filled Gasket	
130093	Stud Bolt & Nut Kit	
131845	RoadMaster Dial Bracket Kit	
131823	RoadMaster Angle Bracket Kit	
131839	RoadMaster Dial Assembly Complete	
131820	RoadMaster R3D Dial Assembly Complete	
131821	RoadMaster Fluorescent Dial Only	
131822	RoadMaster R3D Fluorescent Dial Only	
New Style Master Gauges Parts		
130040	SS Spiral Wound Teflon Filled Gasket	
130093	Stud Bolt & Nut Kit	
130098	Master Dial 3-Bkt Kit	
130090	Master Dial LP or AA 3-Bkt Post 07	
130091	4102 LP Only Dial 3-Bkt Post 07	
130092	4607 AA Only Dial 3-Bkt Post 07	
130034	Master R3D Dial LP or AA 3-Bkt Post 07	
130076	Master R3D Sender & Cable	
130089	Master Fluorescent Dial LP & AA 3-BKT	
130099	Master R3D Fluorescent Dial LP & AA 3-BKT	
Old Style Master Gauges Parts		
130040	SS Spiral Wound Teflon Filled Gasket	
130205	Master Dial 2-Bkt Kit	
130035	Master Dial LP or AA 2-Bkt Pre 08	
130036	4102 LP Only Dial 2-Bkt Pre 08	
130030	4607 AA Only Dial 2-Bkt Pre 08	
130078	Master R3D Dial LP or AA 2-Bkt Pre 08	
130076	Master R3D Sender & Cable	
130088	Master Fluorescent Dial LP & AA 2-BKT	
130094	Master R3D Fluorescent Dial LP & AA 2-BKT	
130127	Master Dial Screws 1032-1 (2 req.)	
130219	Master Gauge Bolts (8 req.)	



## Trouble Shooting

### SYMPTOM | LOOK FOR:

Gauge not reading at low extreme when installed in empty tank.	<ul> <li>Float striking obstructions such as dip pipes or baffles.</li> <li>Float or counterbalance striking tank wall. — <i>Incorrect gauge.</i></li> <li>Float not dropping under its own weight. — <i>Defective gauge.</i></li> <li>Float arm too short for counterbalance.</li> </ul>
Gauge continues reading at low ex- treme when tank is full.	<ul> <li>Obstruction on tank bottom.</li> <li>Float improperly counterbalanced for iquid being gauged. Order cor- rect gauge.</li> <li>Float leaks and is filled with liquid. <i>— Replace float.</i></li> </ul>
Gauge indicator staying at some midpoint regard- less of liquid level.	<ul> <li>Float hung not allowing float to follow liquid level — <i>defective gauge</i>.</li> <li>Float partially sunk due to leakage or improper counterbalancing.— <i>Replace float or gauge</i>.</li> <li>Dial pointer is stuck due to damage or corrosion. — <i>Replace dial</i>.</li> <li>Incorrect or modified float arm installed on gauge. — <i>Replace float arm or gauge</i>.</li> </ul>
Gauge indicating liquid level inac- curately.	<ul> <li>Gauge not fitting tank. Order right gauge.</li> <li>Gauge mounting adapter not aligned with tank axis.</li> <li>Tank is not level.</li> <li>Liquid-temperature volume changes not accounted for.</li> </ul>
Gauge face not straight on tank.	Mounting adapter lined up improperly.

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