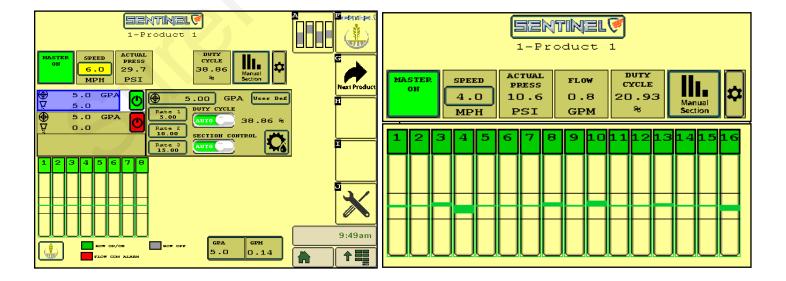


Sentinel Rate Control for ISOBUS Installation and Setup









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#### 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.

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#### 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 SureFire 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.

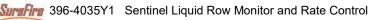
SureFire currently supports Sentinel operating on the following displays: **John Deere** 2630 & 4640, **Ag Leader** InCommand 800 and 1200, **Case IH** Pro 700 and Pro 1200, and **Trimble** TMX-2050. <u>The use of Sentinel on any other display may result in diminished functionality.</u>

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, SureFire offers harnessing to provide this connection on any implement. Ask your SureFire 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 ECU harness (208-06-3536Y2) 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.
- 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 beginning on page 14.





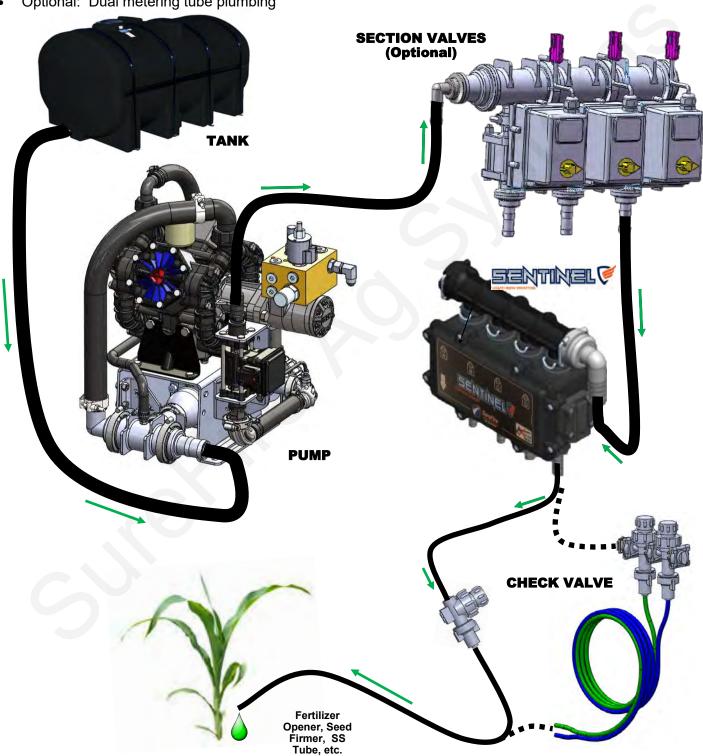


# System Overview Example 1

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

- . Tank •
- Pump •
- Section Valves •
- Sentinel Flow Monitor •
- **Check Valve** •
- Optional: Dual metering tube plumbing •





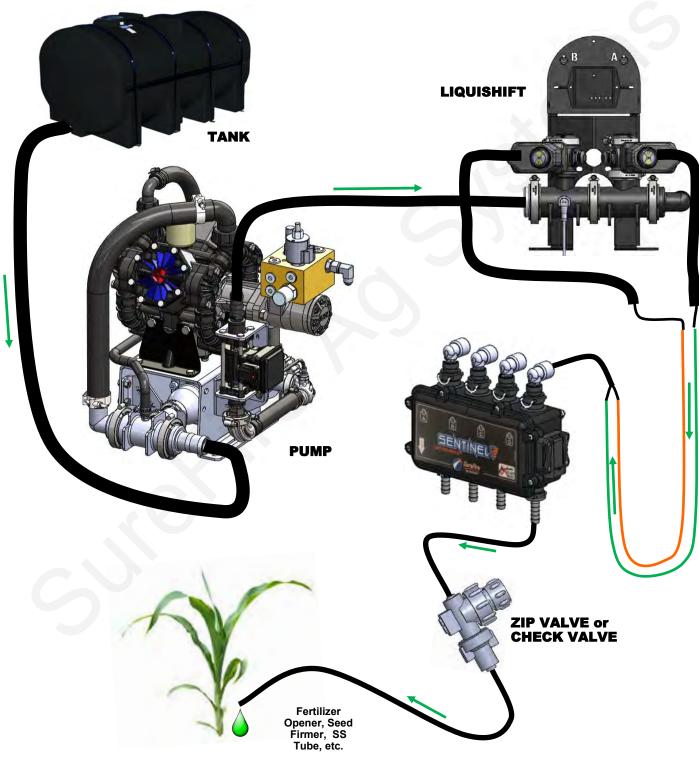




# **System Overview Example 2**

The following gives an example of a complete SureFire Fertilizer system with LiquiShift and these components:

- Tank
- Pump
- LiquiShift Valve Stack
- Sentinel Flow Monitor
- Zip Valves or Check Valves



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Components Liquid







ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1 204-01-4625AAGB1B1		Sentinel <sup>™</sup> 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
	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



# SureFire Harness Layout for ISO Sentinel

The SureFire 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**

Designed to integrate with any implement, in some cases, connecting the Sentinel starts at the tractor's ISOBUS connection. Power and information is relayed to the Sentinel ECU using a SureFire Front ISO Extension which includes power and CAN bus connections. Already using the tractor ISOBUS? No Problem. SureFire carries ISOBUS? harnesses to split the ISO connection at the tractor.

#### Implement Height and Speed Input

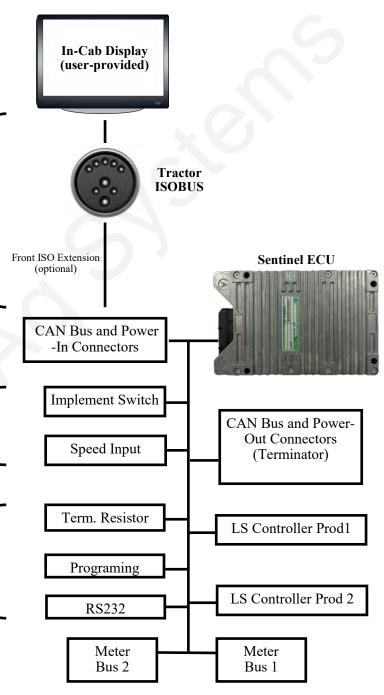
Not used in all configurations, the implement height and speed input connections provide additional input options in situations that require advanced alarm control and an auxiliary speed source. These conditions generally exist only in hybrid systems, utilizing multi-branded components.

### Sentinel and LiquiShift

The Sentinel ECU has incorporated software that allows for customized control of up to 2 SureFire 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.

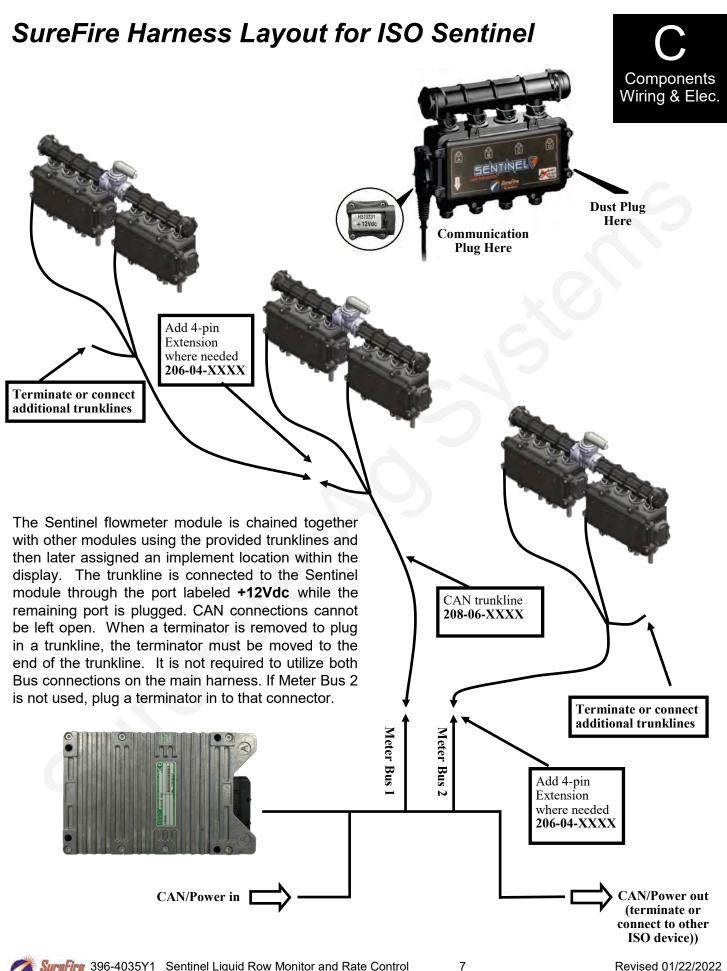


### **Bus Connections**

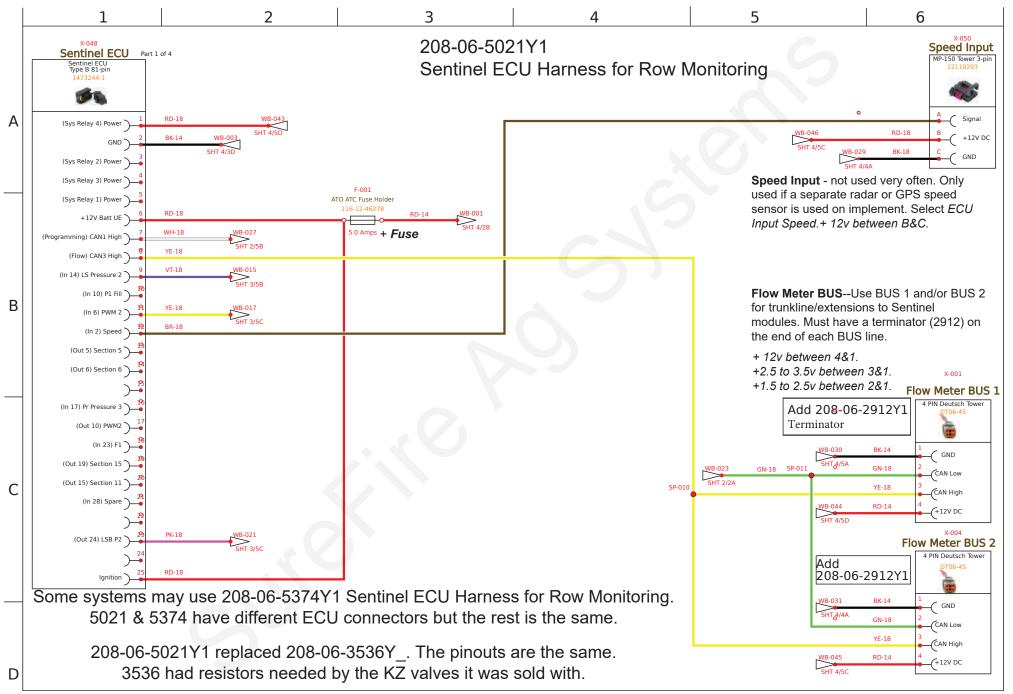
2 Bus connections are provided for convenience so that each side of the implement can plug into the ECU harness without the need for a long, continuous chain of connections.

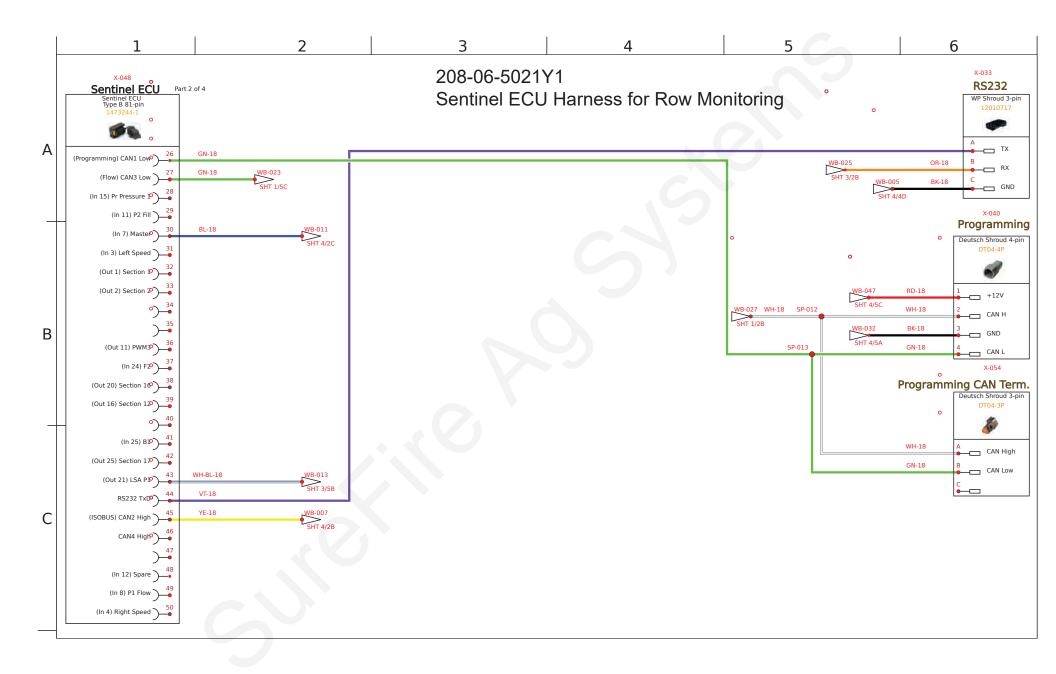


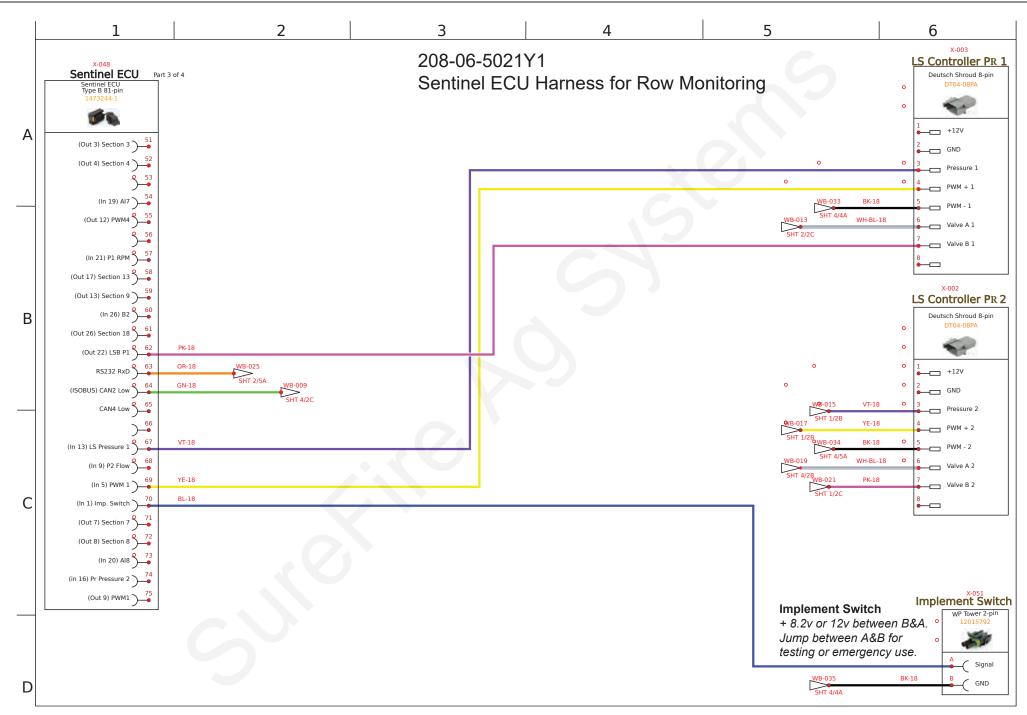


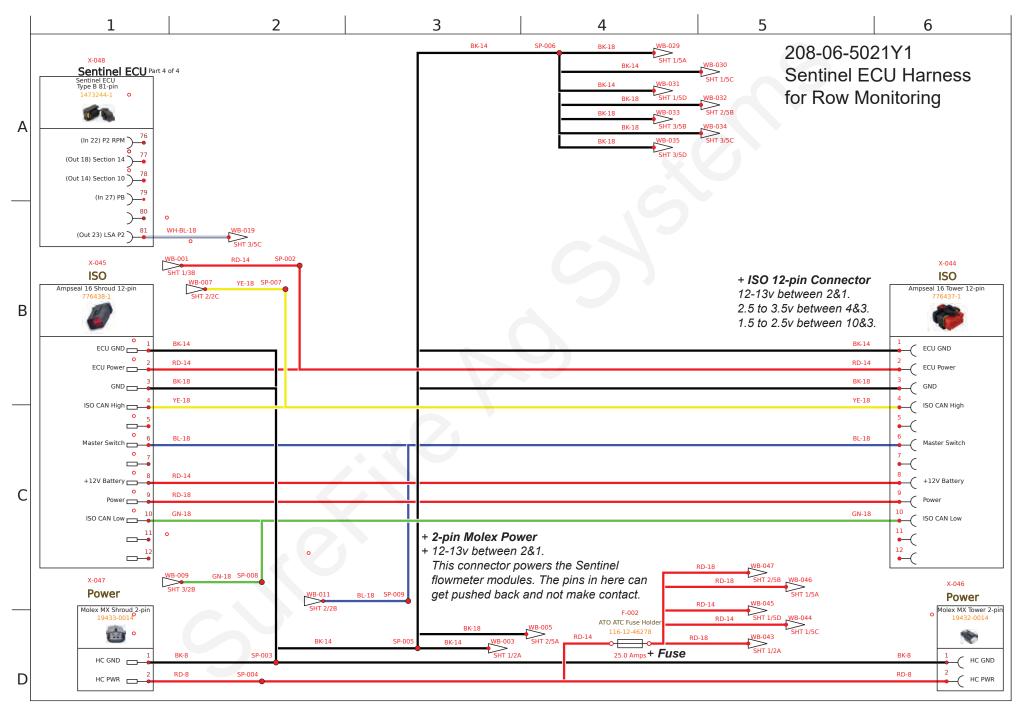


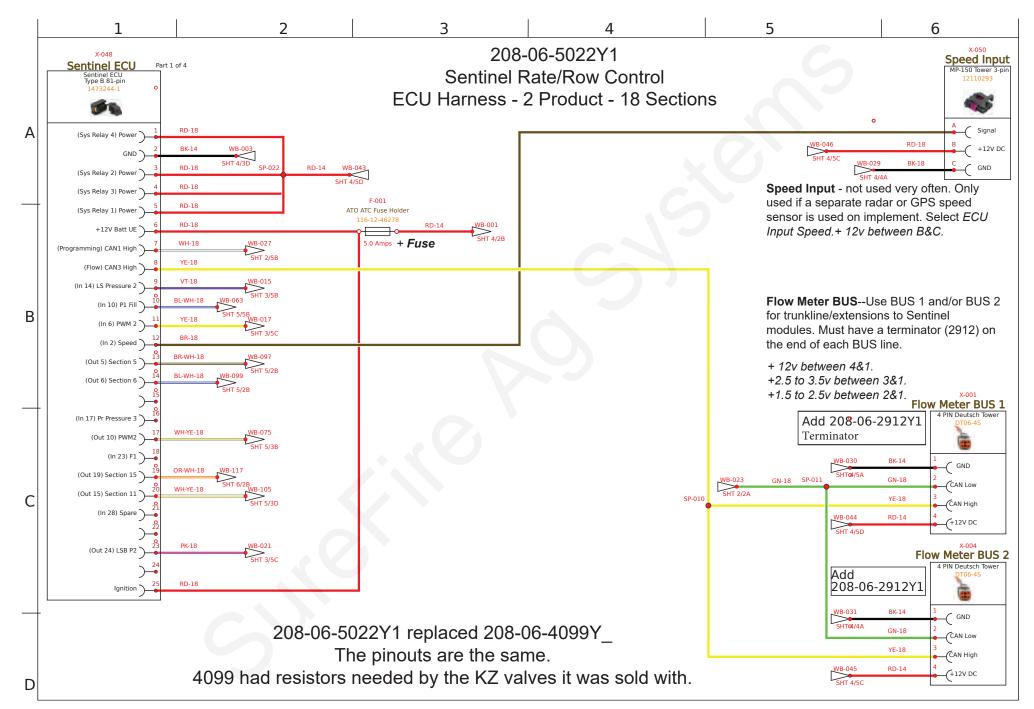
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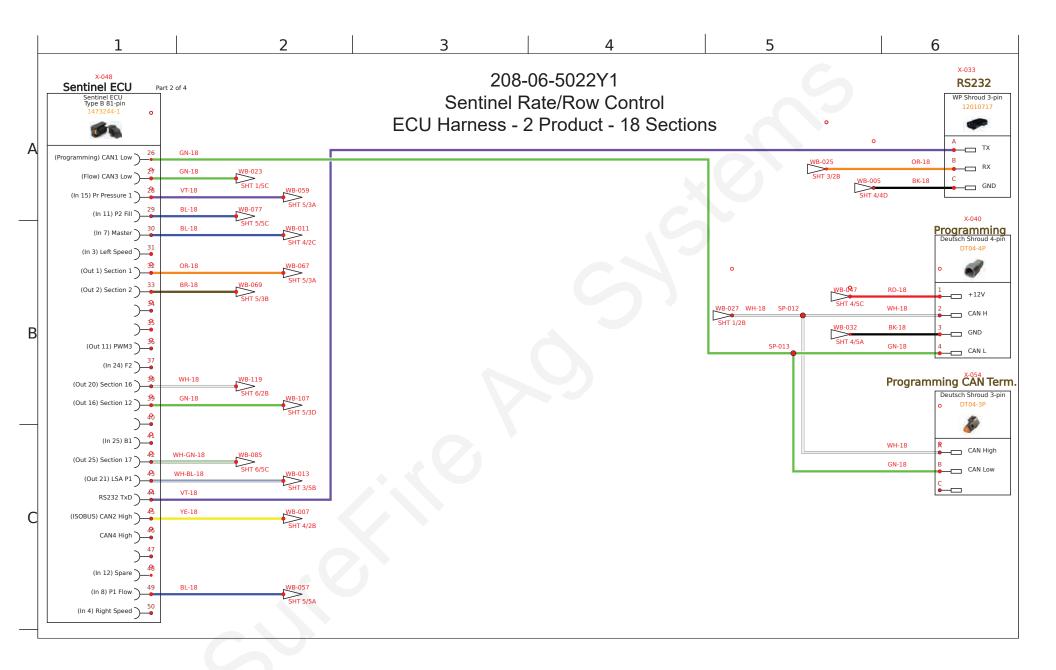


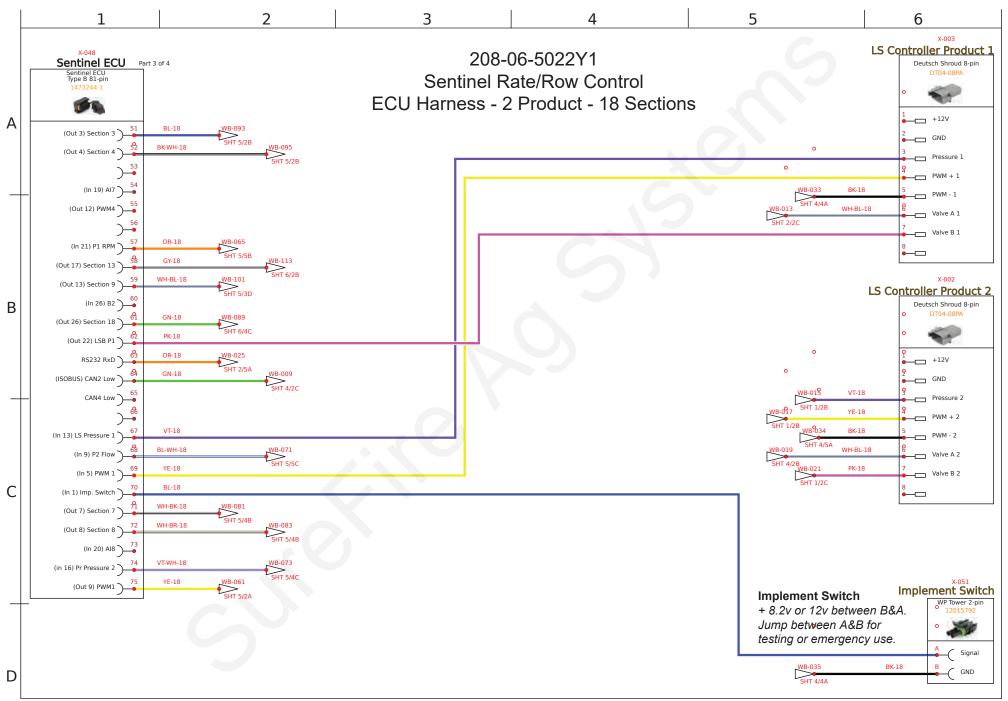


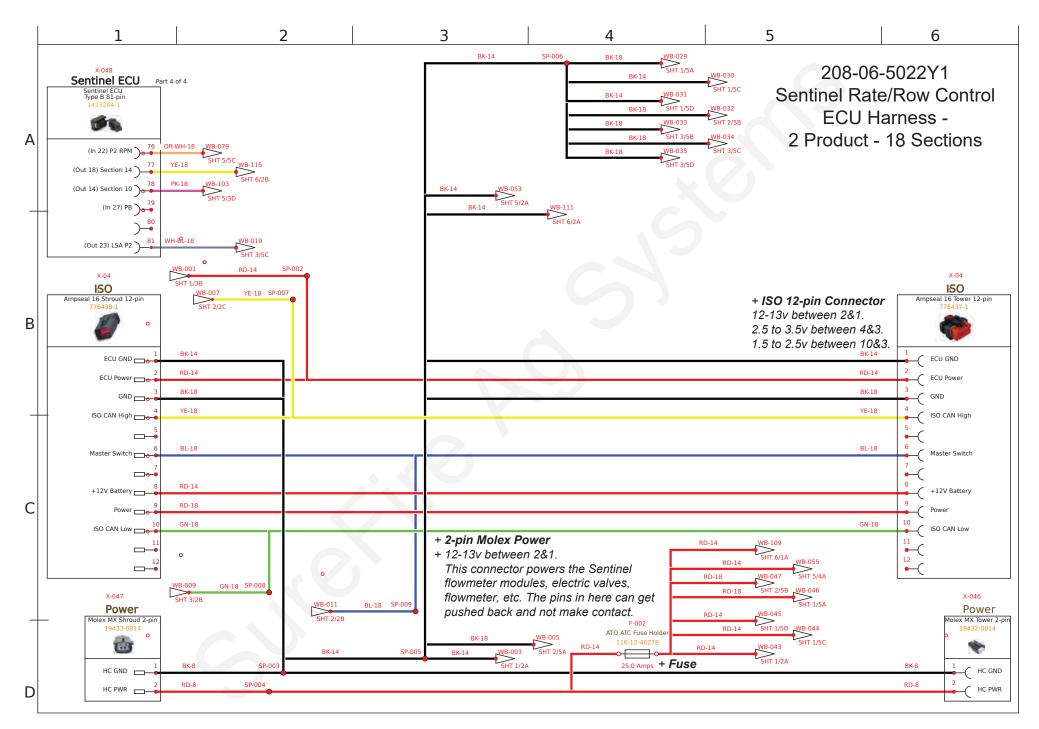


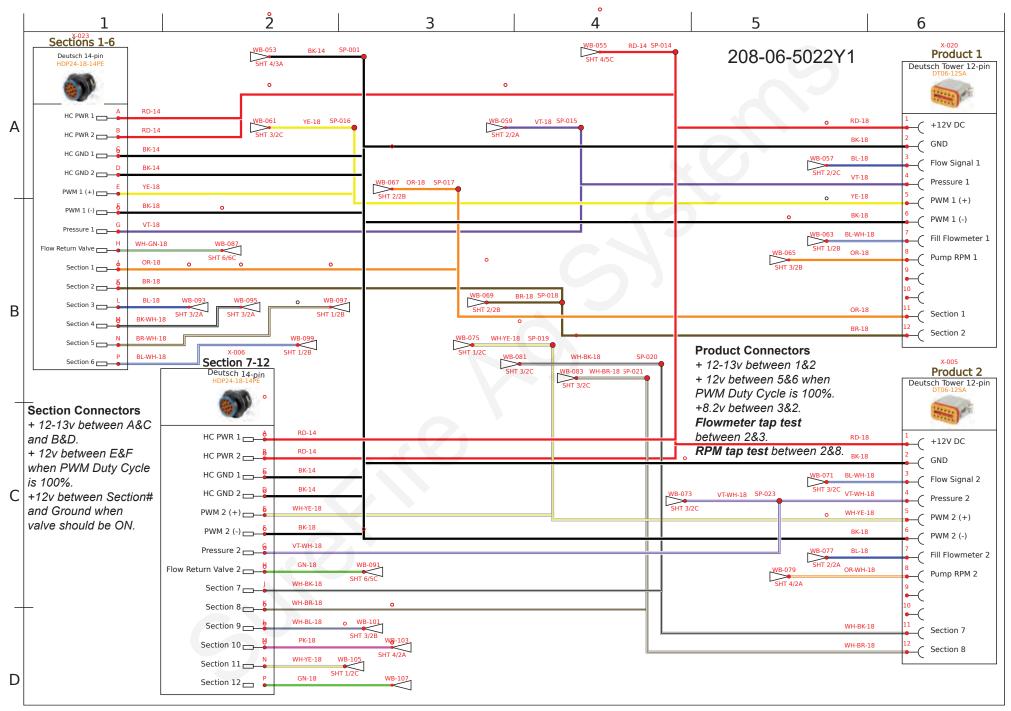


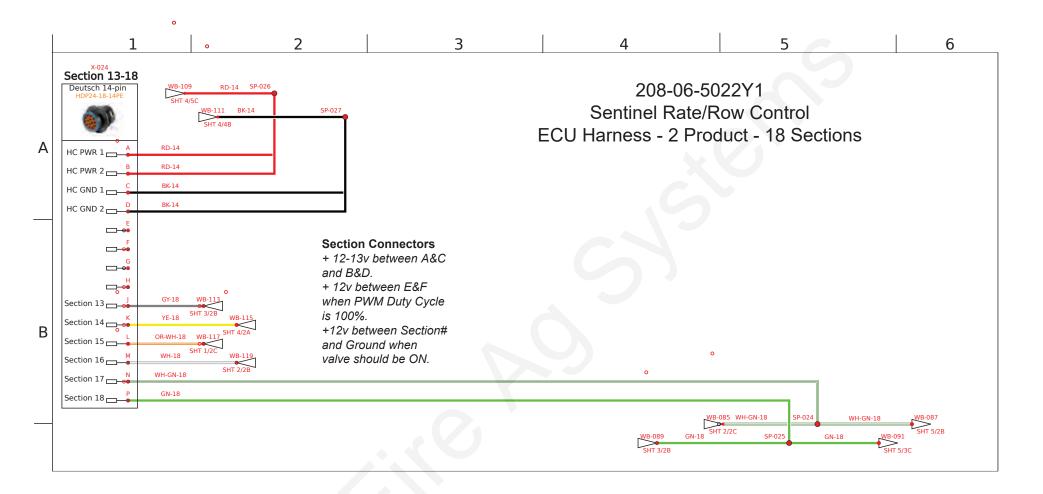


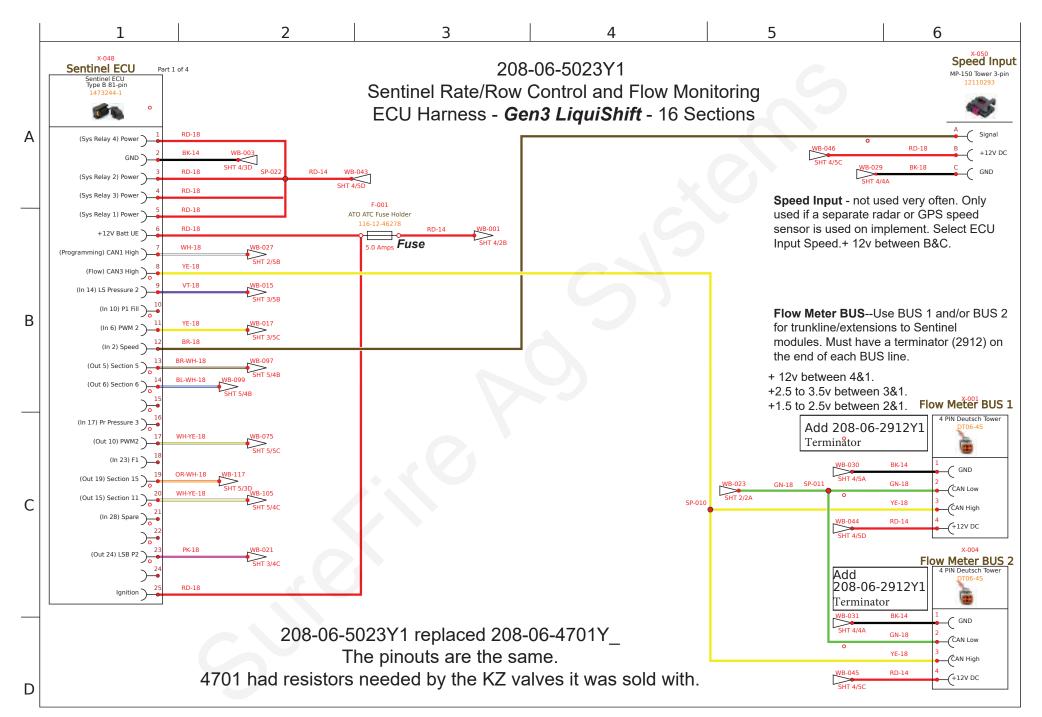


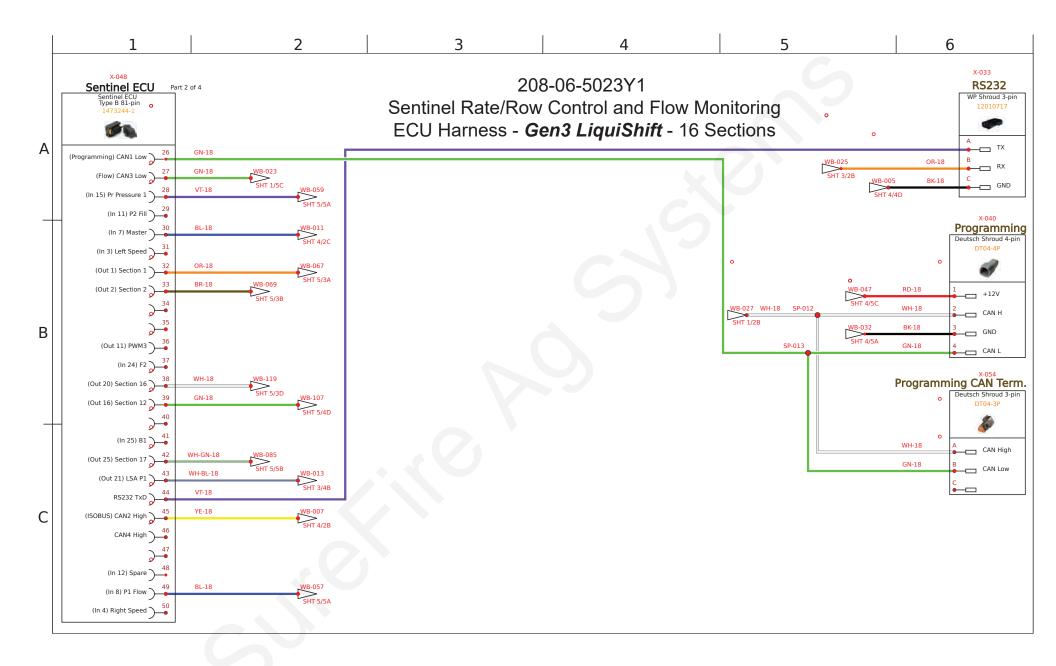


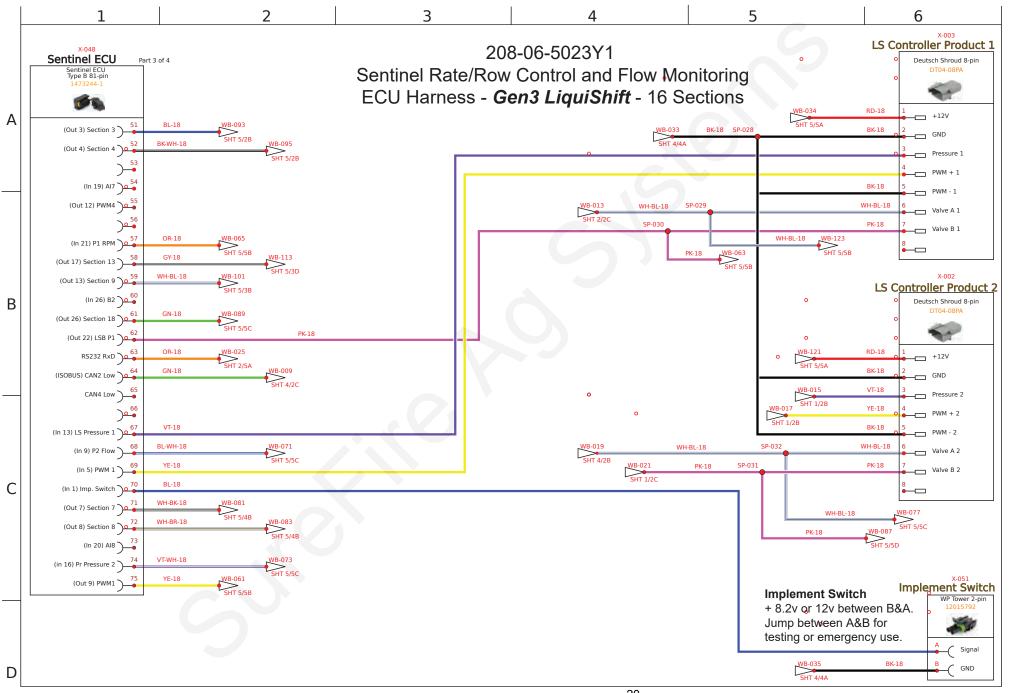


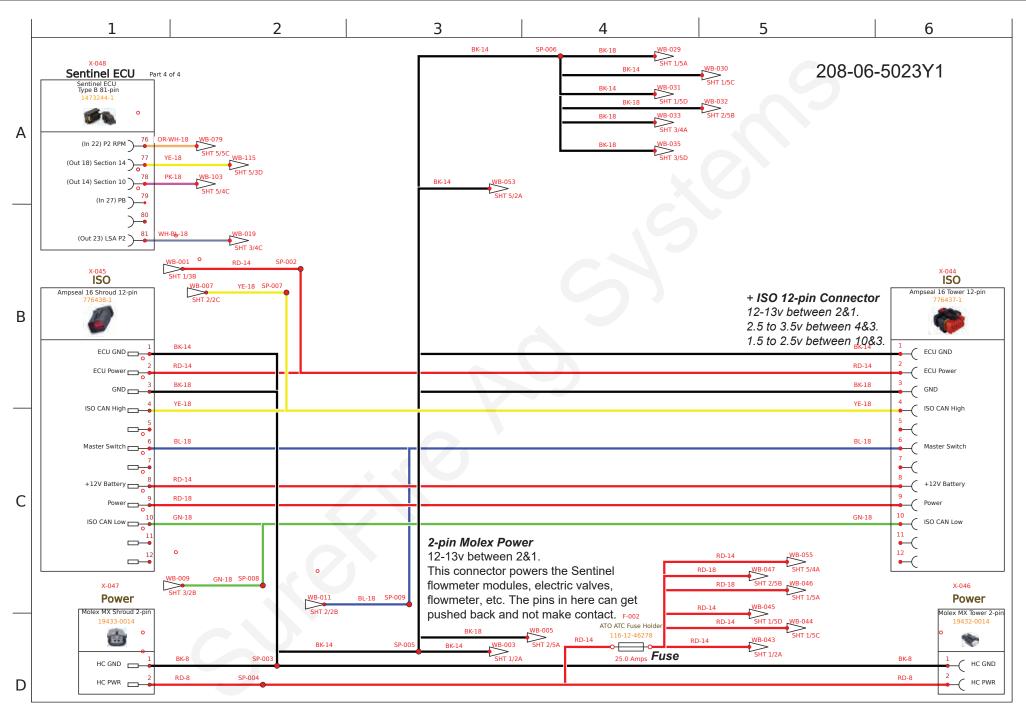


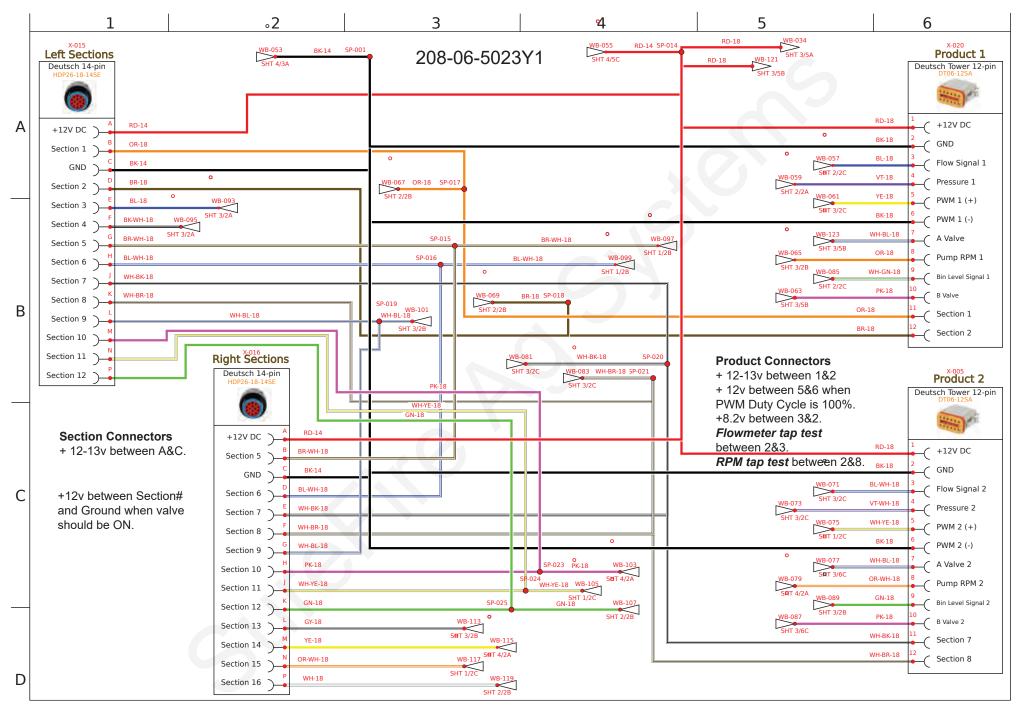




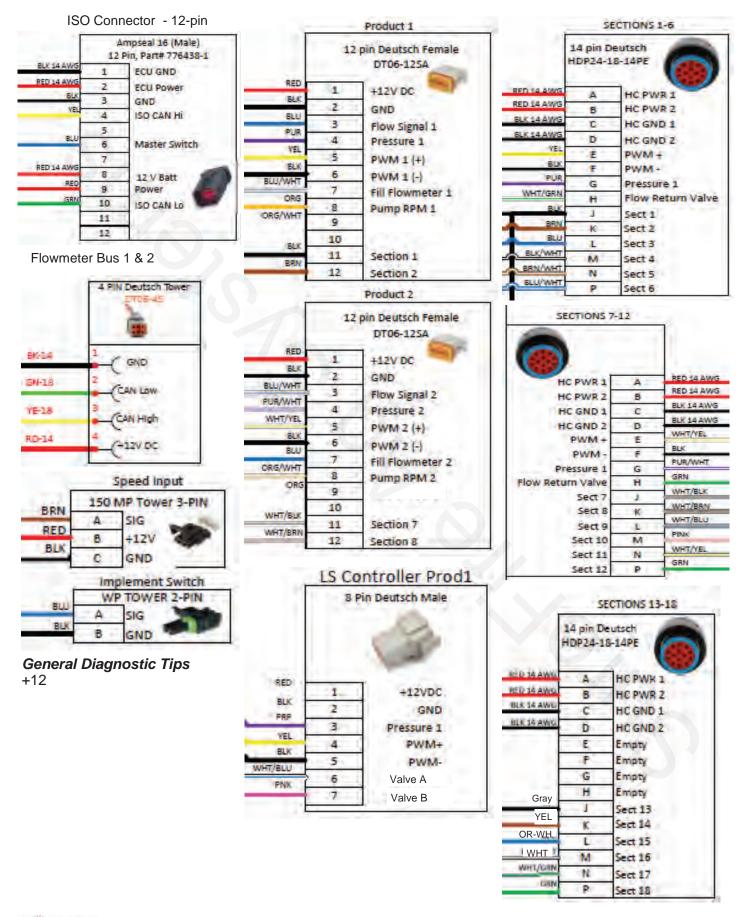








#### 208-06-5022Y1 Connector pinouts for Rate Control and Row Control



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

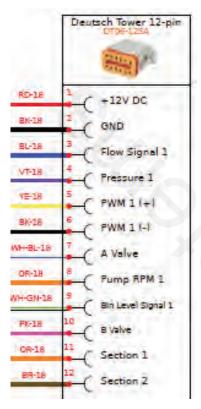
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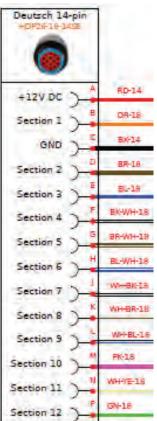
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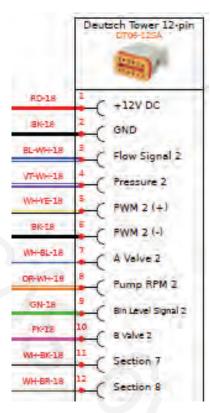


Product 2









**Right Sections** 

Deutsch 14-pin Horte-18-1455	
+12V DC	RD-14
Section 5	BR-WH-18
GND )	BK-14
Section 6	BL-WH-18
Section 7	WH-8K-18
Section 8	WH-BR-18
Section 9	WHEL-18
Section 10	PK-18
Section 11	WHYE-18
Section 12	GN-18
Section 13	G(+18
Section 14	YE-18
Section 15	08-WH-18
Section 16	WH-18





#### 4-Pin Deutsch CAN Trunklines to 4-Pin AMP SuperSeal to connect Sentinel Flowmeter Modules

Part #	Number of flowmeter connectors	Length	
208-06-2908Y2	1	5'	CAN Device + 12v between 2&1.
208-06-2909Y2	1	15'	1.5 to 2.5 v between 3&1.
208-06-4975Y1	2	5'	+2.5 to 3.5v between 4&1.
208-06-2910Y2	2	15'	2908 and 2909 with one Device connector
208-06-2911Y2	3	15'	BLK AMP SUPER SEAL TOWER 4-PIN
208-06-4976Y1	4	5'	RED 1 GND CON 2 +12VDC
208-06-4977Y1	4	15'	GRN 3 WHT 4 CAN L
CA	SHROUD SND 1 GRN N L 2 WHT N H 3 RED	9	CAN Bus BLK DEUTSCH 4-PIN TOWER GRN 2 CAN L CAN H RED 4 +12VDC
			CAN Device BLK AMP SUPER SEAL TOWER 4-PIN RED 2 +12VDC GRN 3 CAN L CAN Device CAN Device
4975 and 2910 w	vith two Devic	e connect	Ors

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2 +12VDC GRN 3 CAN L WHT 4 CAN H CAN Bus CAN Bus DEUTSCH 4-PIN SHROUD **DEUTSCH 4-PIN TOWER** BLK BLK GND GND 1 1 GRN GRN CAN L 2 2 CAN L WHT WHT CAN H 3 3 CAN H RED RED +12VDC 4 4 +12VDC

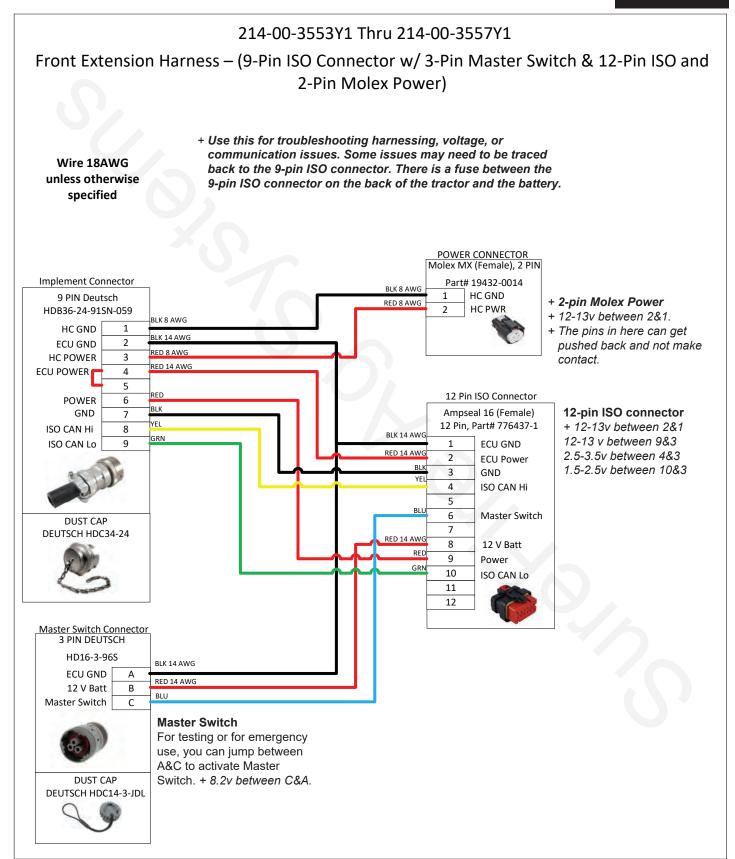
CAN Bus + 12v between 4&1. +2.5 to 3.5v between 3&1. +1.5 to 2.5v between 2&1.

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

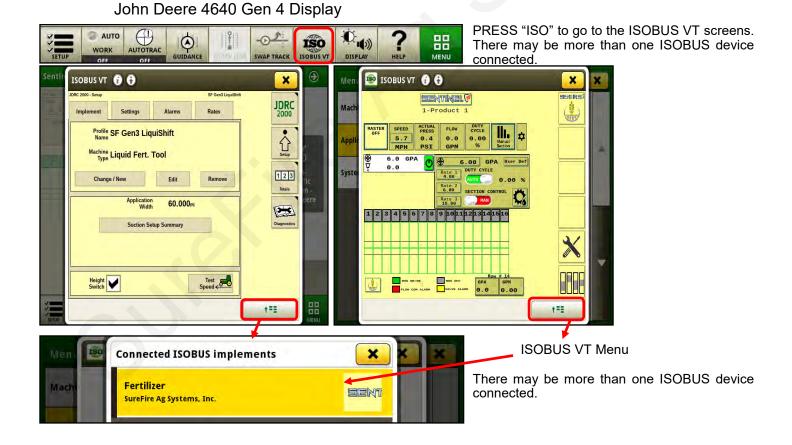
4976 and 4977 are similar to the above, but with four Device connectors.

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.



#### How to get to Sentinel on the VT (or UT) John Deere 2630 Display Pro 700 Display Setup & Operation John Deere LDRC Rate Controller 2000 Display 2274 Test 2000 R Speed (Wheel) 00 Layout Manager ----- mph Toolbox Diagnostics Data Management Cente H ĥ Access Manage ormance Monitor Run Performance Calibration VT Upload Т SENTINEL Ġ¤ **ISOBUS GS**3 GreenSta Video ISOBUS Work Condition GreenStar Rate Original + Controlle You can set up VT Upload and VT Implements on Toolbox > GreenStar Monitor Calculator 114029 Shane vert Layout (shown in Left Area above). On first bootup, VT Upх = Contr load may take several minutes for a new device. ტ Standby

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



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

#### Ag Leader InCommand



Trimble TMX-2050



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## **Icons from Sentinel**





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



**IMPLEMENT Setup** -enter implement geometry



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



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



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



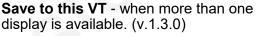
**Next VT -** when more than one display is in use, this moves the Sentinel to the next screen. (v.1.3.0)

SureFire - see software version. Go to

Auxiliary Settings screen.









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



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

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



Save Task Controller settings



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



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









## Sentinel Row Monitoring

## With Sentinel Flowmeters



Typically will use one of the following Sentinel ECU Harnesses

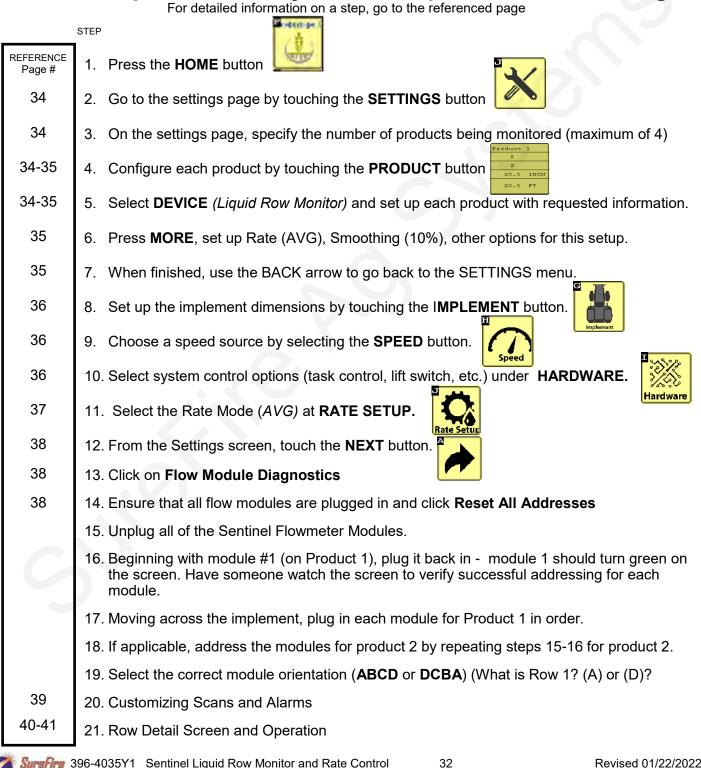
208-06-5021Y1	Sentinel ECU Harness	208-06-5374Y1	Sentinel Lvl 1 Monitor Only
208-06-3536Y3	Sentinel ECU Harness		



## Sentinel Setup and Configuration Set-up and Configuration for Row Monitoring

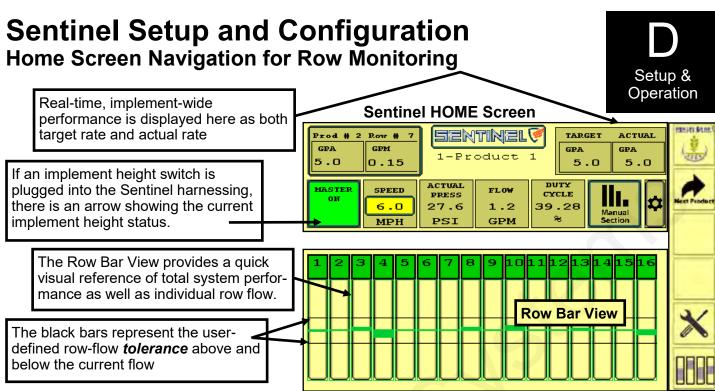
The following pages will guide you through the initial set-up and configuration of your Sentinel Row Monitoring system. Below is an overview of the steps necessary to fully configure the system before operation. Each subsequent page outlines the page features as well as the sequence of buttons used to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

Basic Steps for Initial System Set-up for Row Monitoring



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### **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

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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 24) To change the row that is being displayed in this button, touch the row on the flow chart. (see pg. 24)

### **Screen Settings Button**

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) or 2 products (Rate Control) 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)

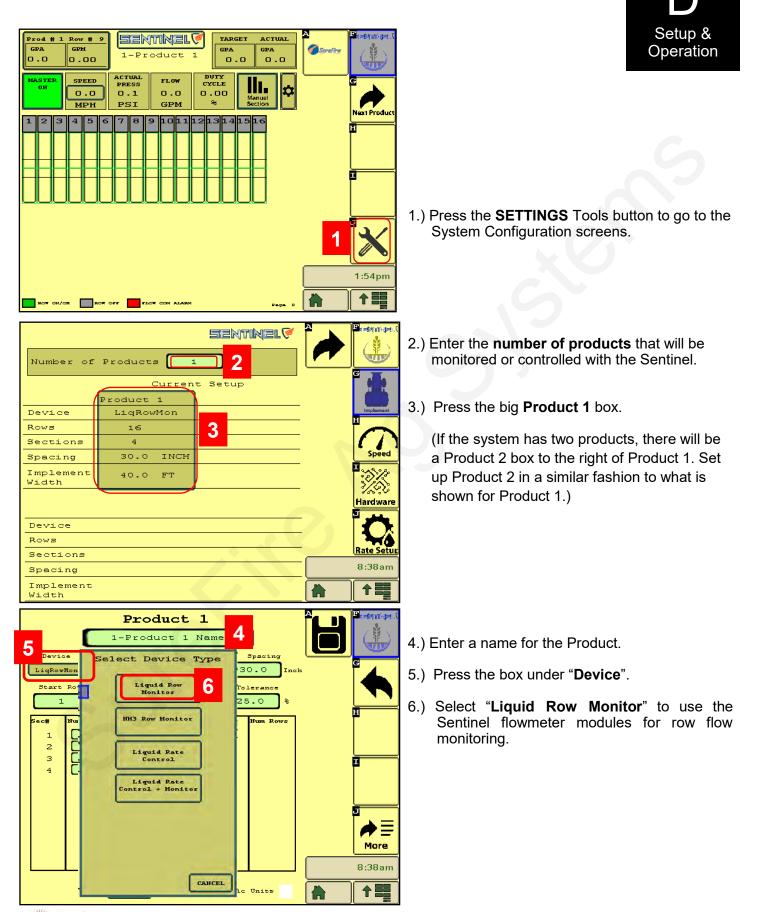
## Master (ON/OFF) Button

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

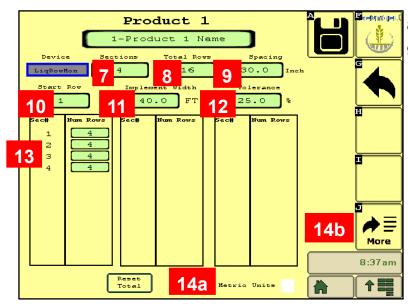






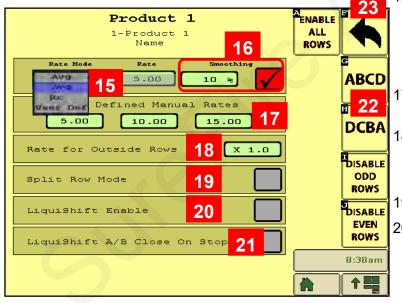


#### SETUP for Row Flow Monitoring - Sections - Rows - Tolerance - Rates - Smoothing -LiquiShift Enable



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 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.

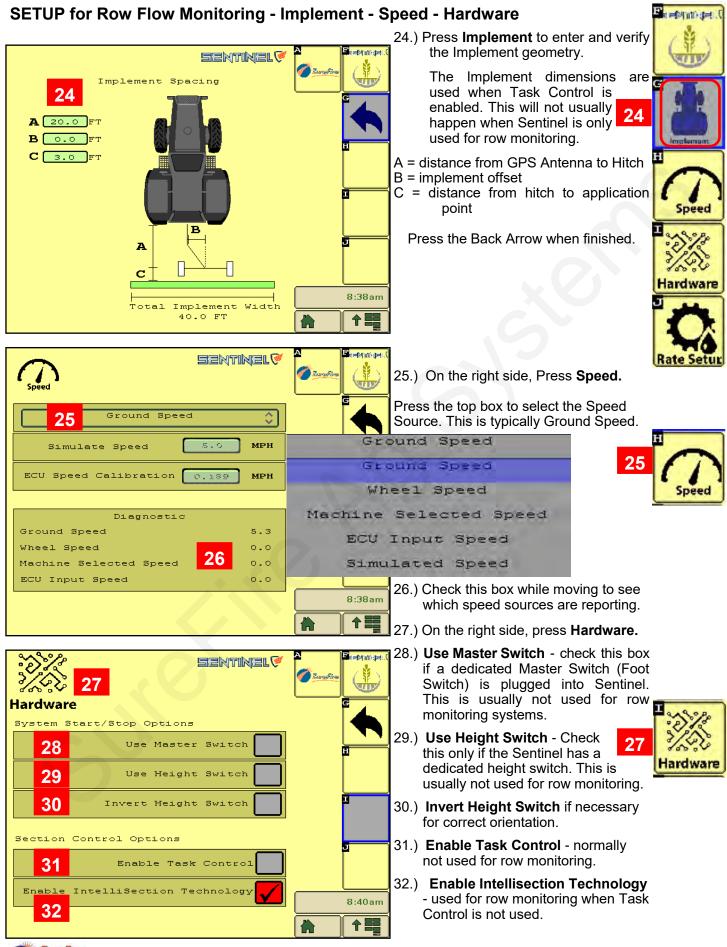
- 11.) Enter Implement Width in FT.
- 12.) **Tolerance -** start at 25%. You can lower this in the field. If the tolerance is too low, there will be unnecessary alarms. The Row Bar Graph will show red if a row is off-rate by the Tolerance % or more.
- 13.) Verify the number of rows in each section.
- 14b.) Press More to go to the next screen.
- 16.) **Smoothing** Start with 10%. Typical setting will be from 5 to 15%.

The green line on the Row Bar Graph will not widen if the row variation is less than the 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".

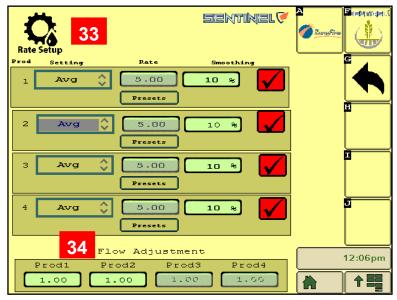
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- 19.) Split Row Mode -
- 20.) LiquiShift Enable Check this box if Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift on this product. (LiquiShift A-B valves can be controlled by a black LiquiShift Control Module on the back of the A-B Valve stack or can be plugged 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.



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



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.

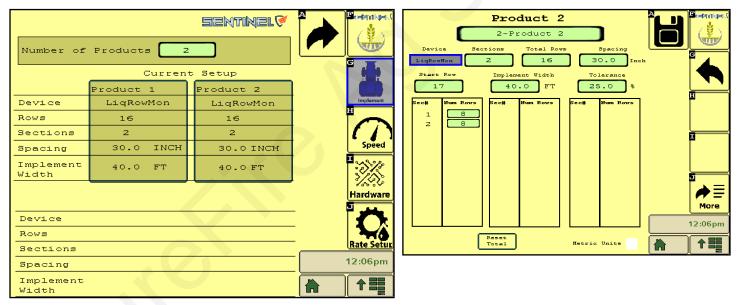


34.) **Flow Adjustment** - Use this to synchronize the Sentinel flowmeter modules with the main system flowmeter. Once the accuracy of the main flowmeter has been confirmed, change the Flow Adjustment factor as needed to synchronize the Sentinel reading with the main flowmeter reading.

> <u>Main Flowmeter GPM</u> Sentinel Total Flow GPM =

Flow Adjustment Factor

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



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.

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







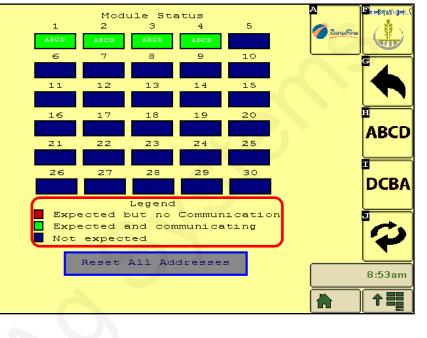
#### Flow Module Diagnostics

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.

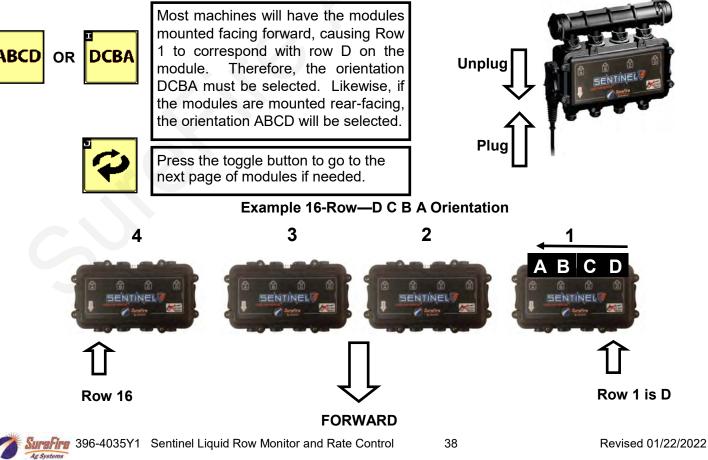
Repeat for each Product.



#### Flow Module Diagnostics Screen

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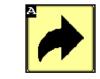
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## **Customizing Scans and Alarms for Row Monitoring**



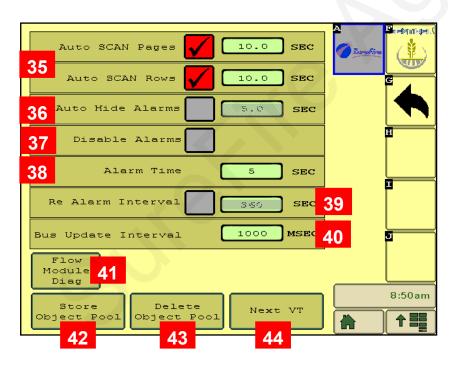




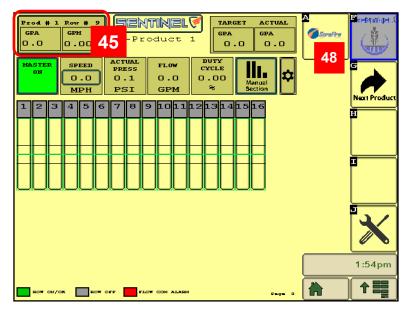


This screen allows the user to change how row information is displayed on the HOME screen.

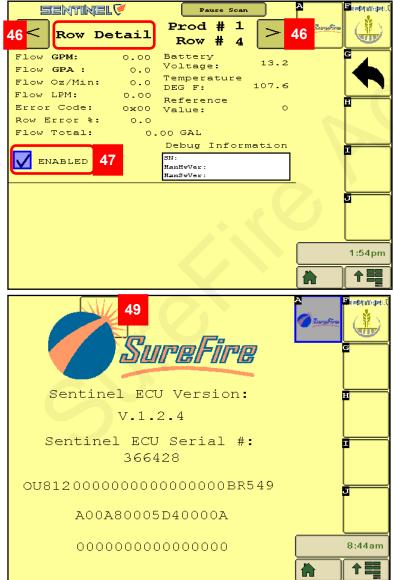
- 35.) When checked, the **Auto Scan** feature will scan through the product pages and/or rows on the HOME screen. You can change the length of time it stays on each page or row before advancing.
- 36.) Auto Hide Alarms (if checked) sets how long full-page alarms are displayed before they go away.
- 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 SureFire 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**



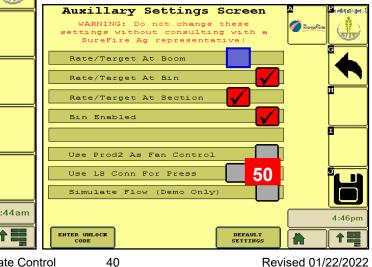
#### **Row Detail Screen**



Setup & Operation

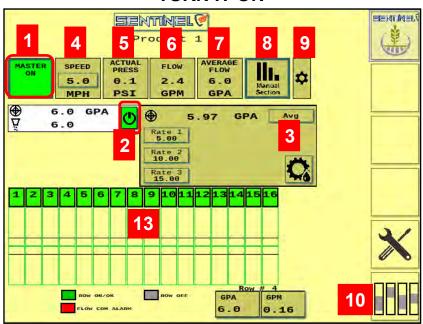
45.) Pressing the Row Detail button (top left corner) on the Run screen brings up the Row Detail Screen.

- 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.) Press the SureFire icon to see the software version number and Sentinel ECU number (see bottom left picture).
- 49.) Auxiliary Settings Screen- Press the sunburst. Do Not Change anything unless directed by SureFire Tech Support.
- 50.) 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.

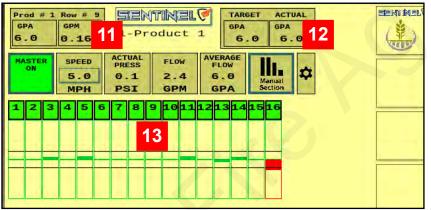


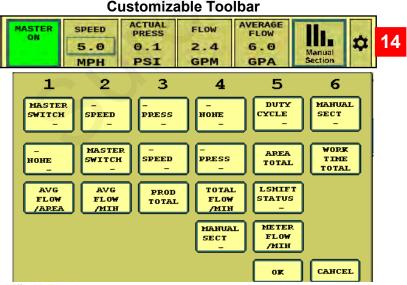
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#### **Operating Sentinel Row Monitoring TURN IT ON**



(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).





#### **Customizable Toolbar**

#### 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.

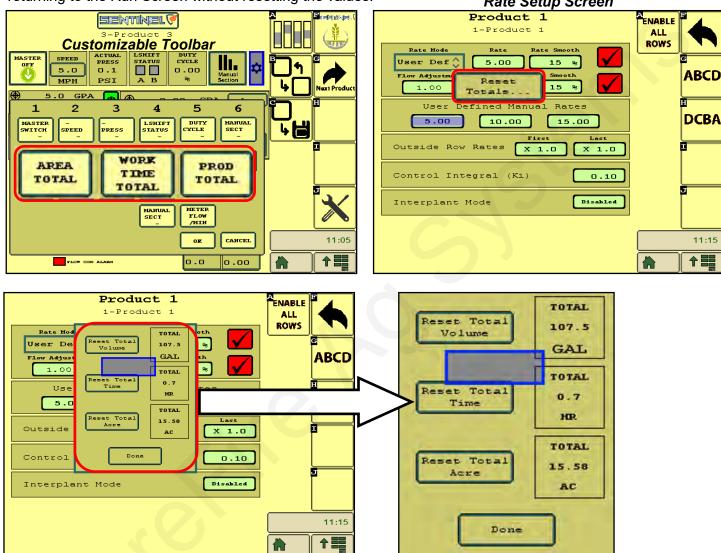
Row Detail Bar gives a bar graph view of the amount currently being applied by each row. The top screen shows a straight thin green line indicating that all the rows are applying with a variance less than the Rate (Row) Smoothing % that is set. A few rows on the bottom screen show a little wider green bar, indicating a variance that is greater than the Rate 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 % that is set. 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**

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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 more specific information about each row.

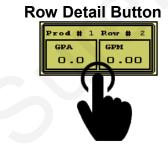


#### Row Bar Button

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.

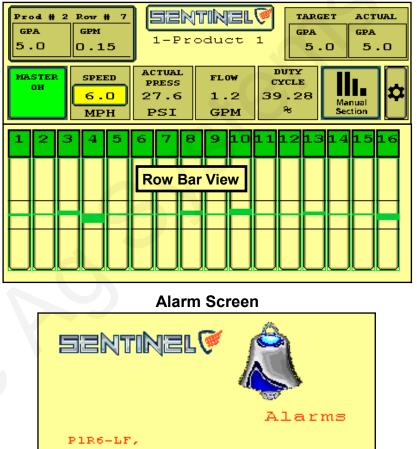
If a row-flow falls outside the set tolerance, a full page alarm is displayed with Product #, Row #, and low-flow (LF) or high-flow (HF). The length of time from when the row shows a problem to when this alarm is displayed is determined by the **ALARM TIME** previously set. This page will close automatically 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 the system, monitoring of individual rows may be disabled by checking the box.

#### Sentinel HOME Screen for Row Flow Monitoring



#### Row Detail Screen

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Flow Oz/Min: 1	25	emperature EG F:	e 95.0
Flow LPM: 0	.40 R	eference	
Error Code: 0	x00 V	alue:	0.0
Row Error %:	0.0		
Flow Total:	0.00	) GAL	
DISABLED			





# 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



## Sentinel Setup and Configuration Set-up and Configuration for Rate Control

STEP

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.

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

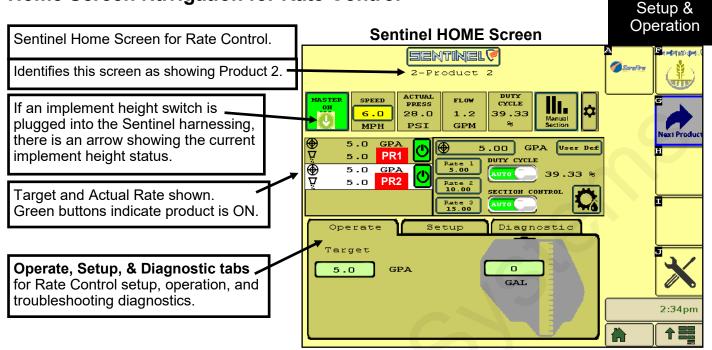
For detailed information on a step, go to the referenced page

	STEP
REFERENCE Page #	1. Press the <b>HOME</b> button
48	2. Go to the settings page by touching the <b>SETTINGS</b> button
43	3. On the settings page, specify the number of products being monitored (maximum of 4)
48	4. Configure each product by touching the <b>PRODUCT</b> button
48-49	<ol> <li>Select DEVICE - Liquid Rate Control and set up each product with requested information for sections, rows, tolerance, etc</li> </ol>
49	6. Select <b>MORE</b> , select <b>Rate Mode</b> , enter Rate and Smoothing (10%).
44	7. When finished, use the BACK arrow to go back to the SETTINGS menu.
50	8. Set up the implement dimensions by touching the IMPLEMENT button.
50	9. Choose a speed source by selecting the <b>SPEED</b> button.
50	10. Select system control options (task control, lift switch, etc.) under <b>HARDWARE</b> .
51	11. <b>RATE SETUP -</b> Select the Rate Mode <b>Rx</b> or <b>User Def</b> and enter Rates.
52	12. RATE CONTROL SETUP (Control Speed, Flow Cal, PWM Settings, etc)and OPERATION information
53	13. Nozzle Test (v 1.3.0)
54-55	14. Catch Test (v 1.3.0)
56	15. Customizable Toolbar and Totalizer Counters
57-58	16. Rate Control Operation and Setup Summary





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



### BUTTONS: Wheat & Row Bar

Rate 3 9.00

The wheat button takes you to the Multi-Product RUN SCREEN (below). This button may appear on the right side of the screen or on bottom left, where UTV it puts the Operate > Setup > Diagnostic view on the bottom half of 5.0 GP/

5.00 GPA

SECTION CONTROL

User Def

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the screen (see above).



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. 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.



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.



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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.

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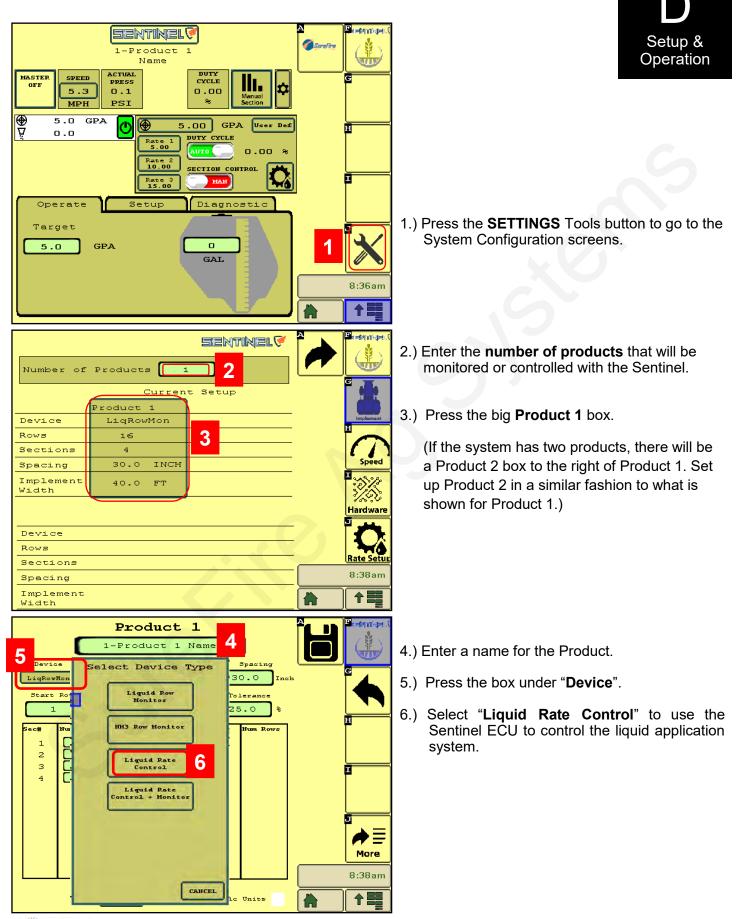
The MASTER ON/OFF button enables and disables the Sentinel system. This must be **GREEN** (MASTER ON) for Sentinel to work.

ARROW indicates implement position when using Implement Switch with Sentinel

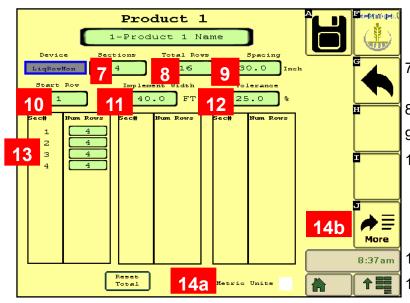




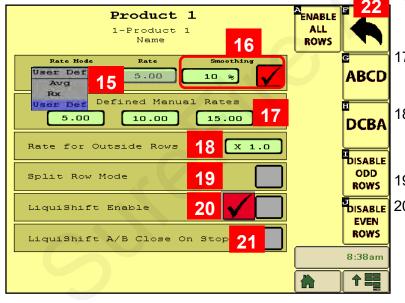
#### SETUP for Rate Control - Settings - Product Setup - Device Type



#### SETUP for Rate Control - Product Setup - Rate Mode Setup -LiquiShift Enable



 See below: Rate Mode - For rate control, set this to Rx (for prescriptions) or to User Def to enter preset rates. Enter the main target rate in Rate.



Rate Setup screen from v 1.3.0.





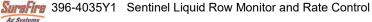
- 7.) Enter the number of **SECTIONS** for this product.
- 8.) Enter the number of **ROWS** for this product.
- 9.) Enter the row spacing in INCHES.
- 10.) **Start Row** = 1 for Product 1.

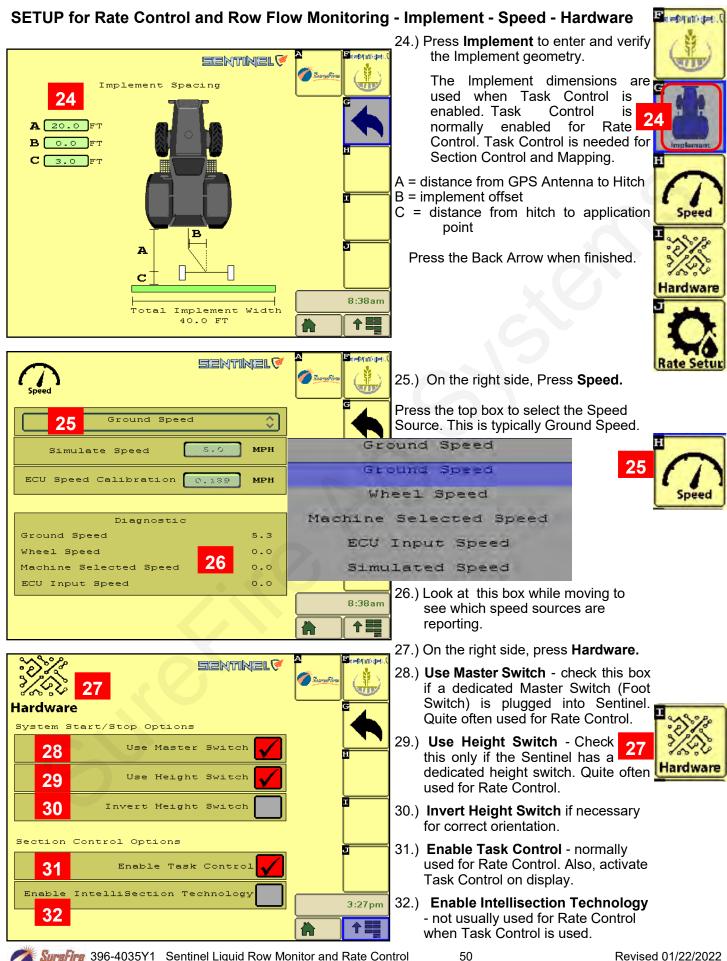
Product 2 Start Row will typically be 1 more than the number of Rows on Product 1. On a 16-row system, Product 2 will start with Row 17.

- 11.) Enter Implement Width in FT.
- 12.) **Tolerance -** start at 25%. This only applies to Row Monitoring.
- 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.
- 16.) **Smoothing** Start with 10%. If the actual 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.
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- 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 - Rate Setup - 2 Products - Version Number - Auxiliary Settings

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#### SETUP for 2 products with Rate Control

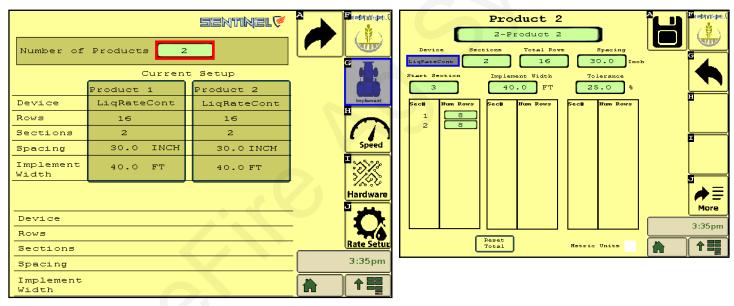
33.) For Rate Control, the Setting should be **Rx** or **User Def.** Smoothing usually starts at 10%. You can enter a Target Rate here.



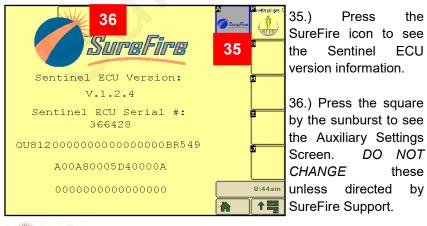
Press **Presets** to enter up to 3 User-Defined rates.

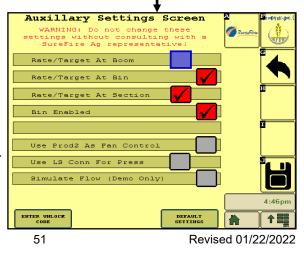
34.) **Flow Adjustment** - Only used with Sentinel flowmeter modules.

35.) Press the SureFire icon to see the Sentinel ECU version information (see below).



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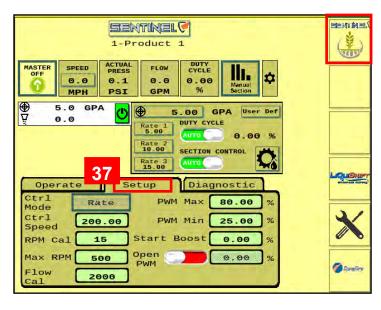


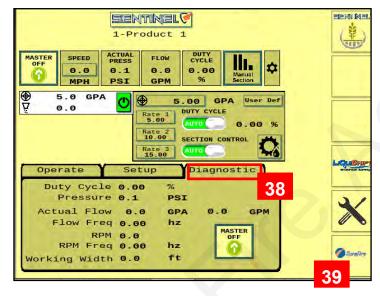
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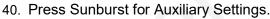
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#### SETUP for Rate Control - SETUP - Control Speed - Flow Cal - PWM Max and Min







37. 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

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 (Can be set to 550 if needed)

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

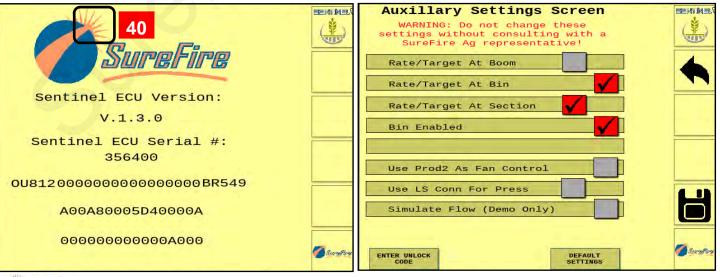
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**PWM Min -**25 for most hydraulic pumps.5-10 for most electric pumps.

**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%)

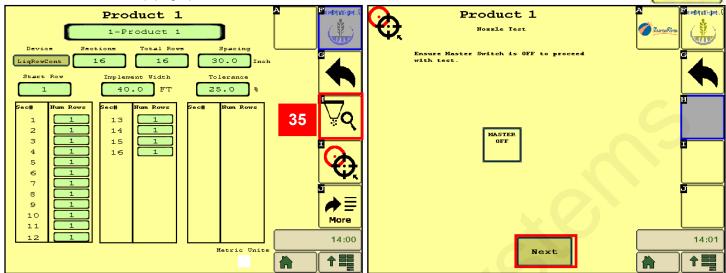
- 38. **DIAGNOSTIC TAB** Observe the system parameters during operation.
- 39. Press SureFIre to see software version information.



#### 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.

Product 1

Enable the Master Switch to begin the test. Disable the Master Switch to abort the test

Target/Actual Rate

Flow Per Minute:

Pressure:

Nozzle Test

Cancel

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Enter SPEED and RATE. NEXT.

Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press NEXT.

Product 1 Select Sections to run 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.	
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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, and Flow per Minute.

To stop the test, turn MASTER OFF.

If only 1 or 2 rows are on, the system may struggle to maintain a smooth output and rate.

When testing with water, the pressure will be much less than it will be with a heavier, thicker fertilizer. On a system with check valves, some of the check valves may not open at low pressure.

Increase the speed or rate to increase the pressure.



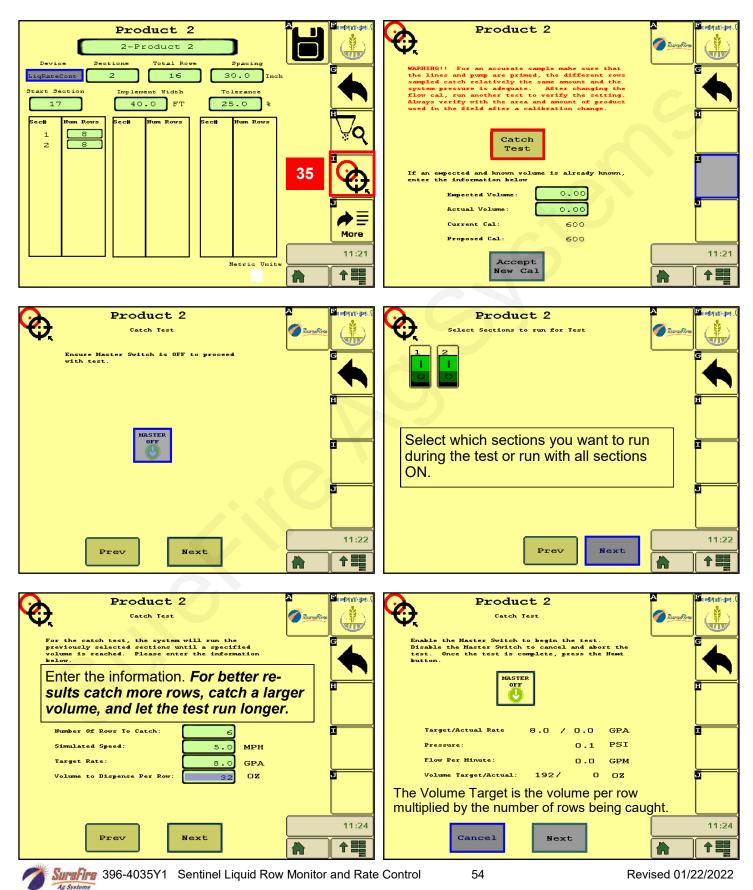
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#### SETUP for Rate Control - TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.



From the Product Setup page press the Catch Test icon (35). Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press CATCH TEST.



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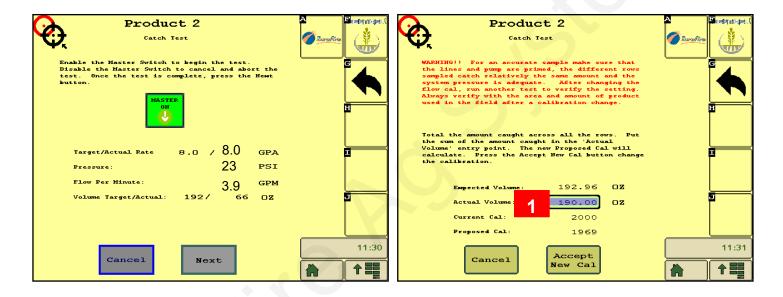
Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.

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.

SureFire 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.

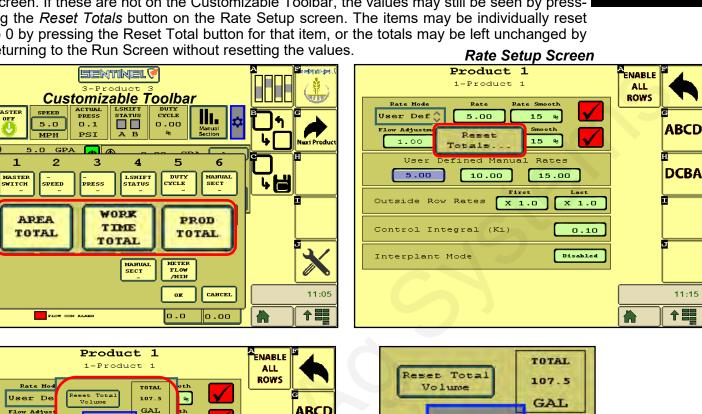
Best practices dictate ongoing verification of acres worked and gallons applied to verify flow cal.

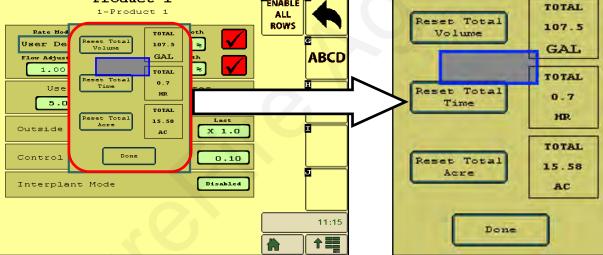




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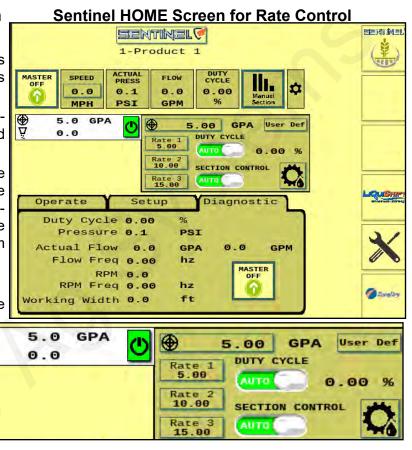
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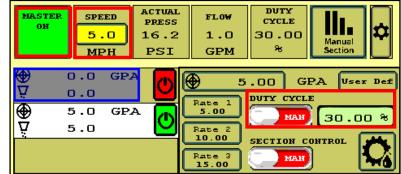
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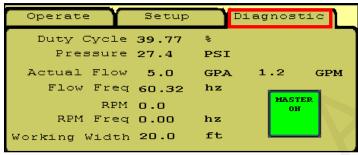
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## Setting Up a System With

## 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
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208-06-4984Y2	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - 4 products - 18 sections

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208-06-5023Y1	Sentinel Row Control and Flow Monitoring ECU Harness - Gen 3 LiquiShift - 2 PR - 16 sect
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64	2. Go to the settings page by touching the <b>SETTINGS</b> button
64	3. On the settings page, specify the number of products being monitored (maximum of 4)
64-65	4. Configure each product by touching the <b>PRODUCT</b> button
64	5. Select DEVICE (Liquid Rate Control + Monitor) and set up each product (sections, rows,)
65	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.
66	8. Set up the implement dimensions by touching the IMPLEMENT button.
66	9. Choose a speed source by selecting the SPEED button.
66	10. Select system control options (task control, lift switch, etc.) under HARDWARE.
67(65)	11. Select the Rate Mode (USER DEF) at RATE SETUP.
67-68	12. From the Settings screen, touch the <b>NEXT</b> button.
68	13. Click on Flow Module Diagnostics
68	14. Ensure that all flow modules are plugged in and click Reset All Addresses
	15. Unplug all of the Sentinel Flowmeter Modules.
C	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 15-16 for product 2.
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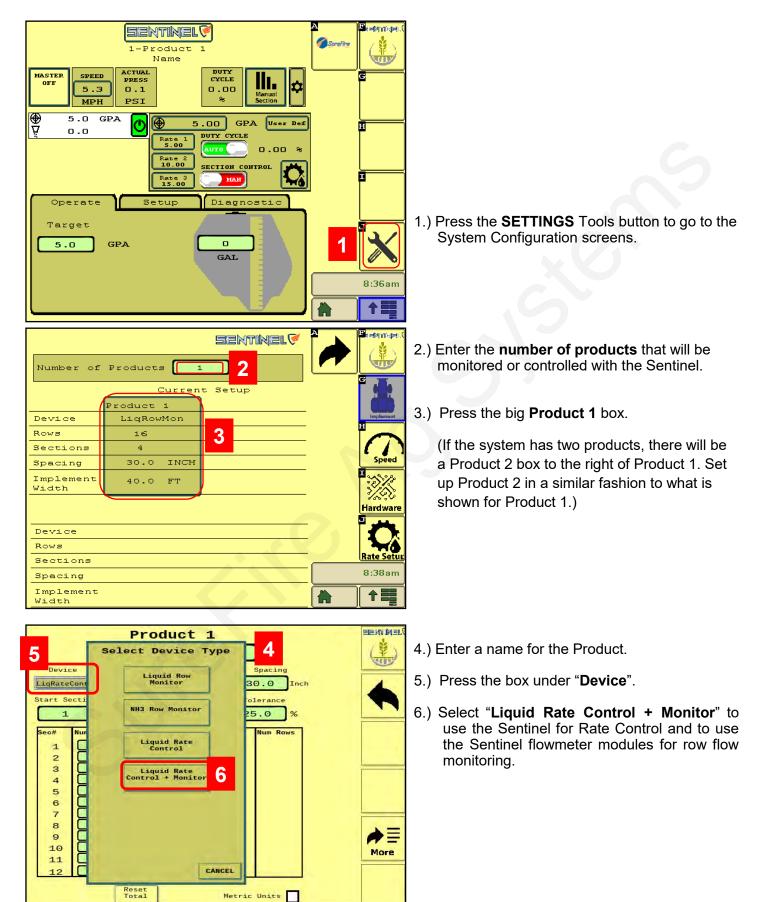
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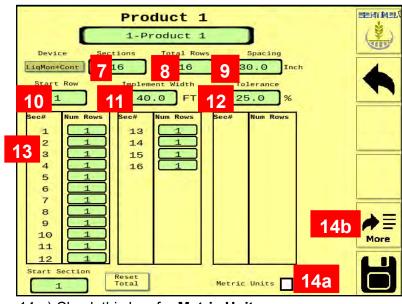
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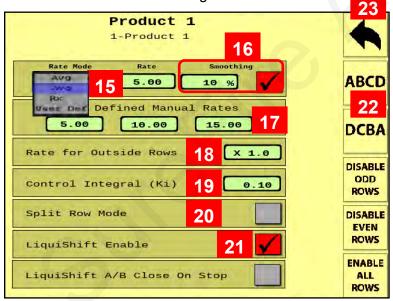
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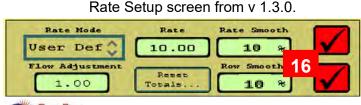


14a.) Check this box for Metric Units.

 See below: Rate Mode - For rate control, set this to Rx (for prescriptions) or to User Def to enter preset rates. Enter the main target rate in 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.
- 13.) Verify the number of rows in each section.
- 14b.) Press More to go to the next screen.
- 15.) See at left.
- 16.) **Smoothing** Start with 10%. Typical setting will be from 5 to 15%. If the actual 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.

The green line on the Row Bar Graph will not widen if the row variation is less than the Smoothing %. (See bottom picture for Rate Smooth and Row Smooth on v. 1.3.0)

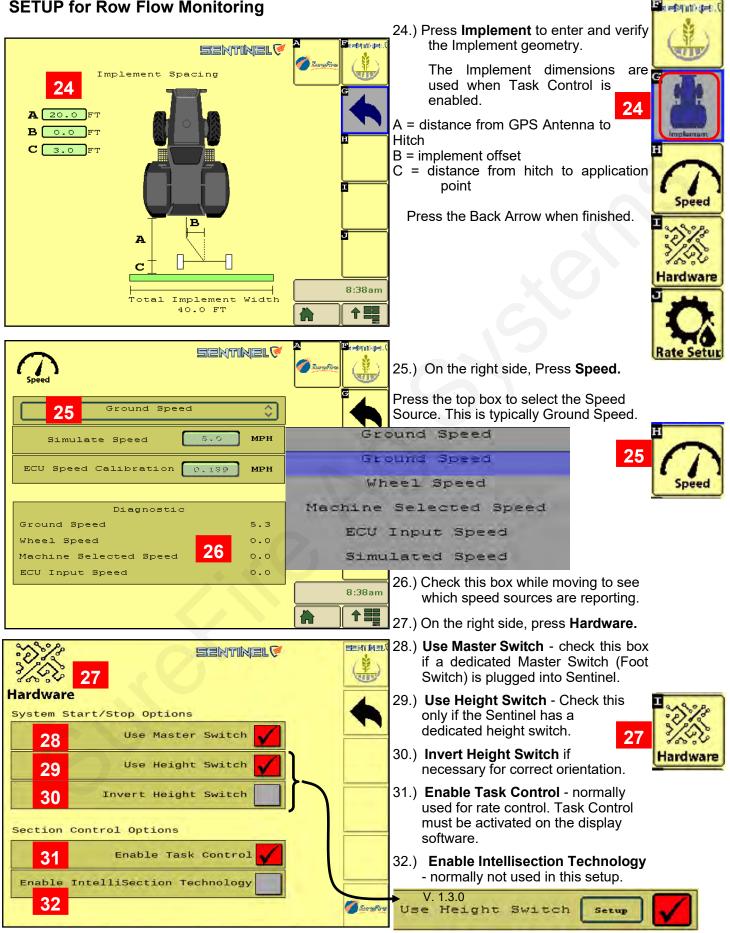
17.) You can enter up to 3 user-defined rates. These can also be entered on the Rate Setup screen.

18.) Rate for Outside Rows is typically "X 1.0".

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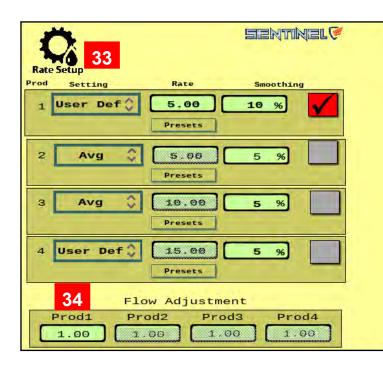
- 19.) Split Row Mode -
  - 20.) LiquiShift Enable Check this box if Sentinel is controlling LiquiShift on this product. (LiquiShift A-B valves can be controlled by a black LiquiShift Control Module on the back of the A-B Valve stack or can be plugged into and controlled by the Sentinel.)
  - 21.) LiquiShift 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.
  - 16.) v1.3.0-Set Rate Smooth for Target Rate (top) and for Row Monitor (bottom).

#### SETUP for Row Flow Monitoring





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



33.) For Rate Control verify the Setting is Rx or User Def. Smoothing usually starts at 10%. Use Presets to enter up to 3 rates.



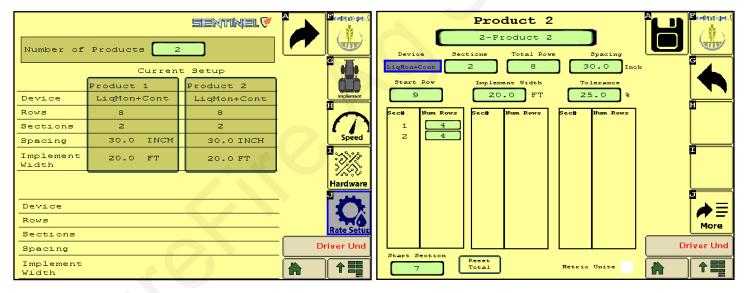
34.) **Flow Adjustment** - Use this to synchronize the Sentinel flowmeter modules with the main system flowmeter. Once the accuracy of the main flowmeter has been confirmed, change the Flow Adjustment factor as needed to synchronize the Sentinel reading with the main flowmeter reading.

> <u>Main Flowmeter GPM</u> Sentinel Total Flow GPM =

Flow Adjustment Factor

(If different from 1.00, this should not be much different. Generally, will be between 0.95 and 1.05.)

#### 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.

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**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.

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		l	24 rows	8 sections

# **Sentinel 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 it's 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.

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

Repeat for each Product.

**Flow Module Diagnostics Screen Realitation** Module Status з 1 2 4 9 6 7 8 10 11 12 14 13 15 16 17 18 19 20 ABCD 23 24 21 22 25 29 28 30 DCBA Legend Expected but no Communicatio: Expected and communicating Not expected Reset All Addresses 8:53am 个篇

ABCD OR DCBA

Most machines will have the modules mounted facing forward, causing Row 1 to correspond with row D on the module. Therefore, the orientation DCBA must be selected. Likewise, if the modules are mounted rear-facing, the orientation ABCD will be selected.

Press the toggle button to go to the next page of modules



#### Example 16-Row—D C B A Orientation

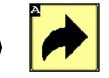




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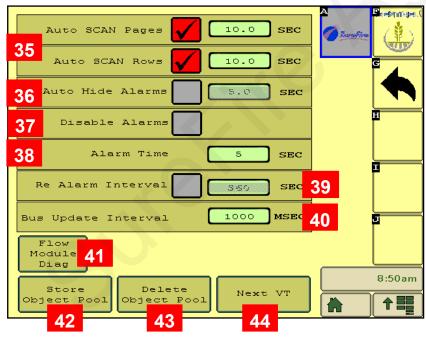


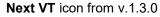


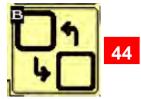


This screen allows the user to change how row information is displayed on the HOME screen.

- 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 (see pg. 20)
- 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 SureFire 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.







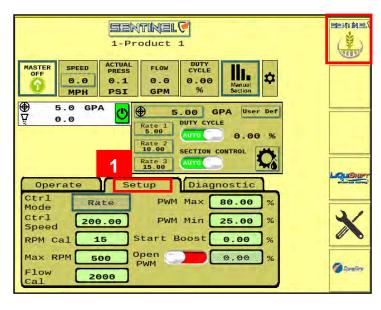
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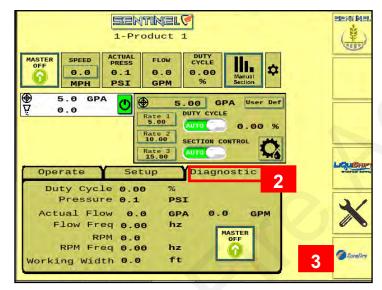


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#### SETUP for Rate Control - SETUP - Control Speed - Flow Cal - PWM Max and Min





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

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 (Can be set to 550 if needed)

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

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

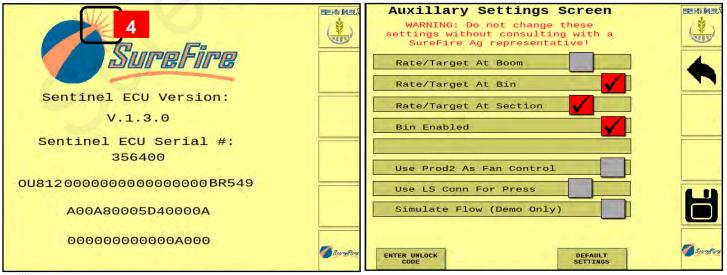
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**Open PWM** - Normally RED. Turn to GREEN if you want the pump to continue running for product agitation while you turn around. When doing that, enter a PWM % to set the pump speed for agitation (usually 30-40%)

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

- 3.) SureFire press for version information
- 4.) Press starburst for Auxiliary Settings Screen.

Do not use this screen without authorization.



## **Row Detail Screen**

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1.) 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 line Flow with 10-19% variance - thicker green band Flow more than 20% variance - red band

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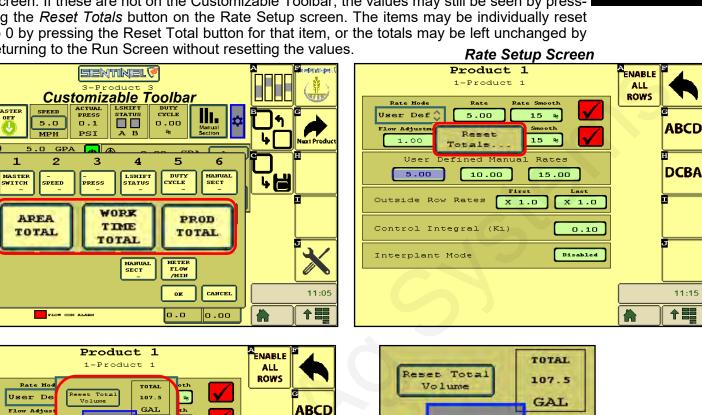
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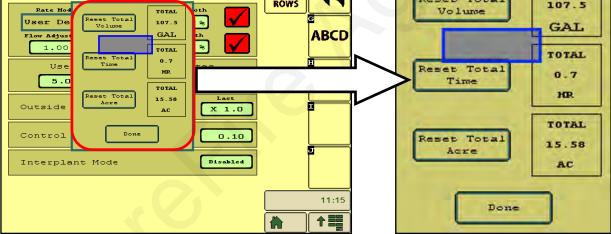
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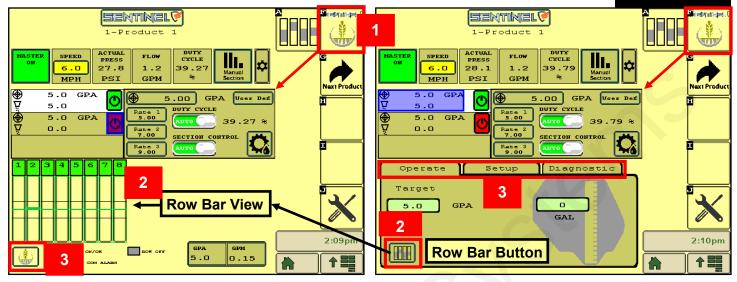




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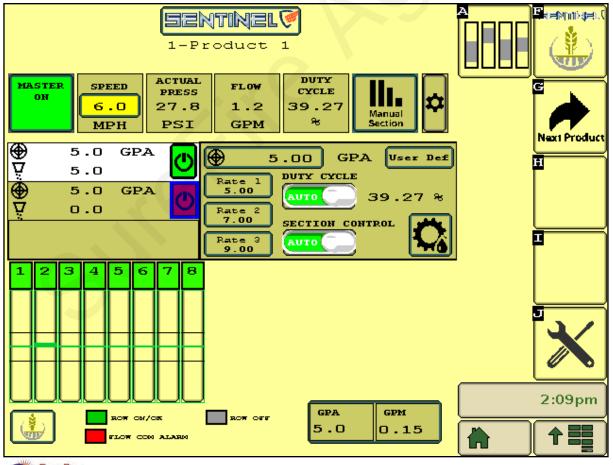
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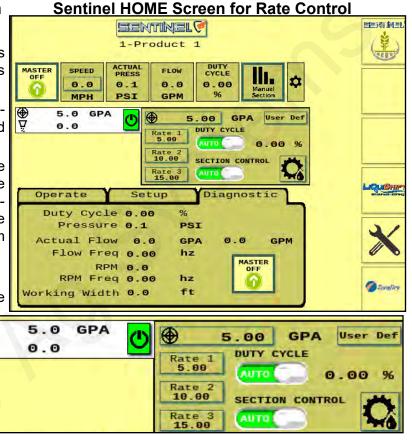
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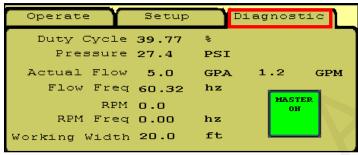
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Check the **Diagnostic** screen regularly so you have an idea what "normal" operating numbers are. This can help when you need to troubleshoot an issue.



**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).

Actual Flow shows the GPA being applied based on the Speed and the Machine Width. Flow is the GPM measured by the flowmeter.

**Flow Freq** shows the number of pulses per second (hz) being received from the flowmeter. This should be fairly stable (± 2). When diagnosing flowmeter issues, watch this number during a tap test to see if the signal gets from the flowmeter harness connector to the display.

**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.

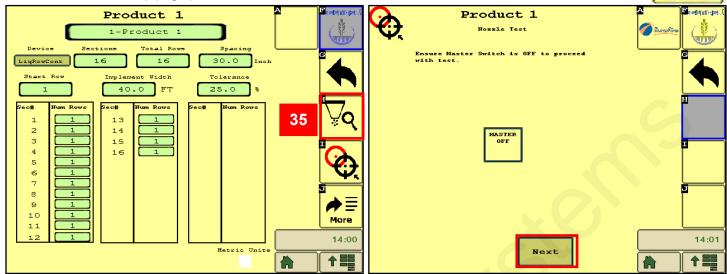
Working Width will change as sections turn on and off. It should show the application width at any time.



#### 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.

Product 1

Enable the Master Switch to begin the test. Disable the Master Switch to abort the test

Target/Actual Rate

Flow Per Minute:

Pressure:

Nozzle Test

Cancel

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GPA

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GPM

Enter SPEED and RATE. NEXT.

Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press NEXT.

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Select Sections to run for Test			
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Turn MASTER ON to start the test. Monitor Actual Rate, Pressure, and Flow per Minute.

To stop the test, turn MASTER OFF.

If only 1 or 2 rows are on, the system may struggle to maintain a smooth output and rate.

When testing with water, the pressure will be much less than it will be with a heavier, thicker fertilizer. On a system with check valves, some of the check valves may not open at low pressure.

Increase the speed or rate to increase the pressure.

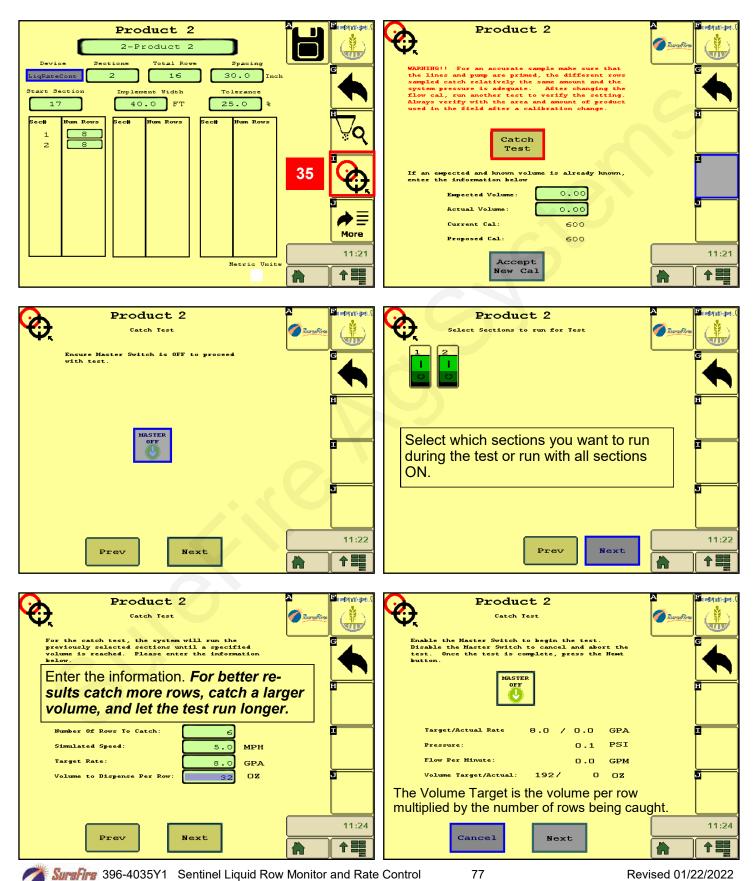


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From the Product Setup page press the Catch Test icon (35). Be sure MASTER is OFF. Press CATCH TEST.



#### TESTS - Catch Test (v 1.3.0 and later)

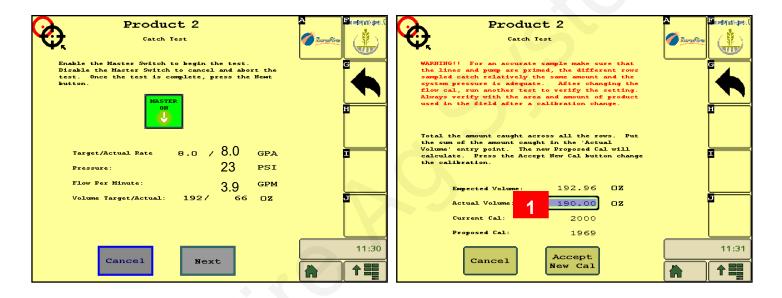
Verify and adjust the flowmeter calibration.

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.

SureFire 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.





# Sentinel and SureFire LiquiShift

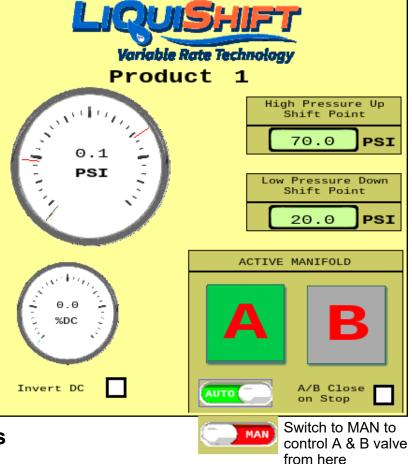
If your system includes SureFire's LiquiShift variable rate technology, it can be controlled through the Sentinel ECU provided that the 8-pin harness extension (206-08-XXXX) is installed and plugged into the LiquiShift product connector on the main Sentinel adapter harness. To activate LiquiShift, follow these buttons:



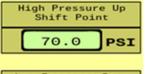


The LiquiShift button will now be displayed on the HOME screen

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

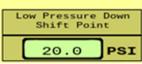


## Setting LiquiShift shift points



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.



Green - Valve is ON.



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

- 1. 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. Check connections:
  - A. Tractor ISO plug
  - B. CAN and power connections leading to the ECU harness
- 3. Reboot everything.

# Sentinel flow module(s) will not address

- 1. Make sure that the trunk lines are plugged into the correct port on the module.
- 2. 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.
- 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 will 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 will 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.
- 2. Is Sentinel disabling the rows?

A. Go to the **HARDWARE** page. If **USE LIFT SWITCH** box is checked, and a dedicated lift switch is not installed, the Sentinel is disabling flow on all rows because it thinks the implement is up. Uncheck the **USE LIFT SWITCH** box. If a dedicated lift switch is installed and plugged into the Sentinel ECU harness, the switch may need adjusted to correctly show the implement status. If a lift switch is used that is normally closed, the INVERT LIFT SWITCH box needs to be checked.

3. Are you performing a stationary flow test? If so, a simulated speed must be entered and Section Control must be MAN.

- 4. 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 will 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
- 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. If the row continues to read high/low, the flow module may be faulty.

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 to adjust the as-applied rate.

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

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## Sentinel Doesn't display speed

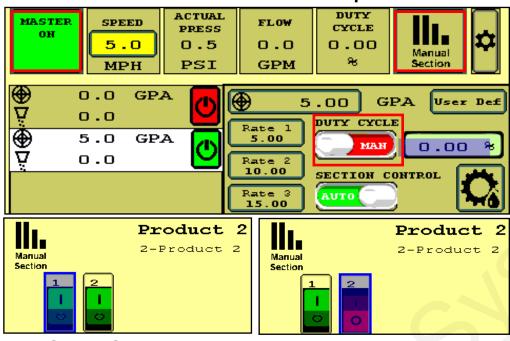
- 1. Change the speed source. Toggle through the speed sources until speed displays.
- 2. If none of the speed sources are working, a communication problem with the tractor may exist. Consult your tractor dealer or add a GPS speed receiver found in the Accessories section of this manual.





# **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%.



- 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.
- 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.

### System Won't Run

- 1. IS MASTER ON? Is there a SPEED? Is there a RATE? Switch Section Control from AUTO to MANUAL.
- 2. On **Hardware** screen, uncheck TASK CONTROL. If you have TASK CONTROL checked on the Sentinel, Task Control must be activated and turned ON on 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. Verify there is voltage on the 2-pin PWM Connector.

# **Sentinel Care and Maintenance**

# Cleaning

Maintenance

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.

## Winterization

SureFire 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.)

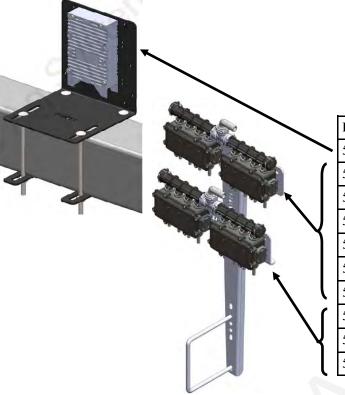
- 1. Visually check entire system (hoses, fittings, harnesses, etc.) for any signs of wear or trouble.
- 2. On the display, recheck all setup screens (see Section D) to verify correct setup.
- 3. Fill system with water and run in Manual mode to verify components and system are in working order.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Push in tubes at all Quick-Connect fittings so they are seated tightly. Tubes that are not fully seated are not always obvious, 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.



# **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

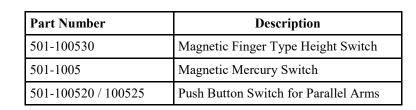
### **ISO Extension Harnesses**



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



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





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