

# EA\_Gas Module Installation Instructions

## Introduction

The EA\_Gas Module is designed for use with most residential diaphragm meters. Modules for residential meters are available in three distinct types:

- Type A = American Meter Company® products
- Type R & R415 = Rockwell / Equimeter / Invensys®
- Type S = Sprague / Schlumberger / Actaris / Metris®

## Tools, equipment and materials

All or some of the following items may be needed in order to install the module, depending upon the type of meter/index and the condition of the old index cover and gaskets:

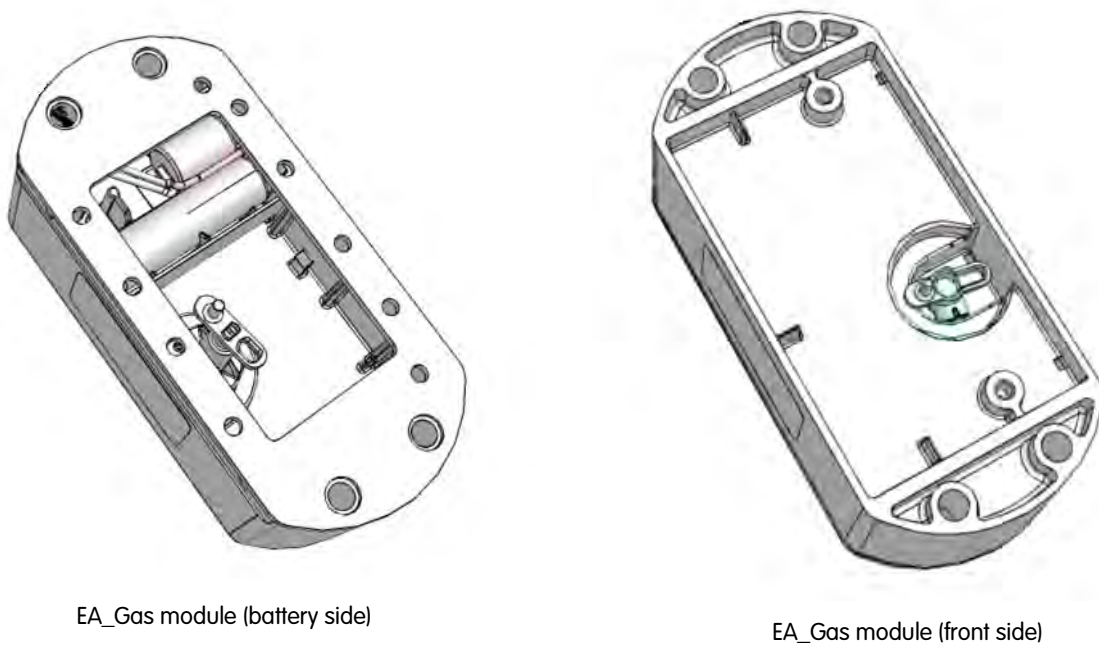
- EA\_Gas Module
- Elster's EA\_Installer handheld with software
- Index screws (2 each)<sup>1</sup>
- Meter mounting bolts (3 or 4 each, depending upon the meter type)<sup>1</sup>
- Index cover (if old one is not reusable)
- Index cover gasket<sup>1</sup>
- Putty knife or scraper (to remove old gaskets)
- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- Awl (to remove existing tamper seals)
- Tamper seals (2 each)<sup>1</sup>
- Pressure compensation factor value, if needed (obtain from Elster)

## Preparation and installation

### Preparing

Prior to removing the existing index and index cover, verify that the module style is compatible with the meter style.

<sup>1</sup> Supplied with the module.



EA\_Gas module (battery side)

EA\_Gas module (front side)

Figure 1. EA\_Gas module for Type A meter index

### Installing index onto module

1. Remove the existing index cover and index (or module) from the meter.  
Use an awl to remove the existing tamper seals.



Type A



Type R415



Type R



Type S

2. Clean any debris from index and cover.
3. Using a scraper or putty knife, remove the gasket and any adhesive material from the meter.
4. Align index wiggler with module wiggler (battery side), as shown below.

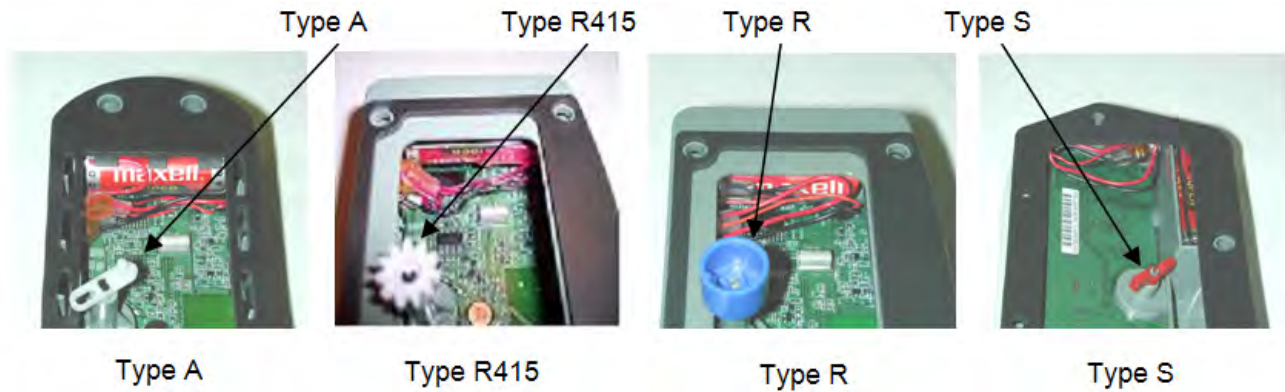


Figure 2. Gas module battery compartment and wiggler

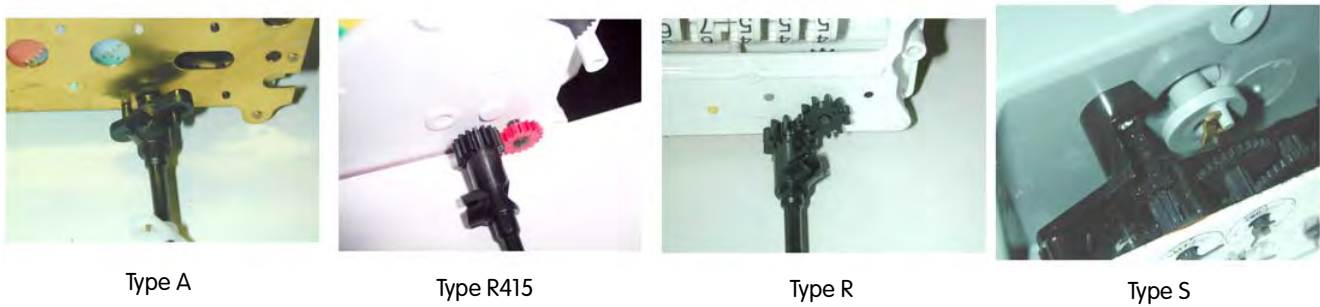


Figure 3. Alignment of wrigglers

5. Attach the index to module using the appropriate two (2) index screws.

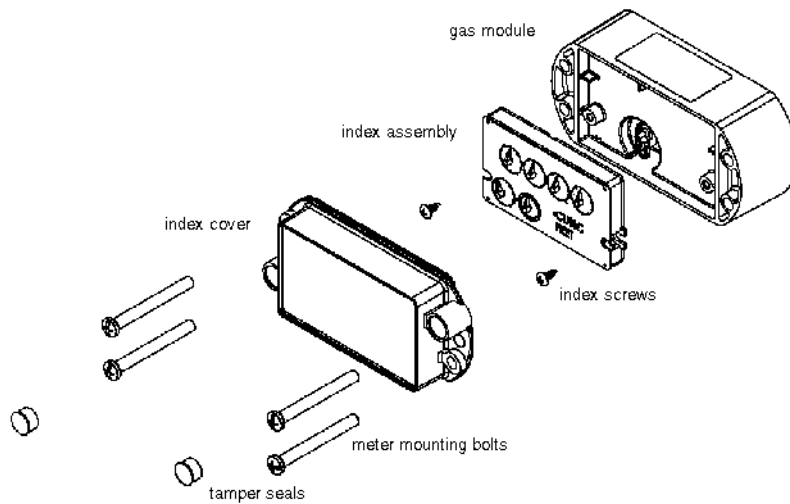


Figure 4. Exploded installation view of the gas meter index with gas module

Caution: Do not over tighten index screws.

## Checking mechanical operation

This procedure will verify the attached index rotates freely and without resistance.

1. Rotate the index drive dial 3 times clockwise.
2. If it turns easily, rotate the drive dial 3 times counterclockwise to remove counts or subcounts from the mechanical index.

If it does not turn easily:

- a. Rotate the drive dial 3 times counterclockwise to remove subcounts from the mechanical index.
- b. Unscrew the index/module assembly and repeat from step 4 of "Installing index onto module" on page 2.

*Note: Subcounts added to the electronic index during this procedure will be cleared when the index reading is programmed into the module.*

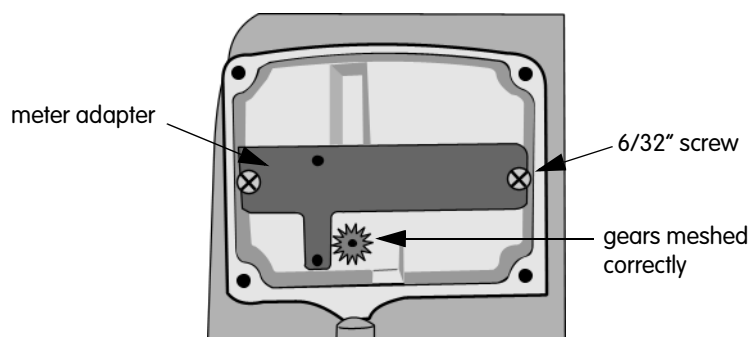
3. Verify that the gasket material on the index cover is free of rips or tears.
4. If the gasket cover is ripped or torn, removed the damaged gasket from the index cover and replace with a new gasket.

## Mounting the module-index assembly

*Note: Be sure to have your module/index assembly, screwdriver, index cover and index cover gasket within easy reach before starting this procedure.*

1. For Rockwell 415 modules Only: Install the meter adapter to the meter using the two 6/32" screws supplied in the assembly.

*Note: Make sure the gears on the adapter and meter are properly meshed.*



*Figure 5. Rockwell gas meter with meter adapter (P/N 52870G031) and index wiggler*

2. Visually align module wiggler with meter wiggler or meter adapter (drive dog).
  - If wiggler cannot be put in a fixed position, position it correctly by rotating the drive dial with your finger.
3. Mate the module wiggler with the meter wiggler or meter adapter (drive dog) and hold the mated assembly against the meter.
4. While holding the assembly against the meter, gently try to turn the drive wheel clockwise, then counterclockwise.
  - If the drive wheel meets resistance in both directions, it is properly mated. Proceed to step 5.
  - If it meets no resistance in either direction, and can rotate freely through an angle of 360 degrees and beyond, then make sure the meter is completely free of old gasket material and forcefully press the module into the meter. Repeat this step (step 4). If the unit still does not correctly engage with the meter, return it to Elster Integrated Solutions.
  - For American Meter modules Only: If the American Meter module meets resistance in one direction then turns 360 degrees the other way before again meeting resistance, it is not properly mated. Repeat from step 1.

**Caution:** It is very important that the wiggler on the module is correctly engaged onto the meter. If it is not, it could produce an erroneous indication during utility leak test procedures that monitor drive dial (proving dial) movement. Incorrectly engaged wigglers could also cause meter damage. CORRECT EXECUTION OF STEPS 1, 2 and 3 IS CRITICAL.

5. While holding the module firmly in place so as to not lose the wiggler alignment, place the index cover and index cover gasket onto the module/ index assembly.

- Verify the index cover is properly oriented with its vent holes at the bottom.
- See figure below for orientation cues.

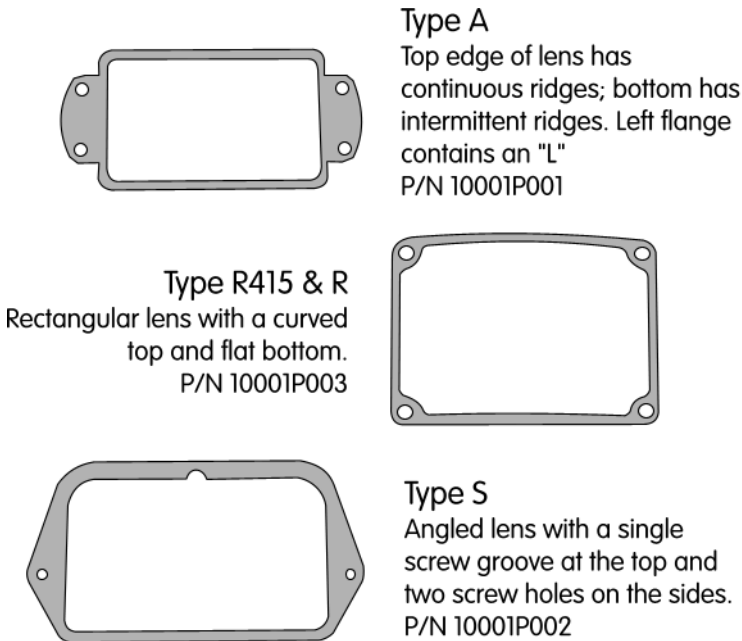


Figure 6. Gaskets by meter type

6. Using the appropriate mounting bolts provided, screw the module/index/cover assembly to the meter and tighten bolts using a torque driver set to 20 in-lbs (with +/- 4 in-lbs tolerance) to secure assembly to meter.
7. Install the tamper seals into the index cover receptacles.

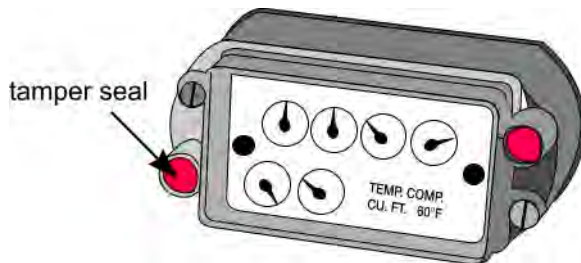


Figure 7. Meter index assembly with tamper seals

## Programming the module using the EA\_Installer

Although modules may contain default or utility-specified values that are programmed during manufacturing, it is important to program certain data only after the module has been installed in the field:

- Modules can accumulate subcounts during shipping, handling and installation due to the movement of its wriggler.
- The module's tamper sensing switch must be told which orientation should be considered its normal (not tampered) condition.
- During a field module retrofit the meter's existing index is reused and that index reading must be programmed into the module.

Therefore, all modules (even those mated with indexes set at 0000) should be programmed after installation on the meter.

*Note: If required, be sure to have the module's pressure compensation factor. Contact Elster Support at (919) 250-5700.*

For specific instructions for installing and programming modules using Elster's EA\_Installer handheld please refer to the *Elster Handhelds User Guide, Chapter 7, "Installing RTMs."*

To use the EA\_Installer handheld to install EA\_Gas Modules, a route must first be set up in Route Manager with a Route Type = Install. This route will contain the meter number, customer name, service address and other account information. Typically this route is imported from a CIS system where the route is being used as a manual read route.

Appointments can be assigned to accounts in the Install route from Route Manager.

After the route is downloaded to the handheld device you can select the route from the handheld device Route Select screen. The selected route should have a type of Install.

### Installing EA\_Gas Modules using EA\_Installer

To install EA\_Gas Modules:

1. On the EA\_Installer, from the Account installation screen, click Find or press <F>.

**Rt: EADemo 110**  
**208 Rogers Lane**

**Elster**  
**Mn: 123456789 Gas**  
**LC: 0 MC: 0 TC: 0**

Rtm:

Ins Cd:  **Def** **Find**

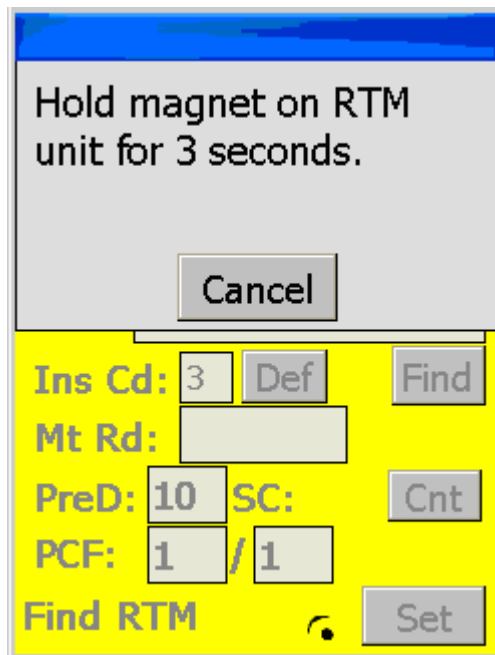
Mt Rd:

PreD:  **SC:** **Cnt**

PCF:  /

**New** **Set**

The screen prompts you to hold a magnet on the RTM nearest to the wiggler for 3 seconds.



2. Hold a magnet on the side of the RTM for 3 seconds (see Figure 8).

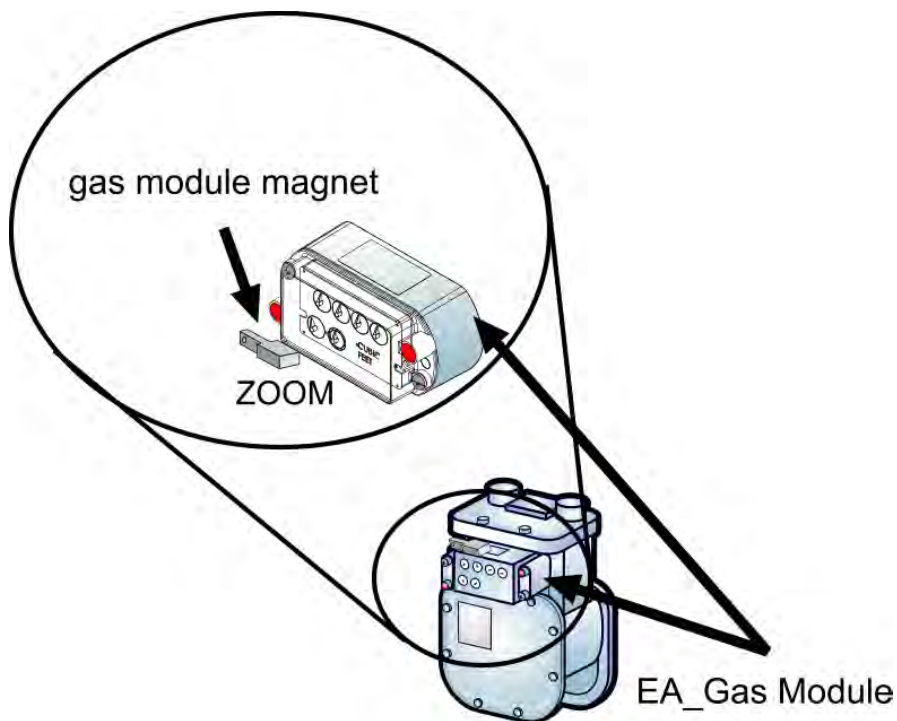
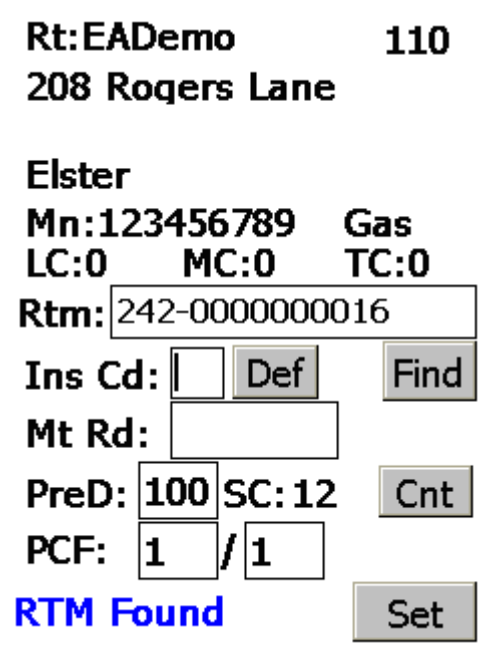
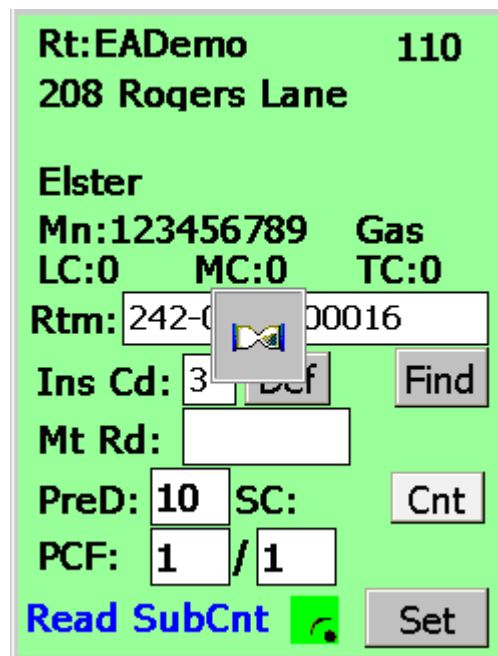


Figure 8. Holding magnet on the gas module

3. Click Cancel to return to the installation screen.



*Note: Verify that the LAN ID on the display matches the LAN ID on the module. The LAN ID follows the hyphen after the Utility ID. For example, 242-0000000016, has the Utility ID of 242 and a LAN ID of 0000000016.*



After the 3 seconds, the module broadcasts the module's RTM number and is recognized by the handheld.

*Note: The EA\_Installer handheld is programmed with the utility ID at the factory. This prevents the handheld from communicating with modules or RTMs with different utility IDs.*

The handheld displays the following information for the module:

- RTM number
- PreDiv



- Sub-counts
- PCF
- Status message

The handheld prompts you to read the subcounts.

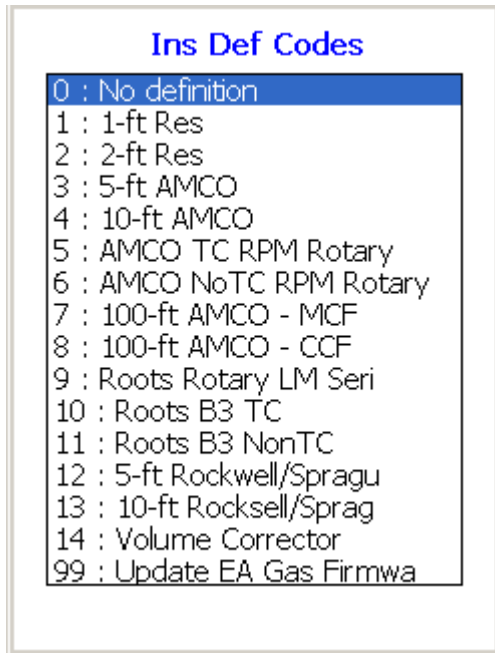
- To check subcounts:
  - Press Cnt or <C>.

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<b>208 Rogers Lane</b>	
<b>Elster</b>	
<b>Mn: 123456789</b>	<b>Gas</b>
<b>LC: 0</b>	<b>MC: 0</b>
<b>TC: 0</b>	
<b>RTM:</b>	242-0000000016
<b>Ins Cd:</b>	<input type="text"/> <b>Def</b> <b>Find</b>
<b>Mt Rd:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>PreD:</b>	<input type="text"/> <b>100</b> <b>SC: 13</b> <b>Cnt</b>
<b>PCF:</b>	<input type="text"/> <b>1</b> / <input type="text"/> <b>1</b>
<b>Good Read</b>	<b>Set</b>

The current module subcount will be returned.

When you have verified the subcounts are recording correctly, proceed to the next step.

- To program the RTM:
  - Click Def or press <D>.



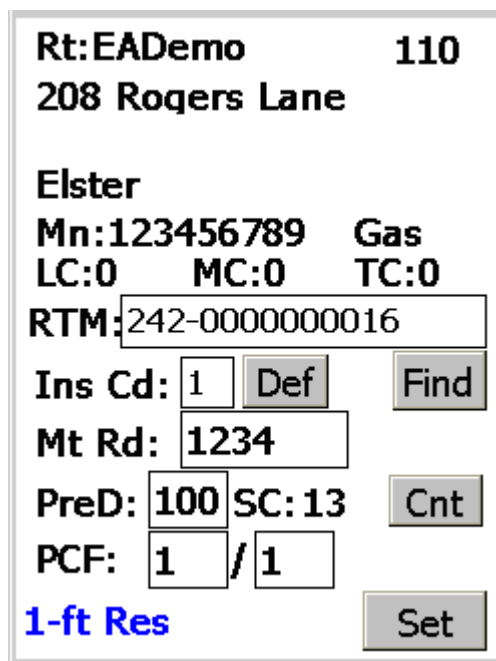
The screen displays the Ins Def Codes (Installation Definition Codes).

- b. Select the appropriate Installation Definition Code from the list.

*Note: Code 99 is reserved for upgrading the module firmware using a file obtained from Elster Customer Support. Use this code only if directed to by Elster.*

Refer to the *Route Manager User Guide* for details on configuring Installation Definition Codes.

*Note: The Installation Supervisor must insure the attributes such as predivider are correctly established for each of the Installation Definition Codes and that installers are trained to determine which code is to be used for a particular meter.*



- c. Enter the visual read index value in the Mt Rd.

- d. If you wish to use the default values, select the Installation Definition Code = 0.
- e. If the displayed predivider, PreD, is incorrect, enter the correct value.
- f. If a meter has a pressure compensated index (that is, red face index) enter the PCF ratio that is appropriate for that index.

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- g. Click Set or press <S>.

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**208 Rogers Lane**

**Elster**  
**Mn: 123456789 Gas**  
**LC: 0 MC: 0 TC: 0**

RTM: 242-0000000016

Ins Cd: 1 Def Find

Mt Rd: 1234

PreD: 100 SC: 13 Cnt

PCF: 1 / 1

**Setting** Set

The interrogator will read, check and set the parameter values.

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**208 Rogers Lane**

**Elster**  
**Mn: 123456789 Gas**  
**LC: 0 MC: 0 TC: 0**

RTM: 242-0000000016

Ins Cd: 1 Def Find

Mt Rd: 1234

PreD: 100 SC: 13 Cnt

PCF: 1 / 1

**Set Fail** Set

The final status will be displayed as either *Set Pass* or *Set Fail*.

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<b>208 Rogers Lane</b>	
<b>Elster</b>	
<b>Mn: 123456789</b>	<b>Gas</b>
<b>LC: 0</b>	<b>MC: 0</b> <b>TC: 0</b>
<b>RTM:</b>	242-0000000016
<b>Ins Cd:</b>	1 <b>Def</b> <b>Find</b>
<b>Mt Rd:</b>	1234
<b>PreD:</b>	100 <b>SC: 0</b> <b>Cnt</b>
<b>PCF:</b>	1 / 1
<b>Installed</b>	<b>OK</b>

After a successful installation:

- The RTM subcount value will be set to zero.
- The status will be displayed as Installed.
- The date and time will be set.

6. Press OK to move to the next account.

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User Information (Part 15.105): This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
- connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

If you experience trouble with this equipment, please use the Return Material Request (RMR) feature available at the Online Customer Services at [www.elstersolutions.com](http://www.elstersolutions.com). Do not attempt to repair this equipment itself unless you are replacing the entire module.

Compliance Statement (Part 15.19): This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules and with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and 2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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