Chapter 4: Activating and Reading the E-CODER®)R900i™

This chapter defines how to read the E-CODER®)R900/™ to identify water leaks.

Activating the LCD Using the Solar Panel

The E-CODER has a solar panel to power the Liquid Crystal Display (LCD).



Figure 12 - Solar Panel for the E-CODER®)R900/™

The solar panel activates the LCD display when the unit is exposed to a light source. If the LCD does not reactivate as expected, shine a flashlight on the light sensor.



Figure 13 - Activating the E-CODER®)R900/™

Read the Meter

The following table defines the information the meter presents.

Table 2 – Icons and Displays

lcon		Description				
		Flow / Leak Indicator shows the direction of flow through the meter:				
		ON	Water in use.			
		OFF	Water not in use.			
		Flashing	Water is running slowly / low flow indicator.			
52		Leak indicator displays a possible leak:				
0		OFF	No leak indicated.			
		Flashing	Intermittent leak indicated. Water used during at least 50 of the 96 days of 15-minute intervals, during the previous 24-hour period.			
		Continuous ON	Continuous leak indicated. Water used during all 96 days of 15-minute intervals, during the previous 24-hour period.			
Γ	0	2	Nine-digit LCD displays the meter reading in billing units of measure. The number displays in odometer style, reading left to right:			
	8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,		 First four digits – typical billing digits. Last three digits – testing units used for meter testing. Fifth and sixth reading digits – reading units. 			

Common Causes of Leaks

If the E-CODER)R900*i* leak indicator is flashing or continuously on, it indicates a possible leak. The following table defines common causes of leaks.

Table 3 - Causes of Leaks

Possible Cause of Leak	Intermittent Leak	Continuous Leak
Outside faucet, garden hose, or sprinkler system leaking	~	<u>~</u>
Toilet valve not sealed properly	<u>~</u>	<u>✓</u>
Toilet running		<u>~</u>
Faucet in kitchen or bathrooms leaking	<u>~</u>	✓
Ice maker leaking		<u>~</u>
Soaker hose in use		<u>~</u>
Leak between the water meter and the house		<u>~</u>
Washing machine leaking	<u>~</u>	<u>~</u>
Dishwasher leaking	<u>~</u>	<u>~</u>
Hot water heater leaking		<u>~</u>
Yard watered for more than eight hours	<u>v</u>	<u>~</u>
Continuous pet water device in use		<u>~</u>
Water-cooled air conditioner or heat pump	<u> </u>	<u>~</u>
Swimming pool filled		<u>~</u>
Other continuous use of water for 24 hours		V