

# How can I use records of pressure and flow measurements to diagnose SDI system problems?

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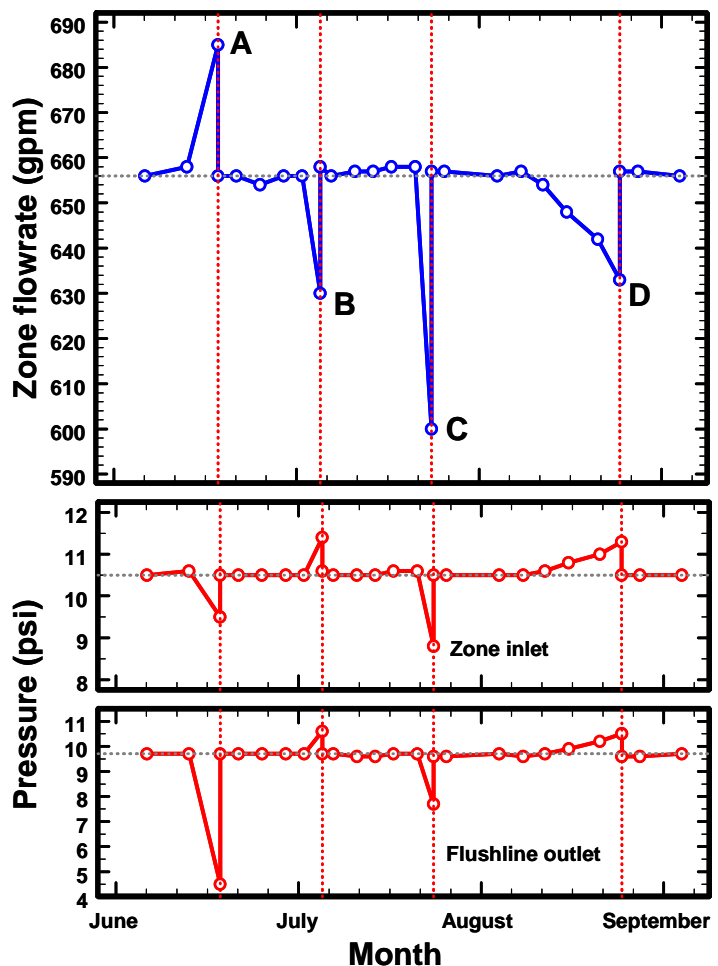


**Anomaly A:** The irrigator observes an abrupt flowrate increase with a small pressure reduction at the Zone inlet and a large pressure reduction at the Flushline outlet. The irrigator checks and finds rodent damage and repairs the dripline.

**Anomaly B:** The irrigator observes an abrupt flowrate reduction with small pressure increases at both the Zone inlet and the Flushline outlet. The irrigator checks and finds an abrupt bacterial flare-up in the driplines. He immediately chlorinates and acidifies the system to remediate the problem.

**Anomaly C:** The irrigator observes an abrupt flowrate decrease from the last irrigation event with large pressure reductions at both the Zone inlet and Flushline outlet. A quick inspection reveals a large filtration system pressure drop indicating the need for cleaning. Normal flowrate and pressures resume after cleaning the filter.

**Anomaly D:** The irrigator observes a gradual flowrate decrease during the last four irrigation events with pressure increases at both the Zone inlet and Flushline outlet. The irrigator checks and find that the driplines are slowly clogging. He immediately chemically treats the system to remediate the problem.



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