

Level Probe *multicap DC 26*

Partially insulated rope probes



Applications

The Multicap DC 26 probe is designed for limit detection in liquids. The wide selection of corrosion-resistant materials used for the probe rope, insulation and process connection ensures that the probe can withstand extremely corrosive products. The tried-and-tested, rugged construction is gas-tight for pressures from vacuum to 50 bar (725 psi) gauge. Seal and insulation materials enable it to be used with operating temperatures in the vessel of $-80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($-110\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ to $+390\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Your Benefits

- Optimum adaptation to your application thanks to a wide range of process connections and practical variations
= reliable function at a cost-effective price
- Protection against condensation in the nozzle
= reliable function even with condensation
- Active build-up compensation for limit detection
= constant and accurate switchpoint even with heavy build-up on the probe, no cleaning or recalibration required

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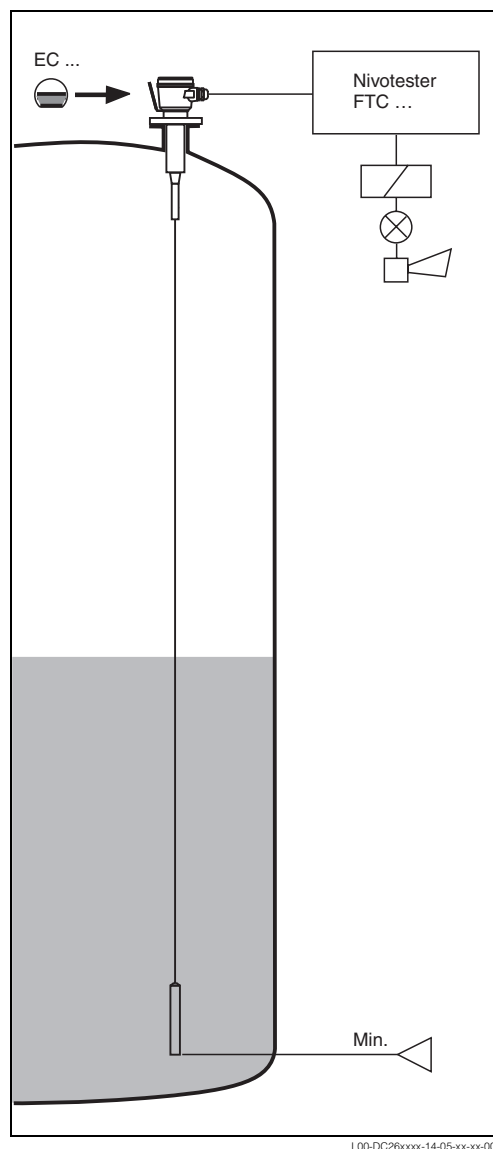
Measuring System

The measuring system comprises:

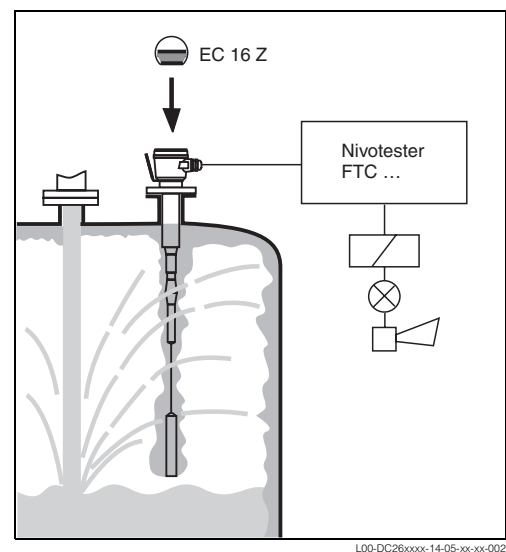
- Multicap DC 26 probe
- EC electronic insert in the probe housing
- Nivotester FTC (Z) level limit switch or Silometer FMC (Z) transmitter.
Continuous level measurement is possible in non-conducting liquids only.

For limit detection in liquids with heavy build-up or for detecting interface layers, the measuring system comprises:

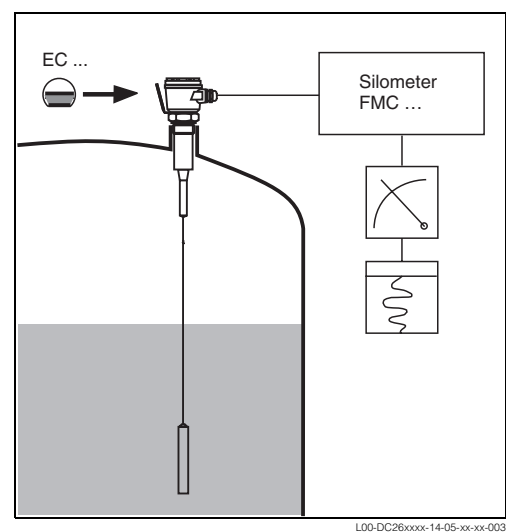
- Multicap DC 26 probe with active build-up compensation
- EC 16 Z electronic insert
- FTC 520/521 Z or FTC 470/471 Z level limit switch.
The limit input of the Silometer FMC 671 Z can also be connected.



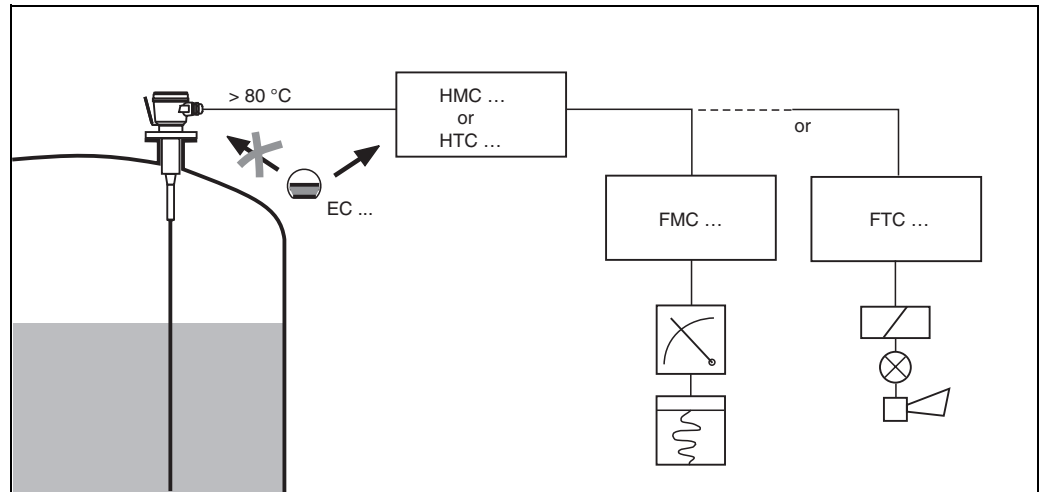
*Limit detection,
e.g. using probe with screening against
condensation in the nozzle*



*Limit detection,
e.g. using probe with screening and active build-up
compensation for reliable limit switching even in the
presence of heavy build-up*



*Continuous level measurement,
e.g. in anhydrous hydrocarbons or dry, light bulk
solids*



Separate mounting of the electronic insert in the case of an excessively high ambient temperature at the probe head housing

Certified Applications

Please note all specifications in the certificates and appropriate regulations as well as the instructions given in this Technical Information.

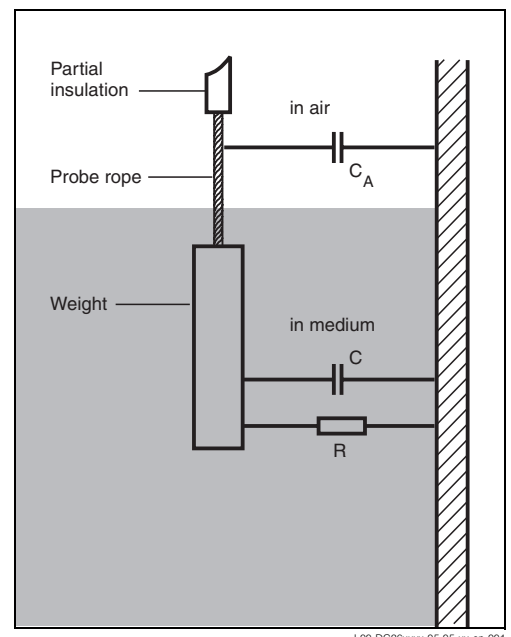
Operating Principle

The probe and vessel wall or counter-electrode form a capacitor with a defined, low capacitance when the probe is uncovered. As soon as material covers the probe a parallel circuit is formed consisting of a much larger capacitance and the resistance of the material – the impedance.

In the case of limit detection with partially insulated probes, this means that for materials with conductivities greater than a given, very low threshold, any change in dielectric constant, and thus of conductivity, has no effect on the switchpoint.

On the other hand, this means that it is not possible to use partially insulated probes for continuous level measurement in electrically conducting materials.

Screening on the probe prevents effects caused by build-up of material or condensation in the vicinity of the process connection. Probes with active build-up compensation for limit switching cancel out effects of build-up on the probe.



Equivalent circuit for capacitance measurement with partially insulated probes

Probe Selection

Here are a few notes on the various designs for the partially insulated Multicap DC 26 probe:

1. Basic probe

- for standard applications

2. Probe with insulated rope

- for reduced build-up

3. Probe with screening

- for long nozzles
- when condensation forms on the roof of the vessel
- for build-up on the vessel wall, e.g. through splashing

4. Probe with active build-up compensation for limit detection

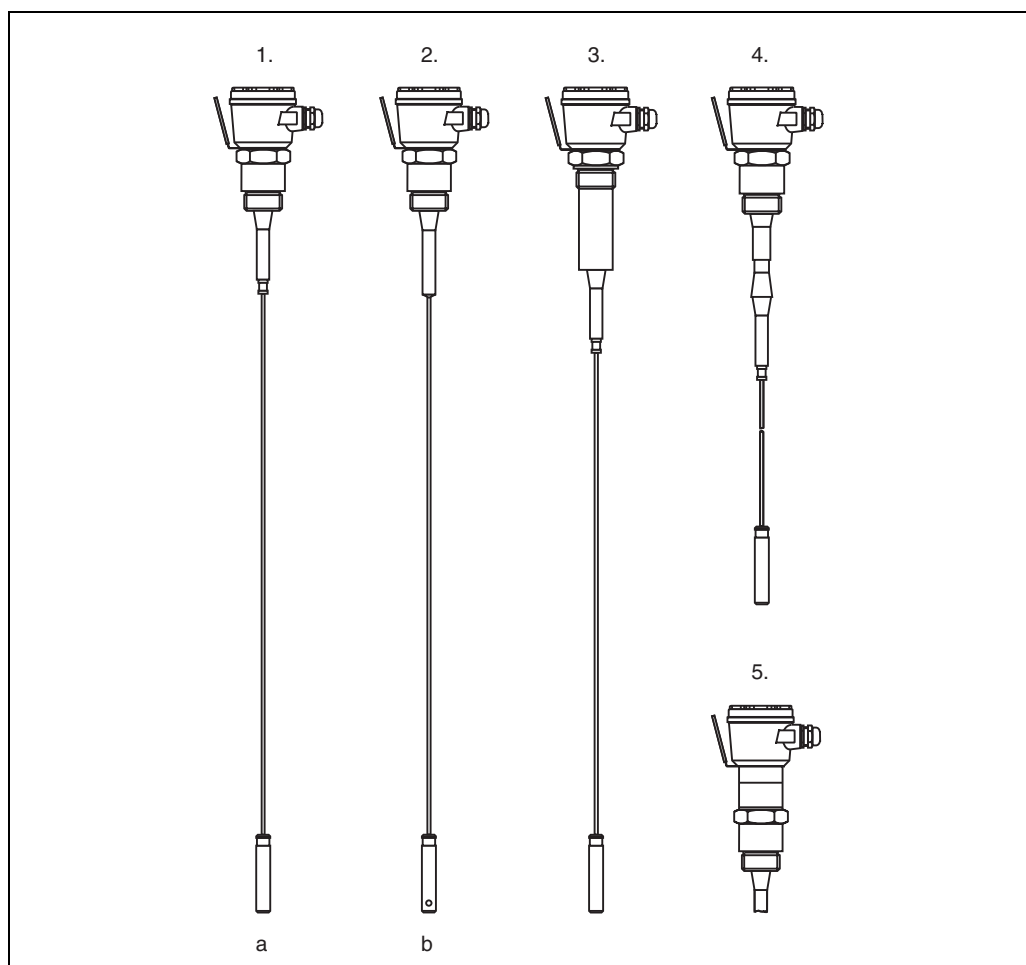
- for heavy (conductive) build-up on the probe.

The active build-up compensation of the Multicap DC 26 probe is always gas-tight due to the self-adjusting tapered gasket.

A wide range of corrosion-resistant materials ensures that the probe can be used in metallic tanks containing aggressive liquids.

5. Probe with gas-tight gland

- for liquefied gas tanks (required in Germany)
- to prevent condensation forming within the probe on extreme temperature variations – see temperature graphs overleaf.



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Partially insulated rope probe versions

a) Uninsulated tensioning weight

b) Uninsulated anchor weight with bore

6. Probe with temperature spacer

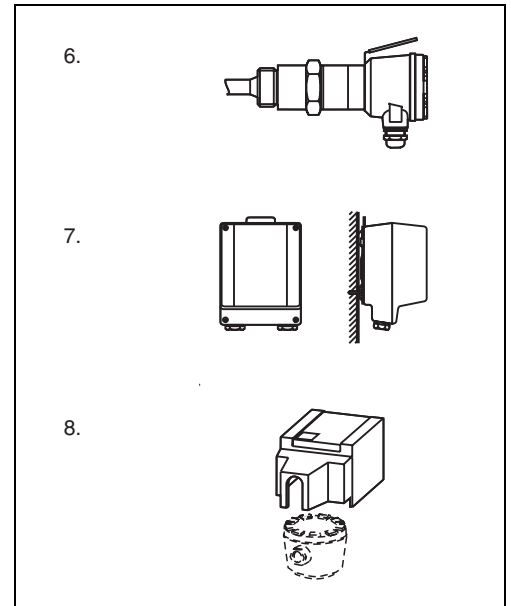
- for an extended range of operating temperatures in the vessel
- See temperature graphs below.

7. Probe without electronic insert

- for high temperatures in the probe housing:
- use electronic insert in separate housing.
- See temperature graphs below.

8. Probe with protective cover

- (accessory)
- to prevent condensation forming in the aluminium housing



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Further variations outside the product tank

Electronic Insert

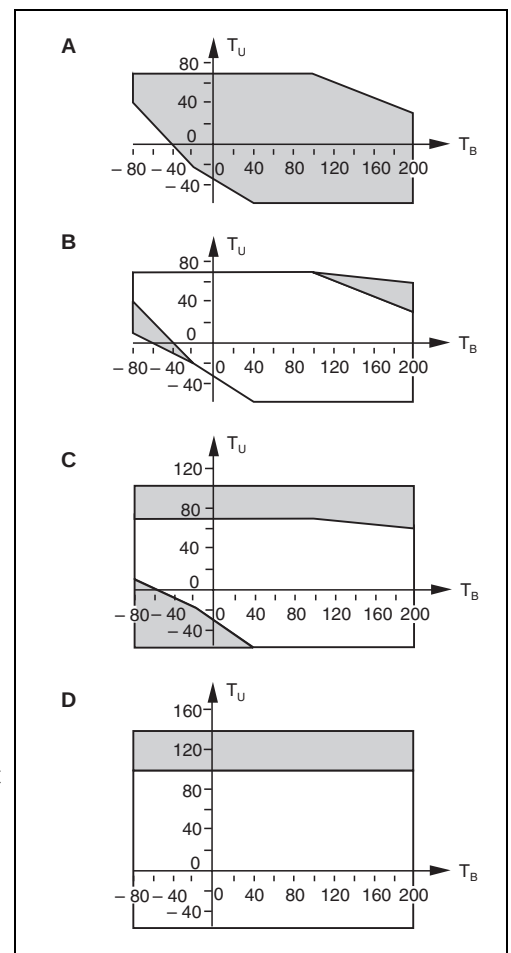
Separate or Built-In?

Information is provided by the graphs on the right.

The horizontal axis is the operating temperature T_B in the vessel.

The vertical axis is the ambient temperature T_U of the probe housing (in °C).

- Do the temperatures lie in the grey area of graph **A**?
The electronic insert may be mounted in the housing of any probe.
- Do the temperatures lie in the grey areas of graph **B**?
The electronic insert may be mounted in the housing of a probe with a temperature spacer or gas-tight gland; or it may be mounted in a separate housing.
- Do the temperatures lie in the grey areas of graph **C**?
The electronic insert should be mounted in a separate housing.
- Do the temperatures lie in the grey area of graph **D**?
Use a probe with a temperature spacer or gas-tight gland and mount the electronic insert in a separate housing.



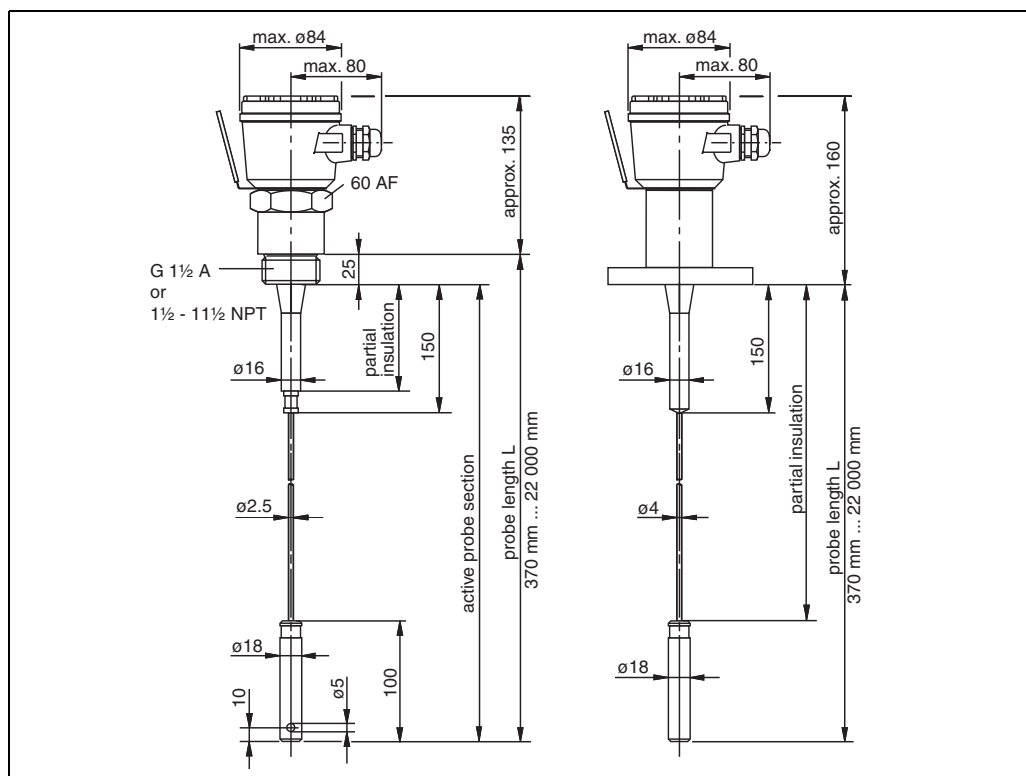
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Application range of the various types as a function of operating and ambient temperature

$$x\text{ °C} = (x \cdot 1.8 + 32)\text{ °F}$$

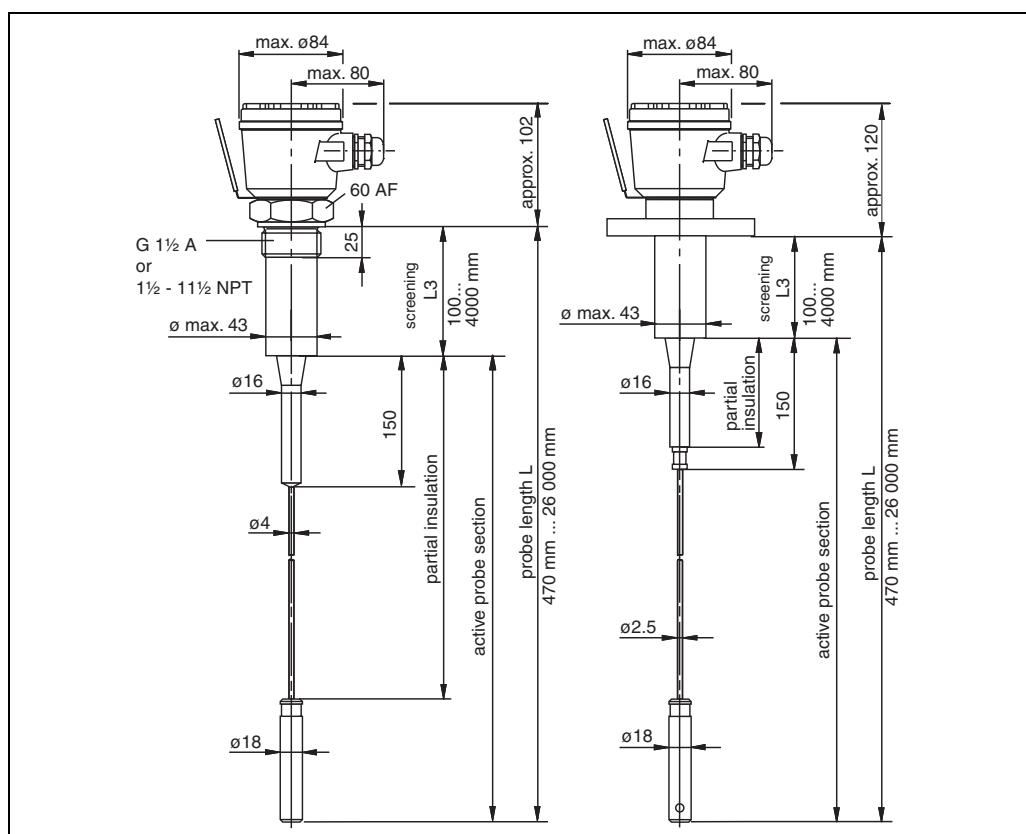
Dimensions in mm (100 mm = 3.94 in / 1 in = 25.4 mm)

Probes for Both Limit Detection and Continuous Level Measurement



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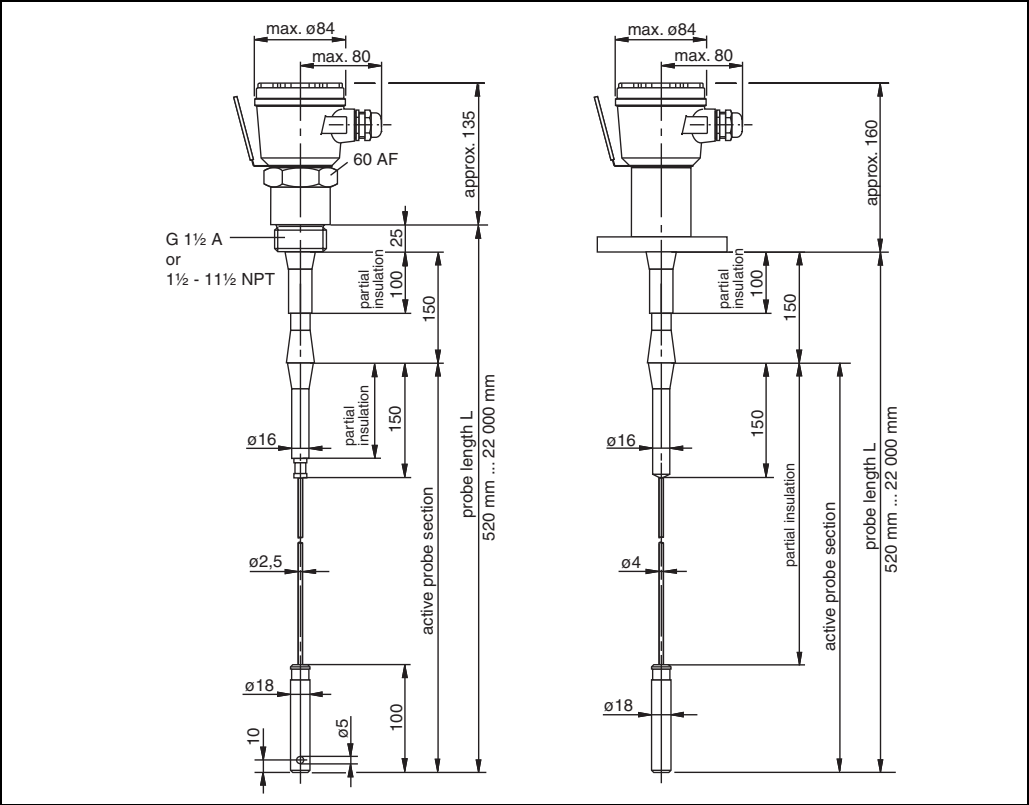
left: DC 26 with threaded boss and uninsulated rope
right: DC 26 with flange and insulated rope



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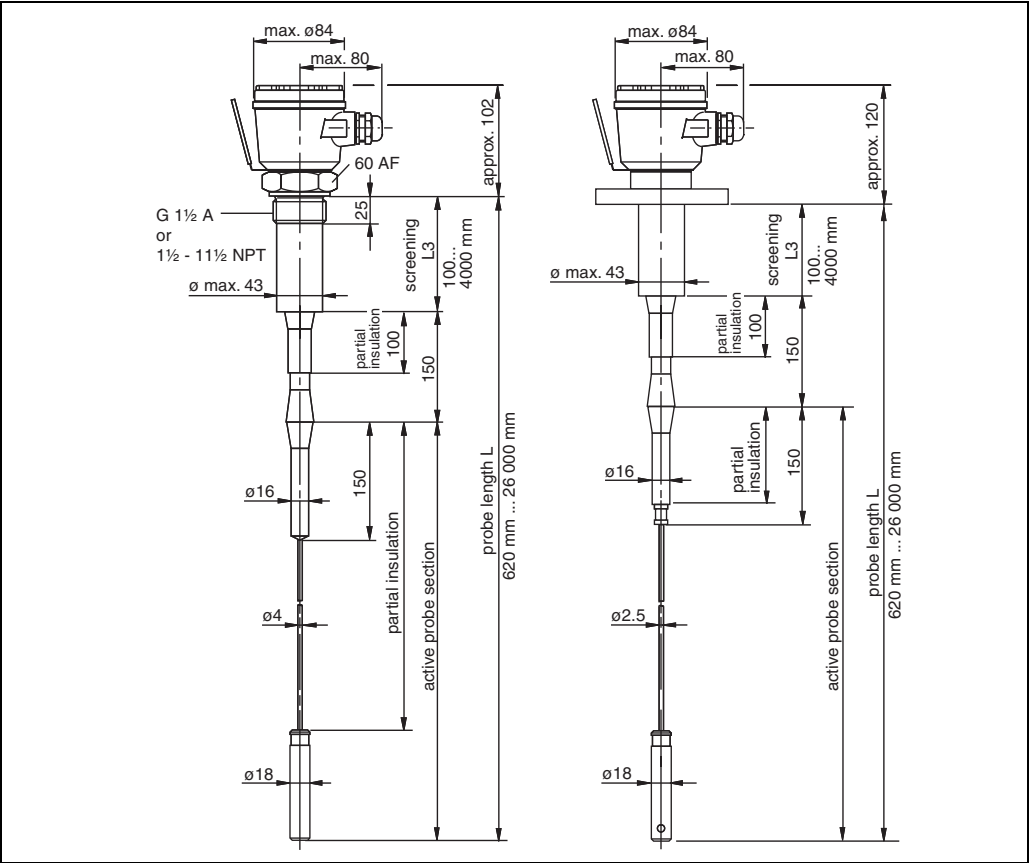
left: DC 26 with threaded boss, metallic screening and insulated rope
right: DC 26 with flange, metallic screening and uninsulated rope

**Probes for Limit Detection
with Build-Up
Compensation**



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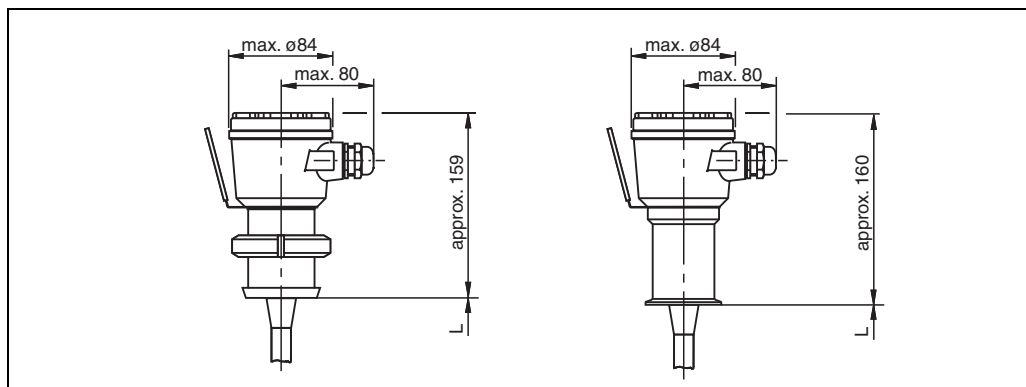
left: DC 26 with threaded boss, active build-up compensation and uninsulated rope
right: DC 26 with flange, active build-up compensation and insulated rope



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left: DC 26 with threaded boss, screening, active build-up compensation and insulated rope
right: DC 26 with flange, screening, active build-up compensation and uninsulated rope

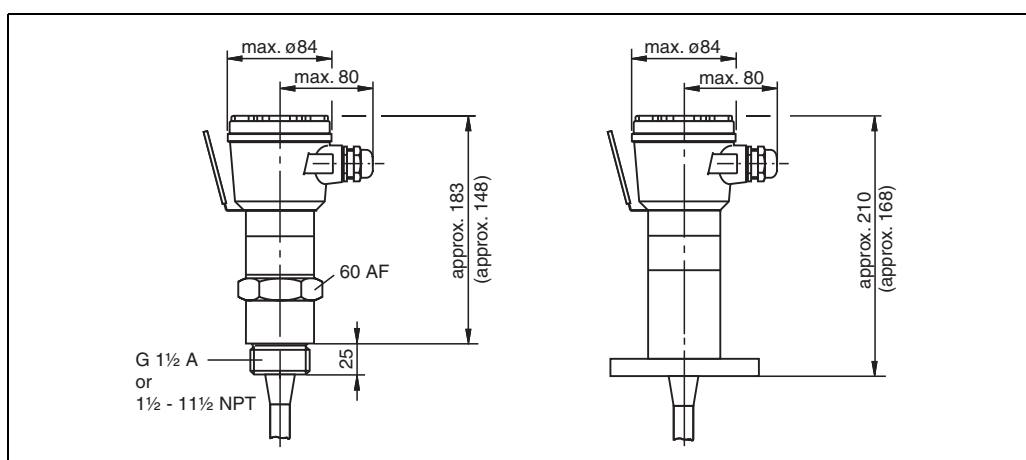
Other Process Connections Gas-Tight Gland Temperature Spacer



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left: Multicap DC 26 with sanitary thread DIN 11851, DN 50

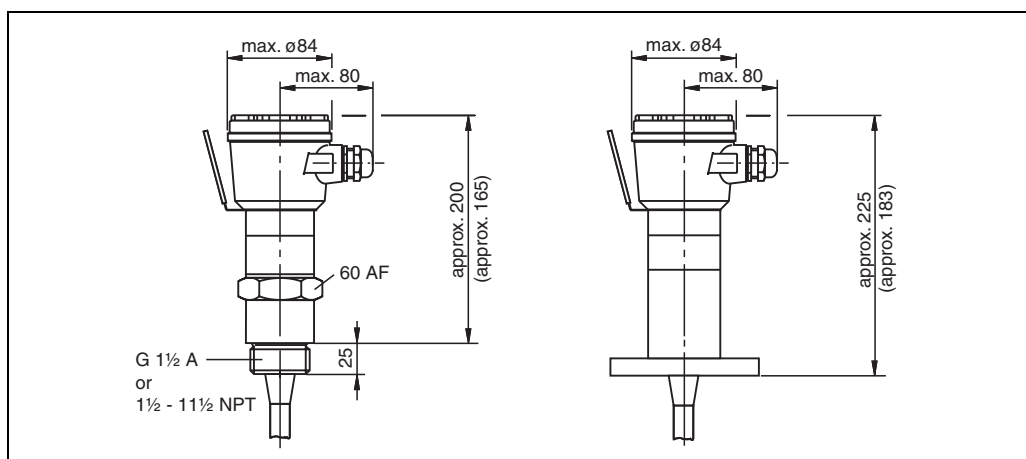
right: Multicap DC 26 with 2" Triclamp coupling



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left: Multicap DC 26 with threaded boss and gas-tight gland

right: Multicap DC 26 with flange and gas-tight gland



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left: Multicap DC 26 with threaded boss and temperature spacer

right: Multicap DC 26 with flange and temperature spacer

(Dimensions for the DC 26 with screening are shown in brackets)

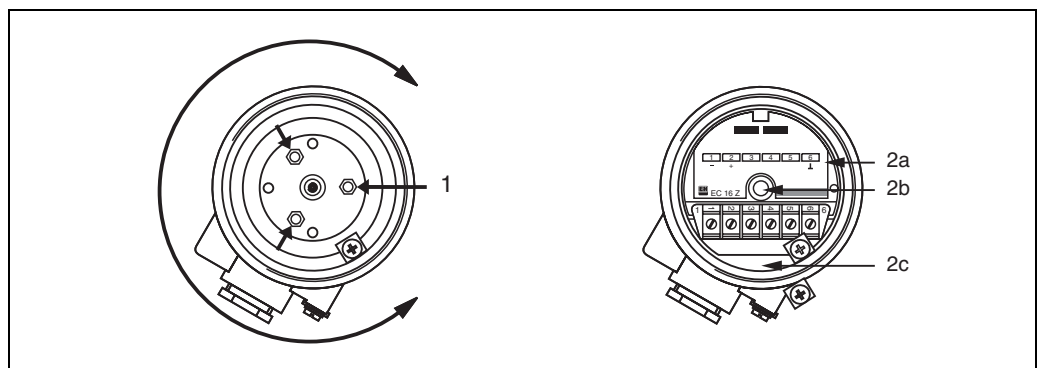
Transport, Unpacking

- To avoid damage to the probe, remove the packaging on-site just before mounting.
The uninsulated section of probes with active build-up compensation is covered with plastic webbing. This protection should be removed prior to mounting.
- Compare the code on the nameplate of the probe with the product designation on Page 13 to ensure that the correct probe has been delivered.
- Check the probe length. The probe rope can be shortened with the aid of the rope shortening kit (accessory).

Installation

- Probe with parallel thread G 1 ½ A:
Use the elastomer/fibre seal provided or any other chemically resistant seal which can withstand temperatures up to 300 °C (570 °F).
- Probe with tapered thread 1 ½ - 11 ½ NPT:
If required, wrap suitable sealing material around the thread.
- Probe with flange connection:
Use a sealing material suitable for the application.
If the flange is PTFE-clad, then this is generally a suitable seal up to the permitted operating pressure.
- Make sure that the probe insulation is not damaged when sliding the probe through the threaded sleeve or nozzle with counter-flange.
- When tightening, turn the probe with threaded boss at the hex nut only; not at the housing!
- For probes with the G 1 ½ A thread and seal:
a torque of 300 Nm is sufficient to seal tight against a pressure in the vessel of up to 50 bar (725 psi).
Maximum admissible torque: 600 Nm.
- A polypropylene threaded boss with rubber seal may only be tightened using a max. torque of 7 Nm (1 Nm = 0.74 ft lbs).
- If the probe is to be anchored, use an insulated rope, tension to a maximum force of 200 N (20 kg/44 lbs).

Rotating the Housing



- 1) The housing can be rotated after the 3 nuts have been loosened
- 2) Tighten electronic insert (a) with the central slotted nut (b) leaving space (c) for the connecting cable

The housing can be rotated if the cable gland is pointing in the wrong direction after mounting.

- To loosen:
- Unscrew the housing cover
 - Unscrew the central nut (slotted nut) in the electronic housing
 - Remove the electronic insert from the housing
 - Slightly loosen the 3 nuts (7 AF), see Figure.

- To rotate: – The housing can now be rotated in any direction.
- To tighten: – Securely tighten the 3 nuts in the housing so that the housing is tight against the hex nut.
 – Insert the electronic insert and securely tighten the central nut so that it does not become loose. Ensure that the cable entry remains free.

Connection

Refer to the appropriate Technical Information concerning the electronic insert EC used in the probe housing.

In the case of the heavy duty housing, the connection diagram corresponds to that of the built-in electronic insert. It is important that no moisture enters the probe housing during storage of the probe, connection of the electronic insert and during operation. Always tighten the housing cover and cable gland securely.

If the probe is installed in a plastic tank, connect the ground terminal of the probe to the counter-electrode using a short cable.

Replacing components

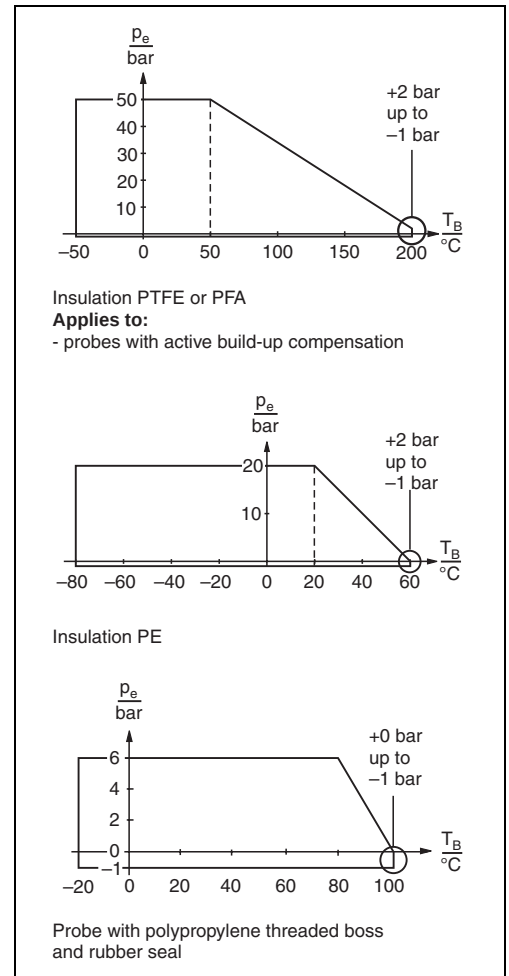
Mounting without electronic insert Exchange of electronic inserts

- After the defective electronic insert has been removed and the replacement properly installed, the instrument must be recalibrated and checked for correct function.
- If fully insulated multicap probes are mounted in explosion hazardous areas without the electronic insert, and there is a risk of dangerous electronic discharges, then the probe terminal in the housing must be short-circuited with the ground terminal.

Technical Data

Operating Data

- See graphs for the relationship between operating pressure and temperature.
- Capacitance values of the probe
Basic capacitance: approx. 30 pF
Other capacitance values
Gas-tight gland: approx. 20 pF
Temperature spacer: approx. 20 pF
Active build-up compensation: approx. 10 pF
Screening: approx. 3 pF/100 mm
Probe 250 mm from a conductive vessel wall
Insulated probe rope:
approx. 1 pF/100 mm in air
Uninsulated probe rope:
approx. 1 pF/100 mm in air
Uninsulated tensioning weight:
approx. 2 pF/100 mm in air
- Tensile strength of rope probe (anchoring):
max. 200 N at 20 °C.



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$$x \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} = (x \cdot 1.8 + 32) \text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$1 \text{ bar} = 14.5 \text{ psi}$$

Permitted operating pressures p_e and temperatures T_B

Probe Lengths (100 mm = 3.94 in)

- Total length of probe rope: max. 22000 mm
- Length of uninsulated screening: L3 min. 100 mm, max. 4000 mm
- Length of partially insulation: min. 100 mm or up to weight
- Length of active build-up compensation: always 150 mm from where the probe rod leaves the process connection or screening
- Length tolerances
up to 1 m: +0 mm, - 5 mm
up to 3 m: +0 mm, -10 mm
up to 6 m: +0 mm, -20 mm
up to 26 m: +0 mm, -30 mm

Process Connection Standards

- Parallel thread G 1 1/2 A: DIN ISO 228/1, with sealing ring 48 x 55 to DIN 7603
- Tapered thread 1 1/2 - 1 1/2 NPT: ANSI B 1.20.1
- DIN flanges: see flange table
- ANSI flanges: ANSI B 16.5
- Sanitary thread: DIN 11851
- Triclamp coupling: ISO 2852

Materials

Most material specifications are given in the Product Structure on page 13

- Aluminium housing: cast aluminium AlSi 12, resistant to sea-water, EP-lacquered
- Aluminium housing, coated: in fluoropolymer
- Sealing between housing and process connection: EPDM
- Sealing for housing cover: O-ring in EPDM

- Temperature spacer: SS 304 H (1.4301)
- Gas-tight gland: SS 304 H (1.4301)
- Sealing ring for process connection G 1 ½ A: elastomer/fibre, asbestos-free, resistant to oil, solvents, steam, weak acids and alkalis; up to 300 °C and 100 bar (570 °F and 1450 psi)
- Partial insulation: for uninsulated probe rope, PTFE; for insulated probe rope, identical insulation
- Cable glands: standard PG in nickel-plated brass with NBR seal for cable diameter 7...10 mm; Protection IP55; ambient temperature up to 100 °C (210 °F)
- Watertight PG in polyamide with neoprene/CR seal for cable diameter 5...12 mm; Protection IP66; ambient temperature up to 80 °C (180 °F)

See product structure for housing variations.

Certificates

- EC-Type-examination certificate
PTB 98 ATEX 2215 X
CE II 1/2 G, EEx ia IIC/B T6
XA 024F/00/a3
- EC-Type-examination certificate
PTB 98 ATEX 2215 X
CE II 1/2 G, EEx ia IIC/B T6
XA 080F/00/a3
- DIBt test report to § 19 WHG
overspill protection with continuous level measurement (for Germany)
ZE 210F/00/de
- DIBt test report to § 19 WHG
for overspill protection with level limit switch (for Germany)
ZE 211F/00/de

Product Structure

Product Structure Multicap DC 26

Design		Basic weight	
DC 26	partially insulated rope probe		2,0 kg
10	Certificate		
	A	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIC T6	
	D	For non-hazardous areas	Overspill protection to WHG
	F	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIC T6	Overspill protection to WHG
	R	For non-hazardous areas	
	Y	Special version	
	1	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIB T6	
	2	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIB T6	Overspill protection to WHG
	5	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIC* T6	Overspill protection to WHG
	6	ATEX II 1/2 G EEx ia IIC* T6	
	*) With note: "Avoid electrostatic charge"		
20	Electronic insert		Additional weight
	A	Electronic insert not selected	- -
	B	with EC 61 Z 3-wire insert	0,2 kg
	C	with EC 11 Z 3-wire Tx 33 kHz	0,2 kg
	D	with EC 72 Z 3-wire Tx 1 MHz	0,2 kg
	E	with EC 17 Z 2-wire PFM	0,2 kg
	F	with EC 16 Z 2-wire PFM	0,2 kg
	G	with EC 27 Z 2-wire PFM	0,2 kg
	H	with EC 37 Z 2-wire PFM Tx 33 kHz	0,2 kg
	I	with EC 47 Z 2-wire PFM Tx 1 MHz	0,2 kg
	Y	Special version	
30	Process connection, material		
	AE1	2" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 steel 1,6 kg
	AE2	2" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 1,6 kg
	AE3	2" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 PTFE >316Ti 1,6 kg
	AE5	2" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 Alloy C >316Ti 1,8 kg
	AG2	2" 300 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 3,0 kg
	AL1	3" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 steel 3,2 kg
	AL2	3" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 3,2 kg
	AL3	3" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 PTFE >316Ti 3,2 kg
	AN2	3" 300 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 5,6 kg
	AP1	4" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 steel 5,4 kg
	AP2	4" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 5,4 kg
	AP3	4" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 PTFE >316Ti 5,4 kg
	AP5	4" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 Alloy C >316Ti 5,8 kg
	AR2	4" 300 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti 7,3 kg
	AU2	6" 150 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti
	AW2	6" 300 lbs RF	Flange ANSI B16.5 316Ti
	BG1	DN 50 PN 25/40 B	Flange DIN 2527 steel 3,0 kg
	BG2	DN 50 PN 25/40 B	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 3,0 kg
	BG3	DN 50 PN 25/40	Flange DIN 2527 PTFE >316Ti 3,0 kg
	BM1	DN 80 PN 10/16 B	Flange DIN 2527 steel 4,5 kg
	BM2	DN 80 PN 10/16 B	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 4,5 kg
	BM3	DN 80 PN 10/16	Flange DIN 2527 PTFE >316Ti 4,5 kg
	BQ1	DN 100 PN 10/16 B	Flange DIN 2527 steel 5,4 kg
	BQ2	DN 100 PN 10/16 B	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 5,4 kg
	BQ3	DN 100 PN 10/16	Flange DIN 2527 PTFE >316Ti 5,4 kg
	CG2	DN 50 PN 25/40 C	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 3,0 kg
	CG5	DN 50 PN 25/40	Flange DIN 2527 Alloy C >316Ti 3,2 kg
	CM2	DN 80 PN 10/16 C	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 4,5 kg
	CM5	DN 80 PN 10/16	Flange DIN 2527 Alloy C >316Ti 4,8 kg
	CQ2	DN 100 PN 10/16 C	Flange DIN 2527 316Ti 5,4 kg
	CQ5	DN 100 PN 10/16	Flange DIN 2527 Alloy C >316Ti 5,8 kg
	FG2	DN 50 PN 40 F	Flange DIN 2512 316Ti 3,0 kg
	FM2	DN 80 PN 16 F	Flange DIN 2512 316Ti 4,5 kg
	FQ2	DN 100 PN 16 F	Flange DIN 2512 316Ti 5,4 kg
	GN1	1 ½" NPT	Thread ANSI steel - -
	GN2	1 ½" NPT	Thread ANSI 316Ti - -

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										O	Polyester	E-Housing	M 20x1,5	IP66	--
										P	Polyester	E-Housing	HNA 24x1,5	IP66	--
										T	Ctd. aluminium	E-Housing	NPT ½"	IP66	--
										U	Ctd. aluminium	E-Housing	G ½ A	IP66	--
										V	Ctd. aluminium	E-Housing	M 20x1,5	IP66	--
										W	Ctd. aluminium	E-Housing	HNA 24x1,5	IP66	--
										Y	Special version				
DC 26 -										Complete product designation					



Note!
Please state lengths for the probe when ordering.
See also dimensioned drawings on Pages 6 and 7.

Screening

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Total length of probe

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from the sealing surface of the
process connection

Accessories

- Protective cover for small probe housing
Order No. 917410-0000
- Rope shortening kit
Material: SS 316 Ti (1.4571)
Order No. 935598-1000
- Rope shortening kit
Material: Alloy C
Order No. 935598-2000

Supplementary Documentation

Technical Information (TI)

- Electronic Inserts EC 11 Z, EC 72 Z
TI 270F/00/en
- Electronic Insert EC 16 Z
TI 170F/00/en
- Electronic Insert EC 17 Z
TI 268F/00/en
- Electronic Inserts EC 37 Z, EC 47 Z
TI 271F/00/en
- Electronic Insert EC 61 Z
TI 267F/00/en
- Probe Accessories
TI 229F/00/en
- Separate housing for electronic insert
TI 228F/00/en

Transmitters for limit detection and continuous level measurement on request

Operating Instruction (BA)

- Rope shortening kit
BA 127F/00/en

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