

Operating Instructions

VEGAPULS 63

4 ... 20 mA/HART - four-wire



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Safety instructions for Ex areas

Take note of the Ex specific safety instructions for Ex applications. These instructions are attached as documents to each instrument with Ex approval and are part of the operating instructions.

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1 About this document

1.1 Function

This operating instructions provides all the information you need for mounting, connection and setup as well as important instructions for maintenance, fault rectification, the exchange of parts and the safety of the user. Please read this information before putting the instrument into operation and keep this manual accessible in the immediate vicinity of the device.

1.2 Target group

This operating instructions manual is directed to trained personnel. The contents of this manual must be made available to the qualified personnel and implemented.

1.3 Symbols used



Document ID

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Information, tip, note

This symbol indicates helpful additional information.



Caution: If this warning is ignored, faults or malfunctions can result.



Warning: If this warning is ignored, injury to persons and/or serious damage to the instrument can result.



Danger: If this warning is ignored, serious injury to persons and/or destruction of the instrument can result.



Ex applications

This symbol indicates special instructions for Ex applications.



SIL applications

This symbol indicates instructions for functional safety which must be taken into account particularly for safety-relevant applications.

- **List**

The dot set in front indicates a list with no implied sequence.

- **Action**

This arrow indicates a single action.

- 1 **Sequence of actions**

Numbers set in front indicate successive steps in a procedure.



Battery disposal

This symbol indicates special information about the disposal of batteries and accumulators.

2 For your safety

2.1 Authorised personnel

All operations described in this documentation must be carried out only by trained, qualified personnel authorised by the plant operator. During work on and with the device, the required personal protective equipment must always be worn.

2.2 Appropriate use

VEGAPULS 63 is a sensor for continuous level measurement.

You can find detailed information about the area of application in chapter "*Product description*".

Operational reliability is ensured only if the instrument is properly used according to the specifications in the operating instructions manual as well as possible supplementary instructions.

For safety and warranty reasons, any invasive work on the device beyond that described in the operating instructions manual may be carried out only by personnel authorised by the manufacturer. Arbitrary conversions or modifications are explicitly forbidden.

2.3 Warning about incorrect use

Inappropriate or incorrect use of the instrument can give rise to application-specific hazards, e.g. vessel overflow or damage to system components through incorrect mounting or adjustment. Thus damage to property, to persons or environmental contamination can be caused. Also the protective characteristics of the instrument can be influenced.

2.4 General safety instructions

This is a high-tech instrument requiring the strict observance of standard regulations and guidelines. The user must take note of the safety instructions in this operating instructions manual, the country-specific installation standards as well as all prevailing safety regulations and accident prevention rules. For safety reasons, only the accessory specified by the manufacturer must be used.

Depending on the model, the emitting frequencies of all radar sensors are either in the C or K band range. The low transmitting power lies far below the internationally permitted limit values. When the instrument is used correctly, it presents no danger to human health. It may be operated without restriction outside of closed metallic vessels.

The instrument must only be operated in a technically flawless and reliable condition. The operator is responsible for the trouble-free operation of the instrument. When measuring aggressive or corrosive media that can cause a dangerous situation if the instrument malfunctions, the operator has to implement suitable measures to make sure the instrument is functioning properly.

During the entire duration of use, the user is obliged to determine the compliance of the necessary occupational safety measures with the

current valid rules and regulations and also take note of new regulations.

To avoid any danger, the safety approval markings and safety tips on the device must also be observed and their meaning read in this operating instructions manual.

2.5 Safety label on the instrument

The safety approval markings and safety tips on the device must be observed.

2.6 EU conformity

The device fulfils the legal requirements of the applicable EU directives. By affixing the CE marking, we confirm the conformity of the instrument with these directives.

You can find the EU conformity declaration on our website under www.vega.com/downloads.

Electromagnetic compatibility

The instruments are designed for use in an industrial environment. Nevertheless, electromagnetic interference from electrical conductors and radiated emissions must be taken into account, as is usual with a class A instrument according to EN 61326-1. If the instrument is used in a different environment, its electromagnetic compatibility with other devices must be ensured by suitable measures.

2.7 Fulfillment of NAMUR recommendations

NAMUR is the automation technology user association in the process industry in Germany. The published NAMUR recommendations are accepted as the standard in field instrumentation.

The device fulfils the requirements of the following NAMUR recommendations:

- NE 21 – Electromagnetic compatibility of equipment
- NE 43 – Signal level for fault information from measuring transducers
- NE 53 – Compatibility of field devices and display/adjustment components

For further information see www.namur.de.

2.8 Radio license for Europe

The instrument was tested according to the latest issue of the following harmonized standards:

- EN 302372 - Tank Level Probing Radar

It is hence approved for use inside closed vessels in countries of the EU.

Use is also approved in EFTA countries, provided the respective standards have been implemented.

For operation inside of closed vessels, points a to f in annex E of EN 302372 must be fulfilled.

2.9 FCC/IC conformity (only for USA/Canada)

VEGAPULS sensors with all antenna versions are FCC/IC approved.

Modifications not expressly approved by VEGA will lead to expiry of the operating licence according to FCC/IC.

VEGAPULS 63 is in conformity with part 15 of the FCC directives and fulfills the RSS-210 regulations. Note the corresponding regulations for operation:

- This device may not cause interference, and
- The device must be resistant to interference signals, including such that may cause undesired operating states of the device

According to chapter "*Dimensions*" of this operating instructions manual, the instrument is designed for operation with an antenna with a max. amplification of 33 dB. The instrument must not be operated with antennas not listed therein or those having an amplification of more than 33 dB. The required antenna impedance is 50 Ω .

2.10 Installation and operation in the USA and Canada

This information is only valid for USA and Canada. Hence the following text is only available in the English language.

Installations in the US shall comply with the relevant requirements of the National Electrical Code (ANSI/NFPA 70).

Installations in Canada shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Canadian Electrical Code.

2.11 Environmental instructions

Protection of the environment is one of our most important duties. That is why we have introduced an environment management system with the goal of continuously improving company environmental protection. The environment management system is certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001.

Please help us fulfil this obligation by observing the environmental instructions in this manual:

- Chapter "*Packaging, transport and storage*"
- Chapter "*Disposal*"

3 Product description

3.1 Configuration

Versions

The VEGAPULS 63 radar sensor is available in two electronics versions:

- Standard electronics type PS60KV
- Electronics with increased sensitivity type PS60KE

The respective version can be determined by means of the type label on the electronics.

The electronics version influences the CE conformity, the factory setting for the medium selection and vessel form, the measurement accuracy as well as the approvals of VEGAPULS 63. The differences are listed in the respective sections of this operating instructions manual.

Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery encompasses:

- Radar sensor
- Documentation
 - Quick setup guide VEGAPULS 63
 - Instructions for optional instrument features
 - Ex-specific "*Safety instructions*" (with Ex versions)
 - If necessary, further certificates



Information:

In this operating instructions manual, the optional instrument features are described. The respective scope of delivery results from the order specification.

Constituent parts

The VEGAPULS 63 consists of the components:

- Process fitting with encapsulated antenna system
- Housing with electronics
- Housing cover, optionally available with display and adjustment module PLICSCOM

The components are available in different versions.

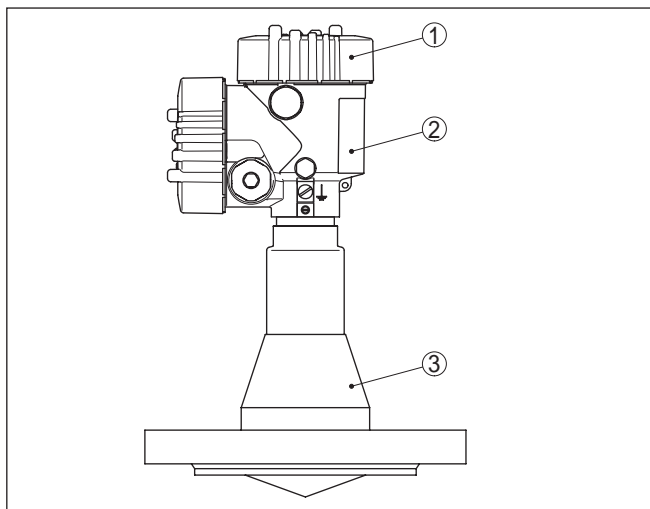


Fig. 1: VEGAPULS 63 - flange version with Alu double chamber housing

- 1 Housing cover with integrated PLICSCOM (optional)
- 2 Housing with electronics
- 3 Process fitting with encapsulated antenna system

Type label

The type label contains the most important data for identification and use of the instrument:

- Instrument type
- Article and serial number device
- Article numbers, documentation
- Technical data: Approvals, antenna type, process fitting, process seal/temperature, signal output, voltage supply, protection, protection class
- SIL identification (with SIL rating ex works)

With the serial number, you can access the delivery data of the instrument via "www.vega.com", "VEGA Tools" and "Instrument search". You can find the serial number on the inside of the instrument as well as on the type label on the outside.

Scope of this operating instructions

This operating instructions manual applies to the following instrument versions:

- Hardware version ≤ 1.10
- Software version ≤ 3.90

3.2 Principle of operation

VEGAPULS 63 is a radar sensor in K-band technology (emitting frequency approx. 26 GHz) for continuous level measurement. It is particularly suitable for small vessels that contain aggressive liquids under easy process conditions.

Application area

The electronics version "**Increased sensitivity**" enables the use of VEGAPULS 63 also in applications with very poor reflective properties or products with low ϵ_r value.

Functional principle

The antenna of the radar sensor emits short radar pulses with a duration of approx. 1 ns. These pulses are reflected by the product and received by the antenna as echoes. The transit time of the radar pulses from emission to reception is proportional to the distance and hence to the level. The determined level is converted into an appropriate output signal and outputted as measured value.

Voltage supply

Four-wire electronics with separate power supply.

The supply voltage range can differ depending on the instrument version.

The data for power supply are specified in chapter "*Technical data*".

Measured value transmission is carried out via the 4 ... 20 mA/HART output separate from power supply.

The backlight of the display and adjustment module is powered by the sensor. The prerequisite for this is a supply voltage at a certain level. The exact voltage specifications are stated in chapter "*Technical data*".

3.3 Packaging, transport and storage

Packaging

Your instrument was protected by packaging during transport. Its capacity to handle normal loads during transport is assured by a test based on ISO 4180.

The packaging of standard instruments consists of environment-friendly, recyclable cardboard. For special versions, PE foam or PE foil is also used. Dispose of the packaging material via specialised recycling companies.

Transport

Transport must be carried out in due consideration of the notes on the transport packaging. Nonobservance of these instructions can cause damage to the device.

Transport inspection

The delivery must be checked for completeness and possible transit damage immediately at receipt. Ascertained transit damage or concealed defects must be appropriately dealt with.

Storage

Up to the time of installation, the packages must be left closed and stored according to the orientation and storage markings on the outside.

Unless otherwise indicated, the packages must be stored only under the following conditions:

- Not in the open
- Dry and dust free
- Not exposed to corrosive media
- Protected against solar radiation
- Avoiding mechanical shock and vibration

Storage and transport temperature

- Storage and transport temperature see chapter "*Supplement - Technical data - Ambient conditions*"
- Relative humidity 20 ... 85 %

Lifting and carrying

With instrument weights of more than 18 kg (39.68 lbs) suitable and approved equipment must be used for lifting and carrying.

PLICSCOM

3.4 Accessories and replacement parts

The display and adjustment module PLICSCOM is used for measured value indication, adjustment and diagnosis. It can be inserted into the sensor or the external display and adjustment unit and removed at any time.

The integrated Bluetooth module (optional) enables wireless adjustment via standard adjustment devices:

- Smartphone/tablet (iOS or Android operating system)
- PC/notebook with Bluetooth USB adapter (Windows operating system)

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Display and adjustment module PLICSCOM*" (Document-ID 36433).

VEGACONNECT

The interface adapter VEGACONNECT enables the connection of communication-capable instruments to the USB interface of a PC. For parameter adjustment of these instruments, an adjustment software such as PACTware with VEGA DTM is required.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Interface adapter VEGACONNECT*" (Document-ID 32628).

VEGADIS 81

The VEGADIS 81 is an external display and adjustment unit for VEGA plics® sensors.

For sensors with double chamber housing the interface adapter "*VEGADIS adapter*" is also required for VEGADIS 81.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*VEGADIS 81*" (Document-ID 43814).

VEGADIS 82

VEGADIS 82 is suitable for measured value indication and adjustment of sensors with HART protocol. It is looped into the 4 ... 20 mA/HART signal cable.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*VEGADIS 82*" (Document-ID 45300).

Protective cover

The protective cover protects the sensor housing against soiling and intense heat from solar radiation.

You will find additional information in the supplementary instructions manual "*Protective cover*" (Document-ID 34296).

Flanges

Flanges are available in different versions according to the following standards: DIN 2501, EN 1092-1, ANSI B 16.5, JIS B 2210-1984, GOST 12821-80.

You can find additional information in the supplementary instructions manual "*Flanges according to DIN-EN-ASME-JIS*" (Document-ID 31088).

Electronics module

Electronics module "VEGAPULS series 60" is a replacement part for radar sensors of VEGAPULS series 60. A different version is available for each type of signal output.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Electronics module VEGAPULS series 60*" (Document-ID 30176).

4 Mounting

4.1 General instructions

Installation position

Select an installation position you can easily reach for mounting and connecting as well as later retrofitting of a display and adjustment module. The housing can be rotated by 330° without the use of any tools. You can also install the display and adjustment module in four different positions (each displaced by 90°).

Moisture

Use the recommended cables (see chapter "Connecting to power supply") and tighten the cable gland.

You can give your instrument additional protection against moisture penetration by leading the connection cable downward in front of the cable gland. Rain and condensation water can thus drain off. This applies mainly to outdoor mounting as well as installation in areas where high humidity is expected (e.g. through cleaning processes) or on cooled or heated vessels.

To maintain the housing protection, make sure that the housing lid is closed during operation and locked, if necessary.

Make sure that the degree of contamination specified in chapter "Technical data" meets the existing ambient conditions.

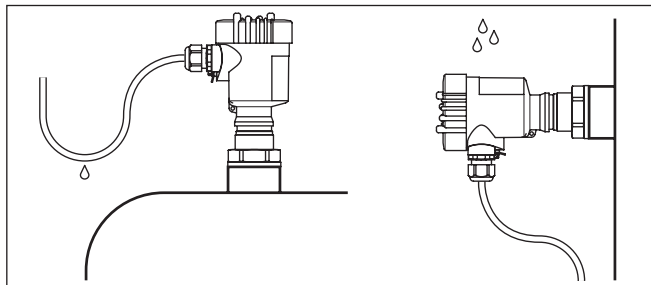


Fig. 2: Measures against moisture ingress

Cable entries - NPT thread Cable glands

Metric threads

In the case of instrument housings with metric thread, the cable glands are screwed in at the factory. They are sealed with plastic plugs as transport protection.

You have to remove these plugs before electrical connection.

NPT thread

In the case of instrument housings with self-sealing NPT threads, it is not possible to have the cable entries screwed in at the factory. The free openings for the cable glands are therefore covered with red dust protection caps as transport protection.

Prior to setup you have to replace these protective caps with approved cable glands or close the openings with suitable blind plugs.

Measuring range

The reference plane for the measuring range of the sensors is the lower side of the flange plating.

**Information:**

If the medium reaches the antenna, buildup can form on it and cause faulty measurements later on.

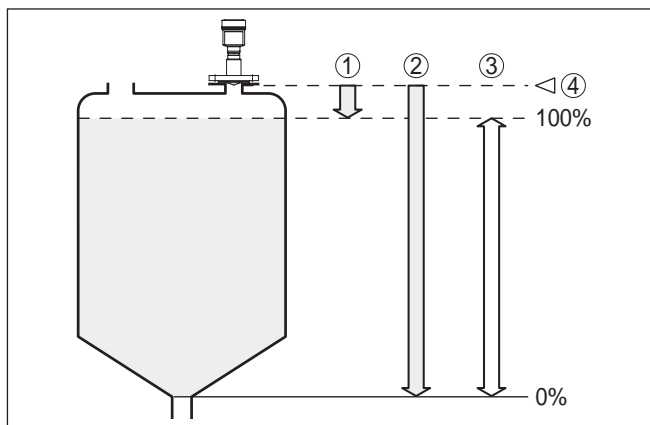


Fig. 3: Measuring range (operating range) and max. measuring distance

- 1 full
- 2 empty (max. measuring distance)
- 3 Measuring range
- 4 Reference plane

Polarisation plane

The emitted radar impulses of VEGAPULS 63 are electromagnetic waves. The polarisation plane is the direction of the electrical share. Their position is marked on the instrument.

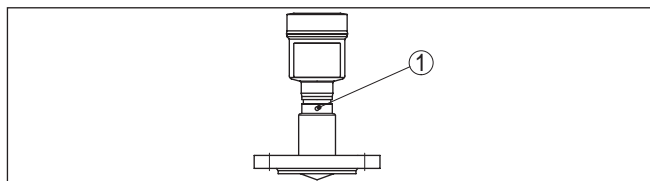


Fig. 4: Position of the polarisation plane of VEGAPULS 63

- 1 Marking hole

Suitability for the process conditions

Make sure that all parts of the instrument coming in direct contact with the process, especially the sensor element, process seal and process fitting, are suitable for the existing process conditions, such as process pressure, process temperature as well as the chemical properties of the medium.

You can find the specifications in chapter "Technical data" and on the nameplate.

Suitability for the ambient conditions

The instrument is suitable for standard and extended ambient conditions acc. to DIN/EN/IEC/ANSI/ISA/UL/CSA 61010-1.

Installation position

4.2 Mounting instructions

When mounting the VEGAPULS 63, keep a distance of at least 200 mm (7.874 in) to the vessel wall. If the sensor is installed in the center of dished or round vessel tops, multiple echoes can arise. These can, however, be suppressed by an appropriate adjustment (see chapter "Setup").

If you cannot maintain this distance, you should carry out a false signal suppression during setup. This applies particularly if buildup on the vessel wall is expected. In such cases, we recommend repeating the false signal suppression at a later date with existing buildup.

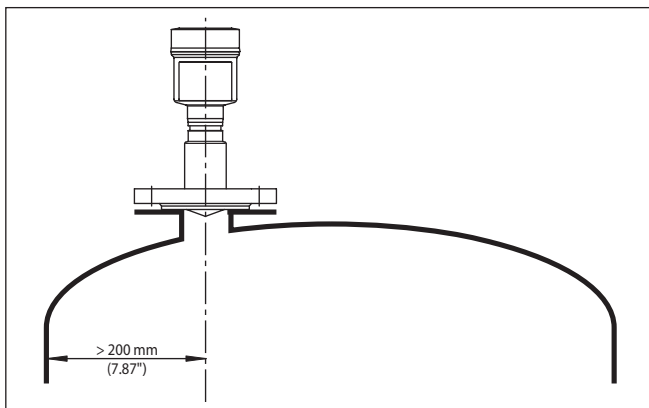


Fig. 5: Mounting on round vessel tops

In vessels with conical bottom it can be advantageous to mount the sensor in the centre of the vessel, as measurement is then possible down to the bottom.

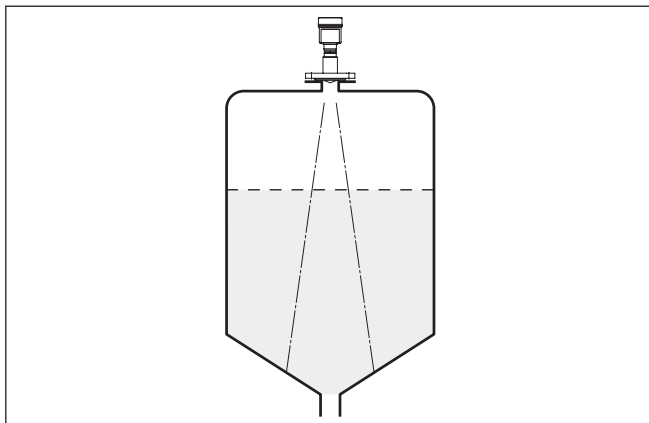


Fig. 6: Vessel with conical bottom

Inflowing medium

Do not mount the instruments in or above the filling stream. Make sure that you detect the product surface, not the inflowing product.

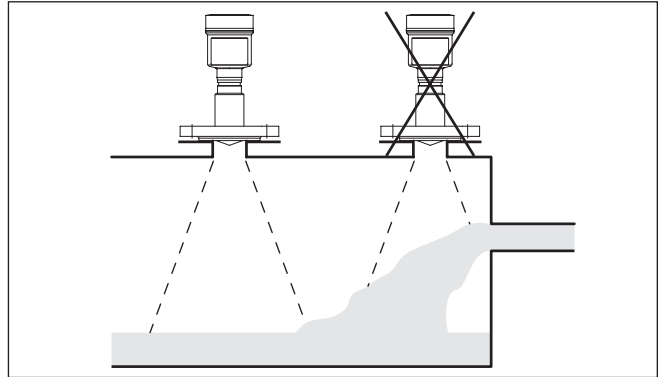


Fig. 7: Inflowing liquid

Mounting socket

Flush mounting

The best way to mount the sensor, also with respect to cleanability, is flush on a block flange (flange without socket piece) or through a hygienic fitting.

Mounting on socket

If the reflective properties of the medium are good, you can mount VEGAPULS 63 on a socket piece. You will find recommended values for socket heights in the following illustration. The socket end should be smooth and burr-free, if possible also rounded. Then carry out a false signal suppression.

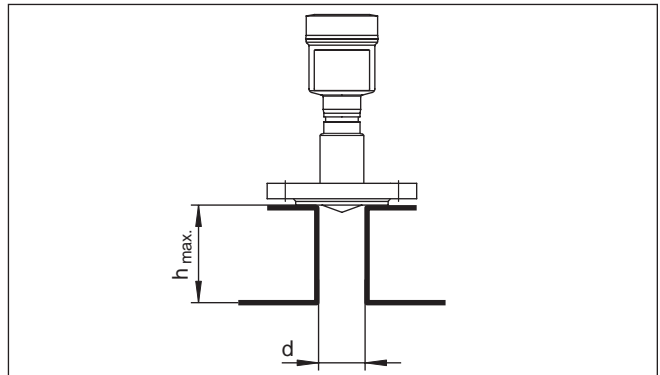


Fig. 8: Deviating socket dimensions

The below charts specify the max. socket length h depending on the diameter d .

Socket diameter d	Socket length h
50 mm	≤ 100 mm

Socket diameter d	Socket length h
80 mm	≤ 300 mm
100 mm	≤ 400 mm
150 mm	≤ 500 mm

Socket diameter d	Socket length h
2"	≤ 3.9 in
3"	≤ 11.8 in
4"	≤ 15.8 in
6"	≤ 19.7 in

Sealing to the process

The VEGAPULS 63 with flange and encapsulated antenna system, the PTFE washer of the antenna encapsulation serves also as process seal.

However, PTFE-plated flanges have a preload loss over time at high temperature changes.



Note:

Therefore, use disc springs to compensate for this preload loss during mounting. They are included in the scope of delivery of the instrument and are intended for the flange screws.

To seal effectively, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

1. Make sure the number of flange screws corresponds to the number of flange holes
2. Use of disc springs as previously described

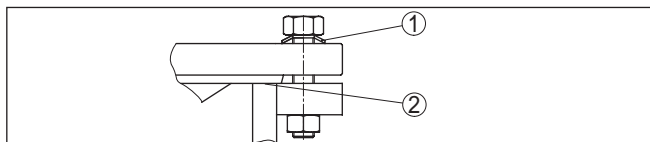


Fig. 9: Use of disc springs

- 1 Disc spring
- 2 Sealing surface

3. Tighten screws with the necessary torque (see chapter "Technical data", "Torques")



Note:

We recommend re-tightening the screws at regular intervals, depending on process pressure and temperature. Recommended torque, see chapter "Technical data", "Torques".

Exchange, flange plating

The PTFE washer in 8 mm version can be exchanged by the user in case of wear or damage.

Proceed as follows while dismantling:

1. Dismount and clean the instrument, note chapters "Dismounting steps" and "Maintenance"

2. Loosen the PTFE washer manually and detach it

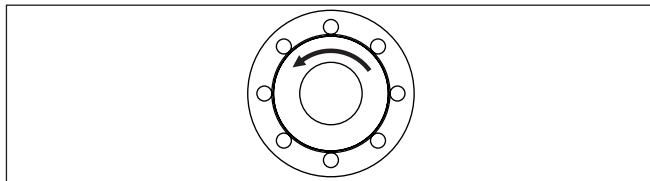


Fig. 10: VEGAPULS 63 - Loosening the PTFE washer



Note:

Protect the thread against contamination

3. Remove the sealing and clean the sealing groove
4. Insert the supplied new sealing, place the PTFE washer onto the thread and tighten it manually
5. Mount the sensor, tighten the flange screws (torque see chapter "Technical data", "Torques")



Note:

We recommend re-tightening the screws at regular intervals, depending on process pressure and temperature. Recommended torque, see chapter "Technical data", "Torques".

Sensor orientation

In liquids, direct the sensor as perpendicular as possible to the product surface to achieve optimum measurement.

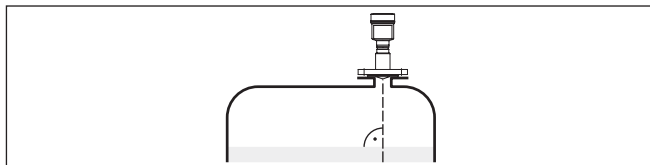


Fig. 11: Alignment in liquids

Vessel installations

The mounting location of the radar sensor should be a place where no other equipment or fixtures cross the path of the microwave signals.

Vessel installations such as for example, ladders, limit switches, heating spirals, struts etc. can cause false echoes that interfere with the useful echo. Make sure when planning your measuring site that the radar signals have a "clear view" to the measured product.

In case of existing vessel installations, a false signal suppression should be carried out during setup.

If large vessel installations such as struts or supports cause false echoes, these can be attenuated through supplementary measures. Small, inclined sheet metal baffles above the installations scatter the radar signals and prevent direct interfering reflections.

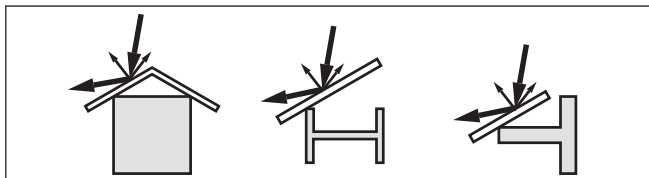


Fig. 12: Cover flat, large-area profiles with deflectors

Agitators

If there are agitators in the vessel, a false signal suppression should be carried out with the agitators in motion. This ensures that the interfering reflections from the agitators are saved with the blades in different positions.

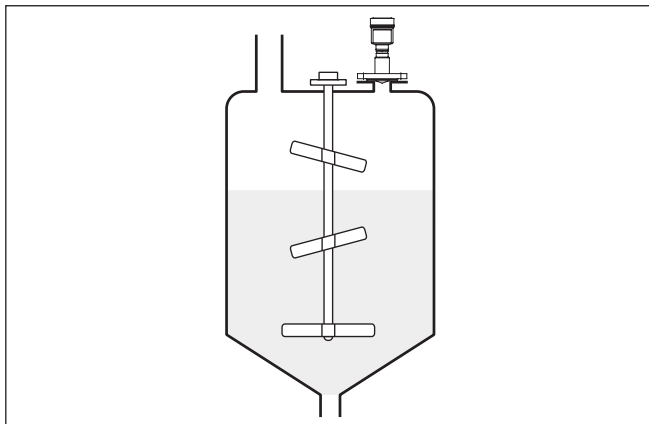


Fig. 13: Agitators

Foam generation

Through the action of filling, stirring and other processes in the vessel, dense foams which considerably damp the emitted signals may form on the product surface.

If foams lead to measurement errors, you should use the biggest possible radar antennas and low frequency radar sensors (C-band).

As an alternative, sensors with guided microwave can be used. These are unaffected by foam generation and are best suited for such applications.

Measurement in the standpipe (surge or bypass tube)

By using a standpipe, the influence of vessel installations and turbulence can be excluded. Under these prerequisites, the measurement of products with low dielectric constant (from 1.6) is possible.

Surge or bypass tubes must extend all the way down to the requested min. level, as measurement is only possible within the tube.

Surge pipe

Make sure you provide the necessary upper vent hole in the surge pipe. The hole must be aligned so that it and the polarisation marking

on the sensor are in the same plane (see illustration: "Pipe antenna system in a tank").

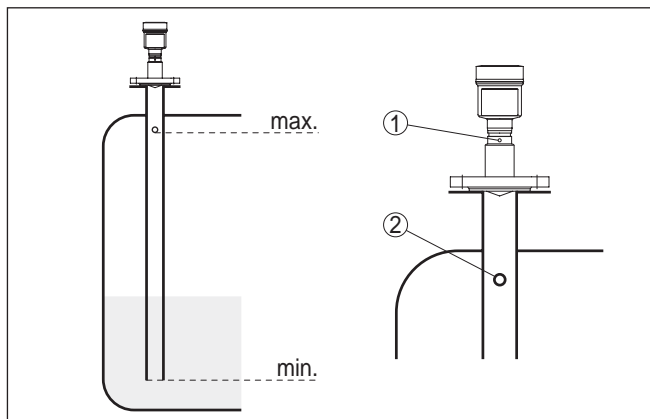


Fig. 14: Pipe antenna system in a tank. The vent hole in the surge pipe must be in one plane with the polarisation marking on the sensor.

- 1 Marking of the polarisation direction
- 2 Vent hole max. \varnothing 5 mm (0.2 in)

If possible, the antenna diameter of the sensor should correspond to the inner diameter of the tube. With VEGAPULS 63 this is approx. 40 mm (1.575 in). The sensor can be used with tube diameters between 40 ... 80 mm (1.575 ... 3.15 in).

Bypass pipe

As an alternative to the surge pipe in the vessel, a tube system outside of the vessel is possible as a bypass tube. Select during setup the function "Bypass tube".

Align the sensor in such a way that the polarisation marking on the process fitting is in the same plane as the tube holes or the tube connection openings (see illustration: "VEGAPULS in a bypass tube").

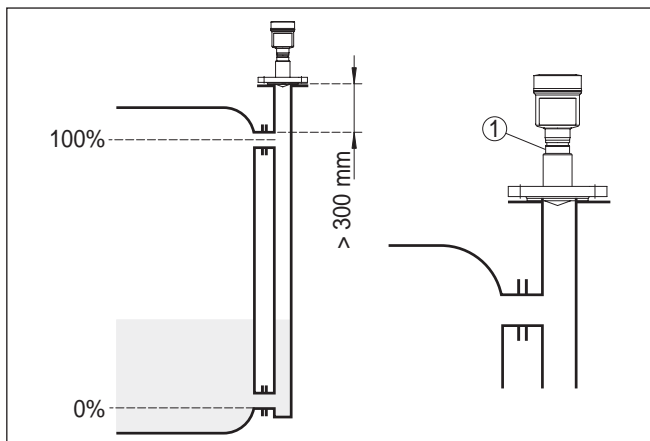


Fig. 15: VEGAPULS 63 in a bypass tube. The polarisation marking on the process fitting must be in one plane with the tube holes or the tube connection openings.

1 Marking of the polarisation direction

When the sensor is mounted on a bypass tube, the distance from VEGAPULS 63 to the upper tube connection should be approx. 300 mm (11.81 in) or more. In case of extremely rough tube inner walls, you should use an inserted tube (tube in tube) or a radar sensor with tube antenna.



Information:

With VEGAPULS 63 in flange version, the polarisation plane is always in the center between two flange holes.

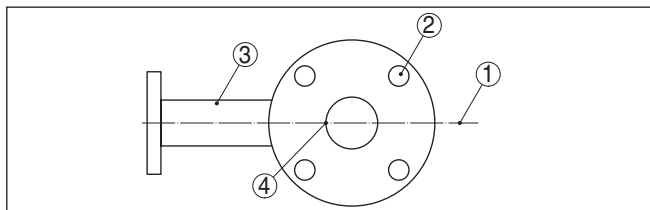


Fig. 16: Polarisation level with flange version, view from top on the sensor and bypass tube. The sensor housing is not shown.

1 Position of the polarisation level

2 Flange hole

3 Upper tube connection

4 Polarisation marking

5 Connecting to power supply

5.1 Preparing the connection

Safety instructions

Always keep in mind the following safety instructions:



Warning:

Connect only in the complete absence of line voltage.

- The electrical connection must only be carried out by trained, qualified personnel authorised by the plant operator.
- If overvoltage surges are expected, overvoltage arresters should be installed.

Voltage supply

Supply voltage and current output are carried on separate two-wire connection cables if reliable separation is required. The supply voltage range can differ depending on the instrument version.

The data for power supply are specified in chapter "Technical data".

Power the instrument via an energy-limited circuit acc. to DIN/EN/IEC/ANSI/ISA/UL/CSA 61010-1, e.g. via Class 2 power supply unit acc. to UL 1310 or an SELV power supply unit with suitable external current limitation.¹⁾

The standard version can be operated with an earth-connected current output, the Exd version must be operated with a floating output.

This instrument is designed in protection class I. To maintain this protection class, it is absolutely necessary that the ground conductor be connected to the internal ground terminal. Take note of the general installation regulations.

Always connect the instrument to vessel ground (potential equalisation) or in case of plastic vessels to the next ground potential. For this purpose there is a ground terminal on the side of the instrument housing.

Connection cable

For voltage supply, an approved installation cable with PE conductor is required.

The 4 ... 20 mA current output is connected with standard two-wire cable without screen. If electromagnetic interference is expected which is above the test values of EN 61326 for industrial areas, screened cable should be used.

Make sure that the cable used has the required temperature resistance and fire safety for max. occurring ambient temperature

Use cable with round cross section for instruments with housing and cable gland. To ensure the seal effect of the cable gland (IP protection rating), find out which cable outer diameter the cable gland is suitable for.

Use a cable gland fitting the cable diameter.

¹⁾ Class 2 power supply unit: limited voltage and power level, special insulation against circuits with higher voltage. SELV (Safety Extra Low Voltage) power supply unit: limited voltage level, special insulation against circuits with higher voltage

Cable screening and grounding

If screened cable is required, we recommend connecting the cable screen on both ends to ground potential. In the sensor, the screen must be connected directly to the internal ground terminal. The ground terminal on the outside of the housing must be connected to the ground potential (low impedance).



In Ex systems, the grounding is carried out according to the installation regulations.

With the Exd version, the minus side of the signal output is galvanically connected to ground via protective diodes. When connecting the instrument to a grounded PLC, equalising currents can flow in case of potential differences which can cause malfunctions. Make sure that there is sufficient potential equalisation from the system side or realise the connection via switching amplifier.

In electroplating plants as well as plants that apply cathodic corrosion protection, it must be taken into account that significant potential differences exist. This can lead to unacceptably high currents in the cable screen if it is grounded at both ends.



Information:

The metallic parts of the instrument (process fitting, housing, etc.) are conductively connected to the ground terminal.

5.2 Connection procedure

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing lid
 2. Loosen compression nut of the cable gland and remove blind plug
 3. Remove approx. 10 cm (4 in) of the cable mantle (current output), strip approx. 1 cm (0.4 in) insulation from the ends of the individual wires
 4. Insert the cable into the sensor through the cable entry
 5. Lift the opening levers of the terminals with a screwdriver
 6. Insert the wire ends into the open terminals according to the wiring plan
 7. Press down the opening levers of the terminals, you will hear the terminal spring closing
 8. Check the hold of the wires in the terminals by lightly pulling on them
 9. Connect the screen to the internal ground terminal, connect the external ground terminal to potential equalisation
 10. Tighten the compression nut of the cable entry gland. The seal ring must completely encircle the cable
 11. Connect the lead cable for power supply in the same way according to the wiring plan, in addition connect the ground conductor to the inner ground terminal.
 12. Screw the housing lid back on
- The electrical connection is finished.



Fig. 17: Connection steps 5 and 6

5.3 Wiring plan, double chamber housing



The following illustrations apply to the non-Ex as well as to the Ex-d version.

Housing overview

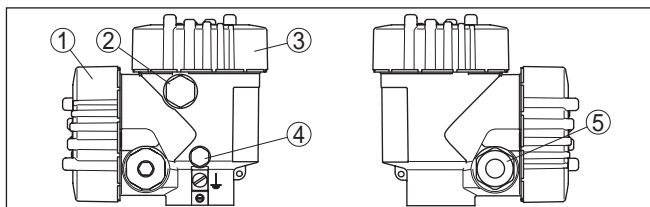


Fig. 18: Double chamber housing

- 1 Housing cover - connection compartment
- 2 Blind plug or plug M12 x 1 for VEGADIS 81 (optional)
- 3 Housing cover - electronics compartment
- 4 Filter element for air pressure compensation
- 5 Cable gland

Electronics compartment

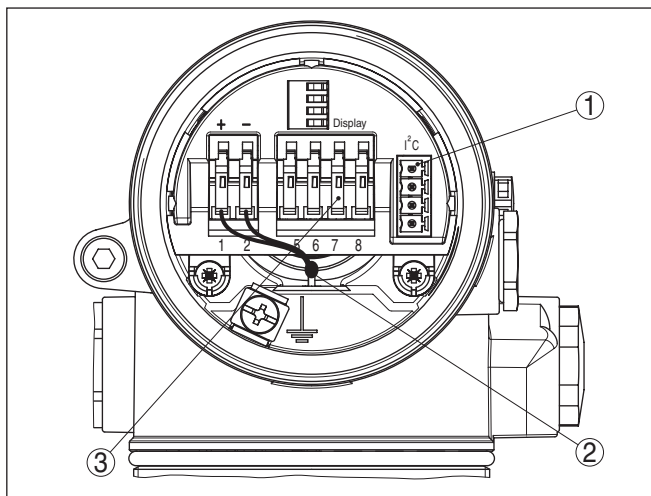


Fig. 19: Electronics compartment - double chamber housing

- 1 Plug connector for VEGACONNECT (I²C interface)
- 2 Internal connection cable to the connection compartment
- 3 Terminals for VEGADIS 81

Connection compartment

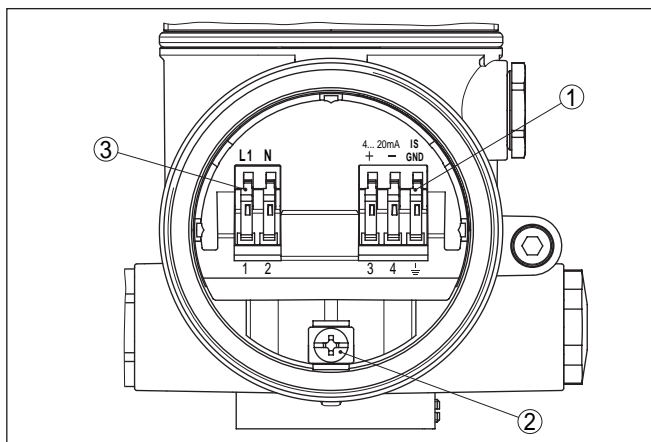


Fig. 20: Connection compartment - double chamber housing

- 1 Spring-loaded terminals for signal output
- 2 Ground terminal for connection of the ground conductor and screen
- 3 Spring-loaded terminals for voltage supply



Information:

Keep in mind that the display and adjustment module must only be used in the electronics compartment.

Wiring plan

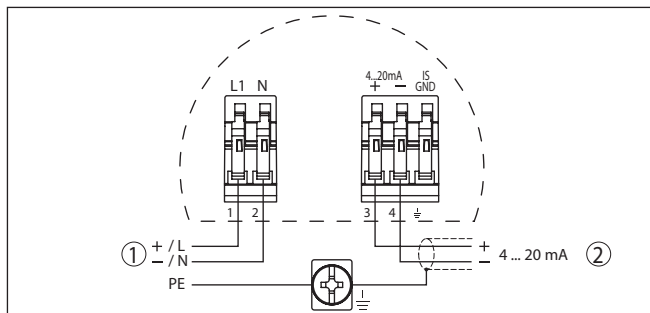


Fig. 21: Wiring plan - double chamber housing

- 1 Voltage supply
- 2 Signal output

5.4 Switch-on phase

Switch-on phase

After connecting VEGAPULS 63 to power supply or after a voltage recurrence, the instrument carries out a self-check for approx. 30 seconds:

- Internal check of the electronics
- Indication of the instrument type, the firmware as well as the sensor TAGs (sensor designation)
- Output signal jumps briefly (approx. 10 seconds) to the set fault current

Then the corresponding current is output to the cable (the value corresponds to the actual level as well as the settings already carried out, e.g. factory setting).

6 Set up with the display and adjustment module PLICSCOM

6.1 Short description

Function/Configuration

The display and adjustment module is used for measured value display, adjustment and diagnosis. It can be mounted in the following housing versions and instruments:

- All continuously measuring sensors in single as well as double chamber housing version (optionally in the electronics or connection compartment)
- External display and adjustment unit

6.2 Insert display and adjustment module

Mount/dismount display and adjustment module

The display and adjustment module can be inserted into the sensor and removed again at any time. It is not necessary to interrupt the voltage supply.

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing lid
2. Place the display and adjustment module in the desired position on the electronics (you can choose any one of four different positions - each displaced by 90°)
3. Press the display and adjustment module onto the electronics and turn it to the right until it snaps in
4. Screw housing lid with inspection window tightly back on

Disassembly is carried out in reverse order.

The display and adjustment module is powered by the sensor, an additional connection is not necessary.



Fig. 22: Insert display and adjustment module

**Note:**

If you intend to retrofit the instrument with a display and adjustment module for continuous measured value indication, a higher lid with an inspection glass is required.

6.3 Adjustment system

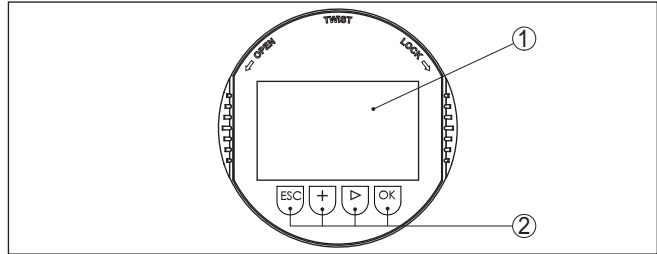


Fig. 23: Display and adjustment elements

- 1 LC display
- 2 Indication of the menu item number
- 3 Adjustment keys

Key functions

- **[OK]** key:
 - Move to the menu overview
 - Confirm selected menu
 - Edit parameter
 - Save value
- **[>]** key to select:
 - Menu change
 - Select list entry
 - Select editing position
- **[+]** key:
 - Change value of the parameter
- **[ESC]** key:
 - Interrupt input
 - Jump to next higher menu

Adjustment system

The instrument is operated via the four keys of the display and adjustment module. The individual menu items are shown on the LC display. You can find the functions of the individual keys in the previous illustration.

Time functions

When the **[+]** and **[>]** keys are pressed quickly, the edited value, or the cursor, changes one value or position at a time. If the key is pressed longer than 1 s, the value or position changes continuously.

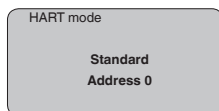
When the **[OK]** and **[ESC]** keys are pressed simultaneously for more than 5 s, the display returns to the main menu. The menu language is then switched over to "English".

Approx. 60 minutes after the last pressing of a key, an automatic reset to measured value indication is triggered. Any values not confirmed with **[OK]** will not be saved.

6.4 Setup steps

Address setting HART multidrop

In HART-Multidrop mode (several sensors on one input) the address must be set before continuing with the parameter adjustment. You will find a detailed description in the operating instructions manual "Display and adjustment module" or in the online help of PACTware or DTM.



Parameterization example

The radar sensor measures the distance from the sensor to the product surface. For indication of the real filling height, an allocation of the measured distance to the percentage height must be carried out.

The actual level is then calculated on the basis of these entered values. At the same time, the operating range of the sensor is limited from maximum range to the requested range.

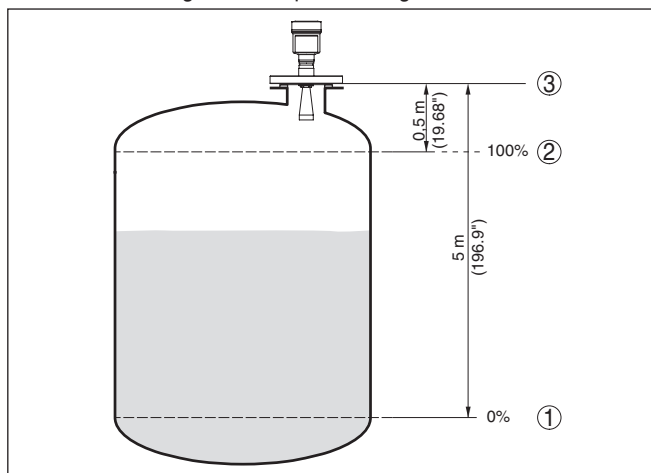


Fig. 24: Parameterisation example, Min./max. adjustment

- 1 Min. level = max. measuring distance
- 2 Max. level = min. measuring distance
- 3 Reference plane

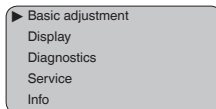
For this adjustment, the distance is entered when the vessel is full and nearly empty. If these values are not known, an adjustment with other distances, for example, 10 % and 90 % is also possible. Starting point for these distance specifications is always the seal surface of the thread or flange.

The actual product level during this adjustment is not important, because the min./max. adjustment is always carried out without changing the product level. These settings can be made ahead of time without the instrument having to be installed.

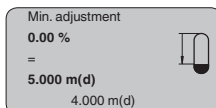
Basic adjustment - Min. adjustment

Proceed as follows:

1. Move from the measured value display to the main menu by pushing **[OK]**.



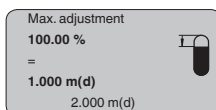
2. Select the menu item "Basic adjustment" with **[->]** and confirm with **[OK]**. Now the menu item "Min. adjustment" is displayed.



3. Prepare the % value for editing with **[OK]** and set the cursor to the requested position with **[->]**. Set the requested percentage value with **[+]** and save with **[OK]**. The cursor jumps now to the distance value.
4. Enter the distance value in m for empty vessel (e.g. distance from the sensor to the vessel bottom) corresponding to the percentage value.
5. Save the settings with **[OK]** and move to "Max. adjustment" with **[->]**.

Basic adjustment - Max. adjustment

Proceed as follows:

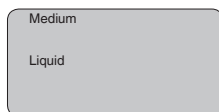


1. Prepare the % value for editing with **[OK]** and set the cursor to the requested position with **[->]**. Set the requested percentage value with **[+]** and save with **[OK]**. The cursor jumps now to the distance value.
2. Enter the appropriate distance value in m (corresponding to the percentage value) for the full vessel. Keep in mind that the max. level must lie below the dead band.
3. Save the settings with **[OK]** and move to "Medium selection" with **[->]**.

Basic adjustment - Medium selection

Each product has different reflective properties. In addition, there are various interfering factors which have to be taken into account: agitated product surfaces and foam generation (with liquids); dust generation, material cones and echoes from the vessel wall (with

solids). To adapt the sensor to these different conditions, you should first select "*Liquid*" or "*Solid*".



Information:

With VEGAPULS 63 with electronics version "*Increased safety*", "*Solid*" is preset as factory setting. However, the instrument should be used preferably in liquids. In such cases, the medium selection should be set to "*Liquid*" during setup.

According to the conductivity and the dielectric constant of liquids, the reflection properties can differ considerably. Therefore additional options such as "*Solvent*", "*Chem. mixture*" and "*Water based*" are offered below the menu item Liquid.

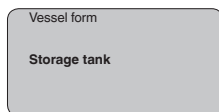
With solids, you can also choose between "*Powder/Dust*", "*Granular/Pellets*" or "*Ballast/Pebbels*".

Through this additional selection, the sensor is adapted perfectly to the product and measurement reliability, particularly in products with poor reflective properties, is considerably increased.

Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys, save your settings and jump to the next menu item with the [*->*] key.

Basic adjustment - Vessel form

Apart from the medium, the vessel shape can also influence the measurement. To adapt the sensor to these measuring conditions, this menu item offers different options depending on whether liquid or bulk solid is selected. With "*Liquids*" these are "*Storage tank*", "*Stilling tube*", "*Open vessel*" or "*Stirred vessel*", with "*Solid*", "*Silo*" or "*Bunker*".



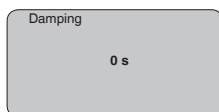
Information:

With VEGAPULS 63 with electronics version "*Increased safety*", "*Solid*" is preset as factory setting. However, the instrument should be used preferably in liquids. In such cases, the vessel form should be set to "*Storage tank*" during setup.

Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys, save your settings and jump to the next menu item with the [*->*] key.

Basic adjustment - Damping

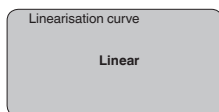
To suppress fluctuations in the measured value display, e. g. caused by an agitated product surface, a damping can be set. This time can be between 0 and 999 seconds. Keep in mind that the reaction time of the entire measurement will then be longer and the sensor will react to measured value changes with a delay. In general, a period of a few seconds is sufficient to smooth the measured value display.



Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys, save your settings and jump to the next menu item with the **[→]** key.

Basic adjustment - Linearization curve

A linearisation is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level - e.g. in a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank - and the indication or output of the volume is required. Corresponding linearisation curves are preprogrammed for these vessels. They represent the correlation between the level percentage and vessel volume. By activating the appropriate curve, the volume percentage of the vessel is displayed correctly. If the volume should not be displayed in percent but e.g. in l or kg, a scaling can be also set in the menu item "Display".



Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys, save your settings and jump to the next menu item with the **[→]** key.



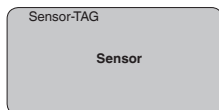
Caution:

Note the following if the VEGAPULS 63 with corresponding approval is used as part of an overflow protection system according to WHG (Water Resources Act):

If a linearisation curve is selected, the measuring signal is no longer necessarily linear to the filling height. This must be considered by the user especially when setting the switching point on the limit signal transmitter.

Basic adjustment - Sensor TAG

In this menu item you can enter an unambiguous designation for the sensor, e.g. the measurement loop name or the tank or product designation. In digital systems and in the documentation of larger plants, a singular designation should be entered for exact identification of individual measuring points.



With this menu item, the Basic adjustment is finished and you can now jump to the main menu with the **[ESC]** key.

Display - Indicated value

In the menu item "Display" you can define how the measured value should be presented on the display.

The following indication values are available:

- Height
- Distance

- Current
- Scaled
- Percent
- Lin. percent

The selection "*scaled*" opens the menu items "*Display unit*" and "*Scaling*". In "*Display unit*" there are the following options:

- Height
- Ground
- Flow
- Volume
- Without unit

Depending on selection, the different units are in turn available.

In the menu item "*Scaling*", the requested numerical value with decimal point is entered for 0 % and 100 % of the measured value.

There is the following relationship between the indication value in the menu "*Display*" and the adjustment unit in the menu "*Device settings*":

- Indication value "*Distance*": Presentation of the measured value in the selected adjustment unit, e.g. m(d).

Displayed value

Scaled ▼

Display unit

Volume ▼

l ▼

Scaling

0 % = 0.0 l

100 % = 100.0 l

Display - Backlight

A background lighting integrated by default can be adjusted via the adjustment menu. The function depends on the height of the supply voltage. See "*Technical data/Voltage supply*".

Backlight

In the default setting, the lightning is switched off.

Diagnosis - Peak value

The respective min. and max. measured values are saved in the sensor. The values are displayed in the menu item "*Peak values*".

- Min. and max. distance in m(d)
- Min. and max. temperature



Peak value indicator

Diagnosis - Measurement reliability

When non-contact level sensors are used, the measurement can be influenced by the respective process conditions. In this menu item, the measurement reliability of the level echo is displayed as a dB value. Measurement reliability equals signal strength minus noise. The higher the value, the more reliable the measurement. A well functioning measurement normally has a value > 10 dB.

Diagnosis - Curve selection

With ultrasonic sensors, the **"Echo curve"** represents the signal strength of the echoes over the measuring range. The unit of signal strength is "dB". The signal strength enables the judgement of the quality of the measurement.

The **"False echo curve"** displays the saved false echoes (see menu "Service") of the empty vessel as signal strength in "dB" over the measuring range.

Up to 3000 measured values are recorded (depending on the sensor) when starting a **"Trend curve"**. Then the values can be displayed on a time axis. The oldest measured values are always deleted.

In the menu item **"Choose curve"**, the respective curve is selected.



Curve selection

Echo curve ▼



Information:

The trend recording is not activated when being shipped. It must be started by the user via the menu item **"Start trend curve"**.

Diagnosis - Curve presentation

A comparison of the echo curve and the false echo curve allows a more detailed evaluation of measurement reliability. The selected curve is updated continuously. With the **[OK]** key, a submenu with zoom functions is opened.

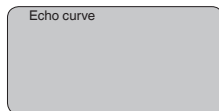
The following functions are available with **"Echo and false echo curve"**:

- "X-Zoom": Zoom function for the meas. distance
- "Y-Zoom": 1, 2, 5 and 10x signal magnification in "dB"
- "Unzoom": Reset the presentation to the nominal measuring range without magnification

In the menu item **"Trend curve"** the following are available:

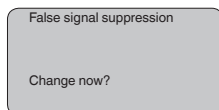
- "X-Zoom": Resolution
 - 1 minute
 - 1 hour
 - 1 day
- "Stop/Start": Interrupt a recording or start a new recording
- "Unzoom": Reset the resolution to minutes

As default setting, the recording pattern has 1 minute. With the adjustment software PACTware, this pattern can be also set to 1 hour or 1 day.



Service - False signal suppression

High sockets or vessel installations, such as e. g. struts or agitators as well as buildup and weld joints on the vessel walls, cause interfering reflections which can impair the measurement. A false echo storage detects and marks these false echoes, so that they are no longer taken into account for the level measurement. A false echo memory should be created with low level so that all potential interfering reflections can be detected.



Proceed as follows:

1. Move from the measured value display to the main menu by pushing **[OK]**.
2. Select the menu item "Service" with **[->]** and confirm with **[OK]**. Now the menu item "False signal suppression" is displayed.
3. Confirm "False signal suppression - Change now" with **[OK]** and select in the below menu "Create new". Enter the actual distance from the sensor to the product surface. All false signals in this area are detected by the sensor and saved after confirming with **[OK]**.

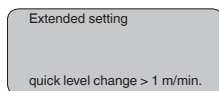


Note:

Check the distance to the product surface, because if an incorrect (too large) value is entered, the existing level will be saved as a false signal. The level would then no longer be detectable in this area.

Service - Extended setting

The menu item "Extended setting" offers the possibility to optimise VEGAPULS 63 for applications in which the level changes very quickly. To do this, select the function "Quick level change > 1 m/min."



Note:

Since with the function "Quick level change > 1 m/min." the generation of an average value of the signal processing is considerably reduced, false reflections by agitators or vessel installations can cause measured value fluctuations. A false signal suppression is thus recommended.

Service - Current output

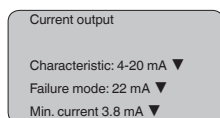
In the menu item "*Current output*" you determine the behaviour of the current output during operation and in case of failure. The following options are available:

Current output

Characteristics	4 ... 20 mA 20 ... 4 mA
Failure mode ²⁾	Hold value 20.5 mA 22 mA < 3.6 mA
Min. current ³⁾	3.8 mA 4 mA
Max. current ⁴⁾	20 mA 20.5 mA

The values in bold font represent the data of the factory setting.

In HART multidrop mode, the current is constantly 4 mA. This value does not change even in case of failure.

**Service - Simulation**

In this menu item you simulate a user-defined level or pressure value via the current output. This allows you to test the signal path, e.g. through connected indicating instruments or the input card of the control system.

The following simulation variables are available:

- Percent
- Current
- Pressure (with pressure transmitters)
- Distance (with radar and guided microwave)

With Profibus PA sensors, the selection of the simulated value is made via the "Channel" in the menu "*Basic adjustments*".

How to start the simulation:

1. Push **[OK]**
2. Select the requested simulation variable with **[>]** and confirm with **[OK]**.
3. Set the requested numerical value with **[+]** and **[>]**.
4. Push **[OK]**

²⁾ Value of the current output in case of failure, e.g. if no valid measured value is delivered.

³⁾ This value is not underrun during operation.

⁴⁾ This value is not exceeded during operation.

The simulation is now running, with 4 ... 20 mA/HART a current is output and with Profibus PA or Foundation Fieldbus a digital value.

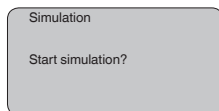
How to interrupt the simulation:

→ Push **[ESC]**



Information:

The simulation is automatically terminated 10 minutes after the last pressing of a key.



Service - Reset

Basic adjustment

If the "Reset" is carried out, the sensor resets the values of the following menu items to the reset values (see table):⁵⁾

Menu item	Reset value
Max. adjustment	0 m(d)
Min. adjustment	Meas. range end in m(d) ⁶⁾
Medium	Liquid
Vessel form	not known
Damping	0 s
Linearisation	Linear
Sensor-TAG	Sensor
Displayed value	Distance
Extended settings	None
Current output - characteristics	4 ... 20 mA
Current output - max. current	20 mA
Current output - min. current	4 mA
Current output - failure	< 3.6 mA
Unit of measurement	m(d)

The values of the following menu items are *not* reset to the reset values (see table) with "Reset":

Menu item	Reset value
Backlight	No reset
Language	No reset
SIL	No reset
HART mode	No reset

⁵⁾ Sensor-specific basic adjustment.

⁶⁾ Depending on the sensor type, see chapter "Technical data".

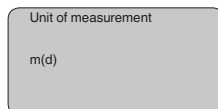
Default setting

Like basic adjustment, but in addition, special parameters are reset to default values.⁷⁾

Peak value indicator

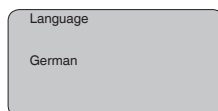
The min. and max. distance values are reset to the actual value.

Service - Adjustment unit In this menu item you select the internal arithmetic unit of the sensor.

**Service - Language**

The sensor is already set to the ordered national language. In this menu item you can change the language. The following languages are available as of software version 3.50:

- Deutsch
- English
- Français
- Español
- Pyckkuu
- Italiano
- Netherlands
- Japanese
- Chinese

**Service - SIL**

The functional safety is already activated Ex factory for instruments with SIL qualification. For instruments Ex factory without SIL qualification, the functional safety must be activated by the user for applications according to SIL via the indicating and adjustment module. The SIL factory setting cannot be deactivated by the user.

The activation of SIL has the following impact:

- In the menu item "*Failure mode*" under "*Current output*", the parameters "*Hold value*" and "*20.5 mA*" are blocked
- In the menu item "*HART mode*", the function "*Multidrop*" is blocked

**Note:**

For such applications, it is absolutely necessary to take note of "*Safety Manual*".

Service - HART mode

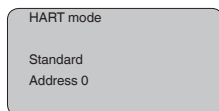
HART offers standard and multidrop mode.

The mode "standard" with the fixed address 0 means outputting the measured value as a 4 ... 20 mA signal.

⁷⁾ Special parameters are parameters which are set customer-specifically on the service level with the adjustment software PACTware.

In Multidrop mode, up to 15 sensors can be operated on one two-wire cable. An address between 1 and 15 must be assigned to each sensor.⁸⁾

In this menu item you determine the HART mode and enter the address for multidrop.



The default setting is standard with address 0.

Copy sensor data

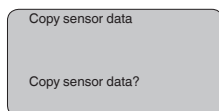
This function enables reading out parameter adjustment data as well as writing parameter adjustment data into the sensor via the display and adjustment module. A description of the function is available in the operating instructions manual "*Display and adjustment module*".

The following data are read out or written with this function:

- Measured value presentation
- Adjustment
- Medium
- Inner diameter of the standpipe (with standpipe versions)
- Vessel form
- Damping
- Linearisation curve
- Sensor-TAG
- Displayed value
- Display unit
- Scaling
- Current output
- Unit of measurement
- Language

The following safety-relevant data are **not** read out or written:

- HART mode
- PIN
- SIL



Service - PIN

In this menu item, the PIN is activated/deactivated permanently. Entering a 4-digit PIN protects the sensor data against unauthorized access and unintentional modifications. If the PIN is activated permanently, it can be deactivated temporarily (i.e. for approx. 60 min.) in any menu item. The instrument is delivered with the PIN set to 0000.

⁸⁾ The 4 ... 20 mA signal of the sensor is switched off. The sensor uses a constant current of 4 mA. The measuring signal is transmitted exclusively as a digital HART signal.

PIN

Disable permanently?

Only the following functions are permitted with activated PIN:

- Select menu items and show data
- Read data from the sensor into the display and adjustment module

Info

In this menu item the most important sensor information can be displayed:

- Instrument type
- Serial number: 8-digit number, e.g. 12345678

Instrument type

Serial number

- Date of manufacture: Date of the factory calibration
- Software version: Edition of the sensor software

Date of manufacture

Software version

- Date of last change using PC: Date of the last change of sensor parameters via PC

Last change using PC

- Sensor details, e.g. approval, process fitting, seal, measuring cell, measuring range, electronics, housing, cable entry, plug, cable length etc.

Sensor characteristics

Display now?

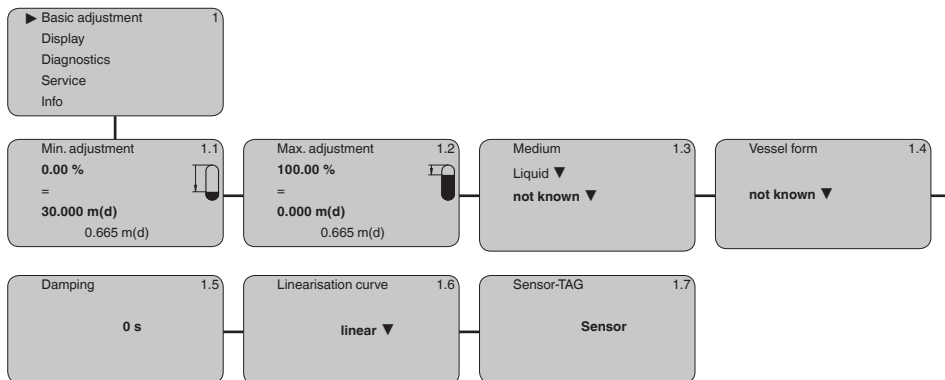
6.5 Menu schematic



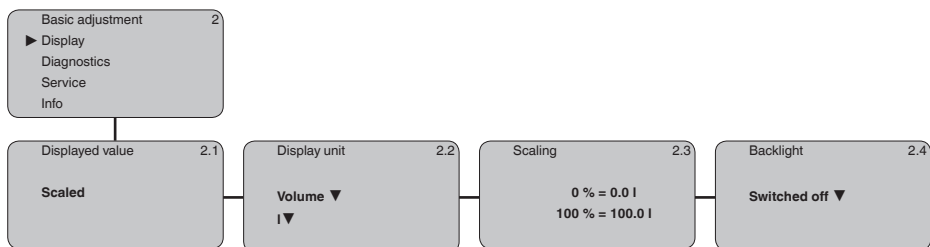
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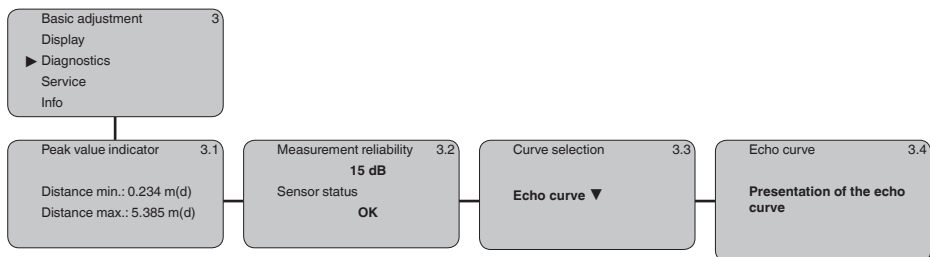
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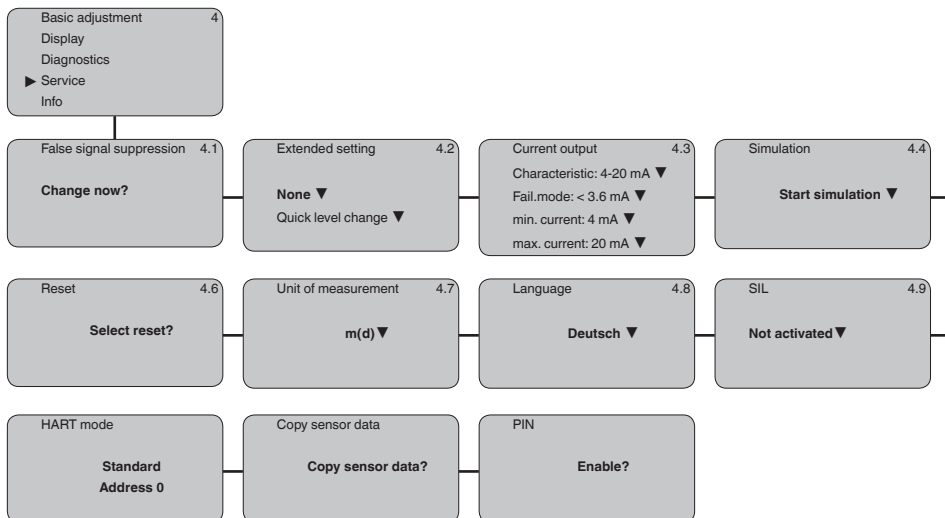
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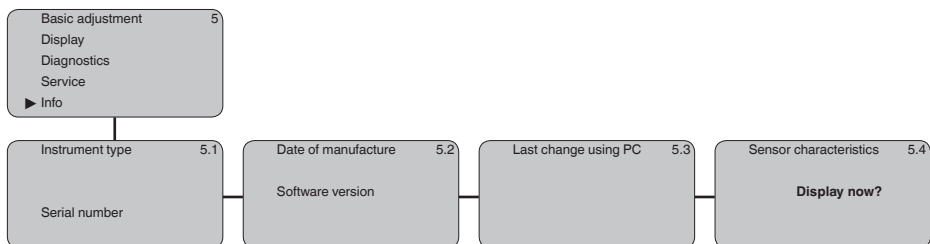
Diagnostics



Service



Info



6.10 Saving the parameterisation data

We recommend writing down the adjustment data, e.g. in this operating instructions manual, and archiving them afterwards. They are thus available for multiple use or service purposes.

If VEGAPULS 63 is equipped with a display and adjustment module, the most important data can be read out of the sensor into the display and adjustment module. The procedure is described in the operating instructions manual "*Display and adjustment module*" in the menu item "*Copy sensor data*". The data remain there permanently even if the sensor power supply fails.

If it is necessary to exchange the sensor, the display and adjustment module is inserted into the replacement instrument and the data are written into the sensor under the menu item "*Copy sensor data*".

7 Set up with PACTware and other adjustment programs

7.1 Connect the PC

VEGACONNECT directly on the sensor

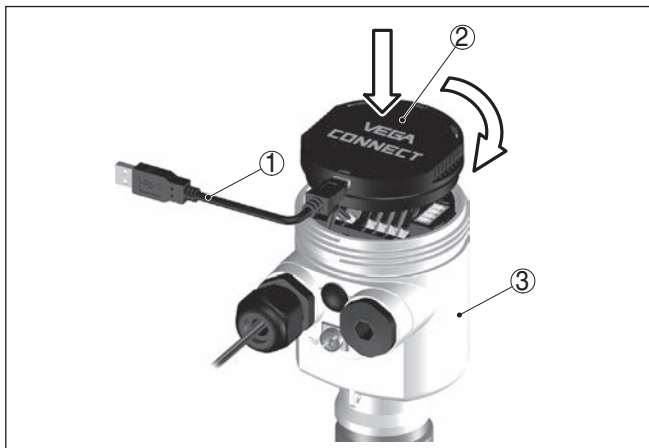


Fig. 25: Connection of the PC via VEGACONNECT directly to the sensor

- 1 USB cable to the PC
- 2 VEGACONNECT
- 3 Sensor

VEGACONNECT externally

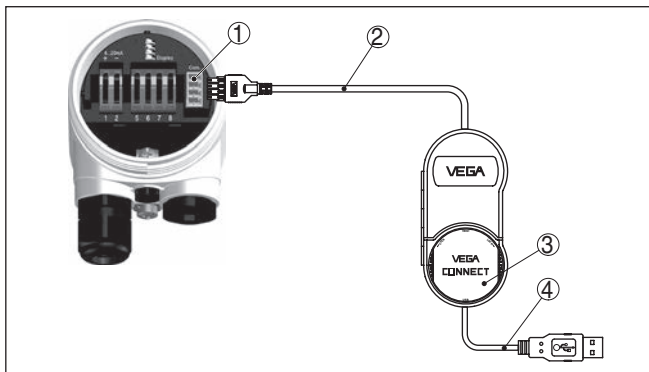


Fig. 26: Connection via VEGACONNECT externally

- 1 I²C bus (com.) interface on the sensor
- 2 I²C connection cable of VEGACONNECT
- 3 VEGACONNECT
- 4 USB cable to the PC

Necessary components:

- VEGAPULS 63
- PC with PACTware and suitable VEGA DTM

- VEGACONNECT
- Power supply unit or processing system

Connection via HART

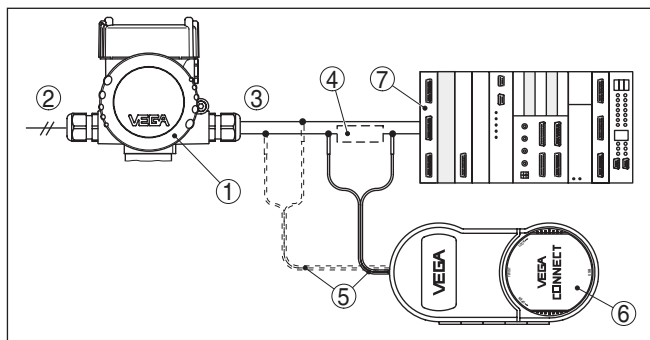


Fig. 27: Connecting the PC via HART to the signal cable

- 1 VEGAPULS 63
- 2 HART resistance 250 Ω (optional depending on evaluation)
- 3 Connection cable with 2 mm pins and terminals
- 4 Processing system/PLC/Voltage supply

Necessary components:

- VEGAPULS 63
- PC with PACTware and suitable VEGA DTM
- VEGACONNECT 4
- HART resistance approx. 250 Ω
- Power supply unit or processing system



Note:

With power supply units with integrated HART resistance (internal resistance approx. 250 Ω), an additional external resistance is not necessary. This applies, e. g. to the VEGA instruments VEGATRENN 149A, VEGADIS 371, VEGAMET 381. Common Ex separators are also usually equipped with a sufficient current limitation resistance. In such cases, VEGACONNECT 4 can be connected parallel to the 4 ... 20 mA cable.

7.2 Parameter adjustment with PACTware

Prerequisites

For parameter adjustment of the instrument via a Windows PC, the configuration software PACTware and a suitable instrument driver (DTM) according to FDT standard are required. The latest PACTware version as well as all available DTMs are compiled in a DTM Collection. The DTMs can also be integrated into other frame applications according to FDT standard.



Note:

To ensure that all instrument functions are supported, you should always use the latest DTM Collection. Furthermore, not all described functions are included in older firmware versions. You can download the latest instrument software from our homepage. A description of the update procedure is also available in the Internet.

Further setup steps are described in the operating instructions manual "DTM Collection/PACTware" attached to each DTM Collection and which can also be downloaded from the Internet. Detailed descriptions are available in the online help of PACTware and the DTMs.

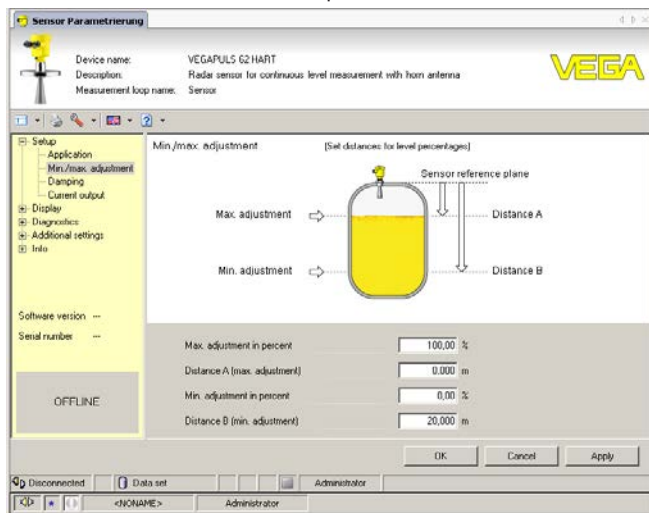


Fig. 28: Example of a DTM view

Standard/Full version

All device DTMs are available as a free-of-charge standard version and as a full version that must be purchased. In the standard version, all functions for complete setup are already included. An assistant for simple project configuration simplifies the adjustment considerably. Saving/printing the project as well as import/export functions are also part of the standard version.

In the full version there is also an extended print function for complete project documentation as well as a save function for measured value and echo curves. In addition, there is a tank calculation program as well as a multiviewer for display and analysis of the saved measured value and echo curves.

The standard version is available as a download under www.vega.com/downloads. The full version is available on CD from the agency serving you.

7.3 Parameter adjustment with AMS™ and PDM

For VEGA sensors, instrument descriptions for the adjustment programs AMS™ and PDM are available as DD or EDD. The instrument descriptions are already implemented in the current versions of AMS™ and PDM.

For older versions of AMS™ and PDM, a free-of-charge download is available via Internet. Move to www.vega.com.

7.4 Saving the parameterisation data

It is recommended to document or save the parameter adjustment data. That way they are available for multiple use or service purposes. The VEGA DTM Collection and PACTware in the licensed, professional version provide suitable tools for systematic project documentation and storage.

8 Maintenance and fault rectification

8.1 Maintenance

Maintenance

If the device is used properly, no special maintenance is required in normal operation.

Cleaning

The cleaning helps that the type label and markings on the instrument are visible.

Take note of the following:

- Use only cleaning agents which do not corrode the housings, type label and seals
- Use only cleaning methods corresponding to the housing protection rating

8.2 Rectify faults

Reaction when malfunction occurs

The operator of the system is responsible for taking suitable measures to rectify faults.

Causes of malfunction

VEGAPULS 63 offers maximum reliability. Nevertheless, faults can occur during operation. These may be caused by the following, e.g.:

- Sensor
- Process
- Voltage supply
- Signal processing

Fault rectification

The first measures to be taken are to check the output signals as well as to evaluate the error messages via the display and adjustment module. The procedure is described below. Further comprehensive diagnostics can be carried out on a PC with the software PACTware and the suitable DTM. In many cases, the causes can be determined and the faults rectified this way.

24 hour service hotline

Should these measures not be successful, please call in urgent cases the VEGA service hotline under the phone no. **+49 1805 858550**.

The hotline is manned 7 days a week round-the-clock. Since we offer this service worldwide, the support is only available in the English language. The service is free, only standard call charges are incurred.

Check the 4 ... 20 mA signal

Connect a multimeter in the suitable measuring range according to the wiring plan. The following table describes possible errors in the current signal and helps to eliminate them:

Error	Cause	Rectification
4 ... 20 mA signal not stable	Level fluctuations	Set damping via the display and adjustment module

Error	Cause	Rectification
4 ... 20 mA signal missing	Electrical connection faulty	Check connection according to chapter "Connection steps" and if necessary, correct according to chapter "Wiring plan"
	Voltage supply missing	Check cables for breaks; repair if necessary
	Operating voltage too low or load resistance too high	Check, adapt if necessary
Current signal greater than 22 mA or less than 3.6 mA	Electronics module in the sensor defective	Exchange the instrument or send it in for repair



In Ex applications, the regulations for the wiring of intrinsically safe circuits must be observed.

Error messages via the display and adjustment module

Error	Cause	Rectification
E013	no measured value available	Sensor in boot phase Sensor does not find an echo, e.g. due to faulty installation or wrong parameter adjustment
E017	Adjustment span too small	Carry out a fresh adjustment and increase the distance between min. and max. adjustment
E036	no operable sensor software	Carry out a software update or send instrument for repair
E041, E042, E043	Hardware error, electronics defective	Exchange the instrument or send it in for repair

Reaction after fault rectification

Depending on the reason for the fault and the measures taken, the steps described in chapter "Set up" may have to be carried out again.

8.3 Exchanging the electronics module

If the electronics module is defective, it can be replaced by the user.



In Ex applications, only instruments and electronics modules with appropriate Ex approval may be used.

If there is no electronics module available on site, one can be ordered from the VEGA agency serving you.

Sensor serial number

The new electronics module must be loaded with the settings of the sensor. These are the options:

- At the factory by VEGA
- Or on site by the user

In both cases, the sensor serial number is necessary. The serial numbers are stated on the type label of the instrument, inside the housing or on the delivery note.



Information:

When loading on site, the order data must first be downloaded from the Internet (see operating instructions "Electronics module").

Assignment

The electronics modules are adapted to the respective sensor and distinguish also in the signal output or power supply.

8.4 Software update

The following components are required to update the instrument software:

- Instrument
- Voltage supply
- Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- PC with PACTware
- Current instrument software as file

You can find the current instrument software as well as detailed information on the procedure in the download area of our homepage: www.vega.com.



Caution:

Instruments with approvals can be bound to certain software versions. Therefore make sure that the approval is still effective after a software update is carried out.

You can find detailed information in the download area at www.vega.com.

8.5 How to proceed if a repair is necessary

You can find an instrument return form as well as detailed information about the procedure in the download area of our homepage: www.vega.com.

By doing this you help us carry out the repair quickly and without having to call back for needed information.

If a repair is necessary, please proceed as follows:

- Print and fill out one form per instrument
- Clean the instrument and pack it damage-proof
- Attach the completed form and, if need be, also a safety data sheet outside on the packaging
- Please contact the agency serving you to get the address for the return shipment. You can find the agency on our home page www.vega.com.

9 Dismount

9.1 Dismounting steps

**Warning:**

Before dismantling, be aware of dangerous process conditions such as e.g. pressure in the vessel or pipeline, high temperatures, corrosive or toxic products etc.

Take note of chapters "*Mounting*" and "*Connecting to voltage supply*" and carry out the listed steps in reverse order.

9.2 Disposal

The instrument consists of materials which can be recycled by specialised recycling companies. We use recyclable materials and have designed the electronics to be easily separable.

WEEE directive

The instrument does not fall in the scope of the EU WEEE directive. Article 2 of this Directive exempts electrical and electronic equipment from this requirement if it is part of another instrument that does not fall in the scope of the Directive. These include stationary industrial plants.

Pass the instrument directly on to a specialised recycling company and do not use the municipal collecting points.

If you have no way to dispose of the old instrument properly, please contact us concerning return and disposal.

10 Supplement

10.1 Technical data

General data

316L corresponds to 1.4404 or 1.4435

Materials, wetted parts

- Process fitting 316L
- Antenna encapsulated or hygienically encapsulated PTFE (TFM 1600), PFA plated, PVDF
- Process seal with hygienically encapsulated antenna FKM, EPDM

Materials, non-wetted parts

- Housing Aluminium die-casting powder coated, 316L
- Seal between housing and housing lid Silicone SI 850 R, NBR silicone-free
- Inspection window housing cover Polycarbonate (UL-746-C listed), glass⁹⁾
- Ground terminal 316Ti/316L
- Cable gland PA, stainless steel, brass
- Sealing, cable gland NBR
- Blind plug, cable gland PA

Conductive connection Between ground terminal and process fitting

Torque of the flange screws 60 ... 100 Nm (44.25 ... 73.76 lbf ft)

Weight

- Clamp, slotted nut, depending on size and housing material 3.5 ... 6.0 kg (7.716 ... 13.22 lbs)
- Flanges, depending on flange size and housing material 4.2 ... 15.4 kg (9.259 ... 33.95 lbs)

Torques

Required torque of the flange screws 60 Nm (44.25 lbf ft)

Recommended torque for tightening the flange screws 60 ... 100 Nm (44.25 ... 73.76 lbf ft)

Max. torque for NPT cable glands and Conduit tubes

- Plastic housing 10 Nm (7.376 lbf ft)
- Aluminium/Stainless steel housing 50 Nm (36.88 lbf ft)

Output variable

Output signal 4 ... 20 mA/HART (active)

Cycle time min. 1 s (dependent on the parameter setting)

Signal resolution 1.6 μ A

Fault signal, current output (adjustable) mA value unchanged 20.5 mA, 22 mA, < 3.6 mA (adjustable)

⁹⁾ Glass with Aluminium and stainless steel precision casting housing

Max. output current	22 mA
Load	< 500 $\Omega^{10)}$
Damping (63 % of the input variable)	0 ... 999 s, adjustable
Met NAMUR recommendation	NE 43
HART output values	
– 1. HART value (Primary Value)	Distance to the level
– 2. HART value (Secondary Value)	Distance to the level - scaled (for example hl, %)
Resolution, digital	> 1 mm (0.039 in)

Input variable

Measured variable	distance between process fitting and product surface
min. distance from flange	50 mm (1.97 in)
Measuring range depending on process fitting	
– Tri-Clamp 2", 3"	up to 10 m (32.81 ft)
– Slotted nut DN 50, DN 80	up to 10 m (32.81 ft)
– Flange DN 50, ANSI 2"	up to 10 m (32.81 ft)
– Flange DN 80 ... DN 150, Clamp 4", ANSI 3" ... 6"	up to 20 m (65.62 ft)

Reference conditions to measurement accuracy (according to DIN EN 60770-1)

Reference conditions according to DIN EN 61298-1

– Temperature	+18 ... +30 °C (+64 ... +86 °F)
– Relative humidity	45 ... 75 %
– Air pressure	860 ... 1060 mbar/86 ... 106 kPa (12.5 ... 15.4 psig)

Other reference conditions

– Reflector	Ideal reflector, e.g. metal plate 2 x 2 m
– False reflections	Biggest false signal, 20 dB smaller than the useful signal

Characteristics and performance data

Measuring frequency	K-band (26 GHz technology)
Meas. interval approx.	1 s
Beam angle -3 dB ¹¹⁾	
– Tri-Clamp 2"	18°
– Clamp 3", 4"	10°
– Slotted nut DN 50	18°
– Slotted nut DN 80	10°
– Flange DN 50, ANSI 2"	18°
– Flange DN 80 ... DN 150, ANSI 3" ... 6"	10°
Step response or adjustment time ¹²⁾	> 1 s (dependent on the parameter setting)

¹⁰⁾ With inductive load ohmic share min. 25 Ω /mH.

¹¹⁾ Corresponds to the range with 50 % of the emitted power

¹²⁾ Time to output the correct level (with max. 10 % deviation) after a sudden level change.

Max. level change Adjustable up to 1 m/min. (dependent on the parameter settings)

Max. emitted HF power of the antenna system

- Pulse peak power < 2 mW
- Pulse duration < 2 ns
- Average power < 5 μ W
- Average power with 1 m distance < 200 nW/cm²

Max. emitted HF power of the antenna system - Version with increased sensitivity

- Pulse peak power < 10 mW
- Pulse duration < 2 ns
- Average power < 25 μ W
- Average power with 1 m distance < 1 μ W/cm²

Deviation (according to DIN EN 60770-1)

Deviation¹³⁾ ≤ 3 mm (meas. distance > 0.5 m/1.640 ft)

Deviation with increased sensitivity¹⁴⁾ ≤ 15 mm (meas. distance > 1.0 m/3.280 ft)

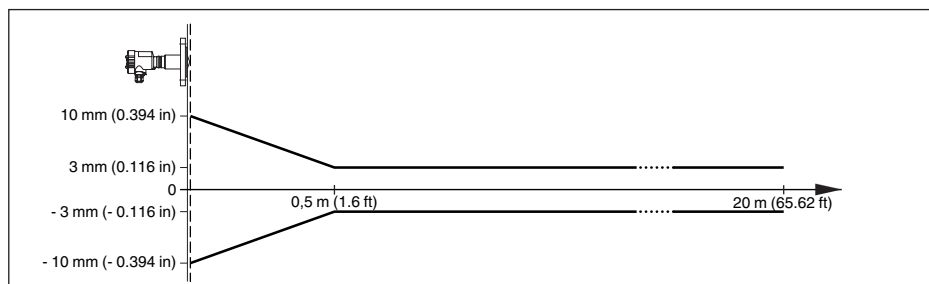


Fig. 29: Deviation VEGAPULS 63

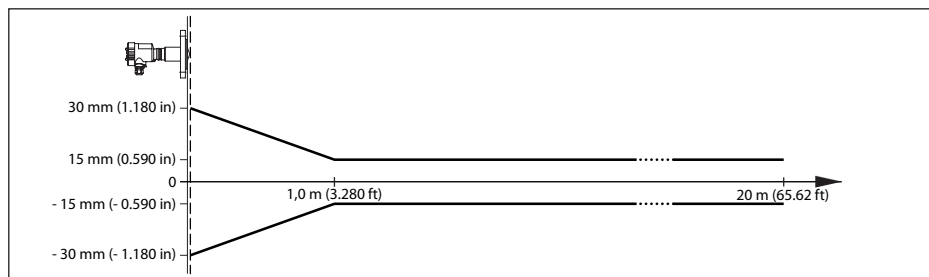


Fig. 30: Deviation VEGAPULS 63 with increased sensitivity in mm, measuring range in m

Influence of the ambient temperature to the sensor electronics¹⁵⁾

¹³⁾ Incl. non-linearity, hysteresis and non-repeatability.

¹⁴⁾ Incl. non-linearity, hysteresis and non-repeatability.

¹⁵⁾ Relating to the nominal measuring range, in the temperature range -40 ... +80 °C .

Average temperature coefficient of the zero signal (temperature error) < 0.03 %/10 K

Influence of the superimposed gas and pressure on measurement accuracy

The spreading speed of the radar impulses in gas or vapour above the product is reduced by high pressures. This effect depends on the superimposed gas or vapour and increases with low temperatures. The following table shows the deviation caused by some typical gases or vapours. The stated values refer to the distance. Positive values mean that the measured distance is too high, negative values that the measured distance is too small.

Gas phase	Temperature	1 bar/14.5 psig	10 bar/145 psig	50 bar/725 psig
Air/Nitrogen	20 °C/68 °F	0.00 %	0.22 %	1.2 %
Air/Nitrogen	200 °C/392 °F	0.00 %	0.13 %	0.74 %
Hydrogen	20 °C/68 °F	-0.01 %	0.10 %	0.61 %
Hydrogen	200 °C/392 °F	-0.02 %	0.05 %	0.37 %
Water (saturated steam)	100 °C/212 °F	0.20 %	-	-
Water (saturated steam)	180 °C/356 °F	-	2.1 %	-

Ambient conditions

Ambient, storage and transport temperature -40 ... +70 °C (-40 ... +158 °F)

Process conditions

The following specifications are for information. The specifications on the type plate must be noted.

Process temperature

Antenna encapsulation	Version	Process temperature (measured on the process fitting)
TFM-PTFE and TFM-PTFE 8 mm	Standard	-40 ... +150 °C (-40 ... +302 °F)
TFM-PTFE 8 mm	Flange Alloy 400 (2.4360)	-10 ... +150 °C (14 ... +302 °F)
TFM-PCTFE	Standard	-40 ... +150 °C (-40 ... +302 °F)
PTFE	Additional process seal, FKM	-20 ... +130 °C (-4 ... +266 °F)
	Additional process seal, EPDM	-40 ... +130 °C (-40 ... +266 °F)
PFA and PFA 8 mm	Standard	-40 ... +150 °C (14 ... +302 °F)

Vessel pressure

Version	Process fitting, pressure stage	Vessel pressure
Standard (PTFE and PFA)	Flange PN 6	-1 ... 6 bar (-100 ... 600 kPa/-14.5 ... 87 psig)
	Flange PN 10 (150 lb)	-1 ... 10 bar (-100 ... 1000 kPa/-14.5 ... 145 psig)
	Flange PN 16 (300 lb), PN 40 (600 lb)	-1 ... 16 bar (-100 ... 1600 kPa/-14.5 ... 232 psig)
Hygienic	SMS	-1 ... 6 bar (-100 ... 600 kPa/-14.5 ... 87 psig)
	Varivent Clamp 3", 3½", 4" PN 10 PN 16	-1 ... 10 bar (-100 ... 1000 kPa/-14.5 ... 145 psig)
	Remaining hygienic fittings	-1 ... 16 bar (-100 ... 1600 kPa/-14.5 ... 232 psig)

Vibration resistance mechanical vibrations with 4 g and 5 ... 100 Hz¹⁶⁾

Electromechanical data - version IP 66/IP 67

Cable entry

- Double chamber housing
- 1 x cable gland M20 x 1.5 (cable: ø 5 ... 9 mm), 1 x blind plug M20 x 1.5; plug M12 x 1 for VEGADIS 61 (optional)
- or:
- 1 x closing cap ½ NPT, 1 x blind plug ½ NPT, plug M12 x 1 for VEGADIS 61 (optional)
- or:
- 1 x plug (depending on the version), 1 x blind plug M20 x 1.5; plug M12 x 1 for VEGADIS 61 (optional)

Spring-loaded terminals for wire cross-section < 2.5 mm² (AWG 14)

Display and adjustment module

Voltage supply and data transmission	through the sensor
Indication	LC display in dot matrix
Adjustment elements	4 keys
Protection rating	
- unassembled	IP 20
- Mounted into the sensor without cover	IP 40
Ambient temperature - Display and adjustment module	-20 ... +70 °C (-4 ... +158 °F)
Material	
- Housing	ABS
- Inspection window	Polyester foil

Voltage supply

Operating voltage

- Non-Ex and Ex-d instrument 20 ... 72 V DC, 20 ... 253 V AC, 50/60 Hz

¹⁶⁾ Tested according to the guidelines of German Lloyd, GL directive 2.

Max. power consumption 4 VA; 2.1 W

Potential connections and electrical separating measures in the instrument

Electronics	Not non-floating
Reference voltage ¹⁷⁾	500 V AC
Conductive connection	Between ground terminal and metallic process fitting

Electrical protective measures

Protection rating	IP 66/IP 67 (NEMA Type 4X)
Overvoltage category (IEC 61010-1)	
– up to 2000 m (6562 ft) above sea level	III
– up to 5000 m (16404 ft) above sea level	III - Only with connected overvoltage protection
– up to 5000 m (16404 ft) above sea level	II
Pollution degree ¹⁸⁾	4
Protection rating (IEC 61010-1)	I

Functional safety (SIL)

Functional safety is already activated on instruments with SIL qualification ex factory. On instruments without SIL qualification ex factory, the functional safety must be activated by the user via the display and adjustment module or via PACTware for applications according to SIL.

Functional safety according to IEC 61508-4¹⁹⁾

- Single channel architecture (1oo1D) up to SIL2
- double channel diversitary redundant architecture (1oo2D) up to SIL3

You can find detailed information in the supplied Safety Manual of VEGAPULS 63 or under "www.vega.com", "*Downloads*", "*Approvals*".

Approvals

Instruments with approvals can have different technical specifications depending on the version.

For that reason the associated approval documents of these instruments have to be carefully noted. They are part of the delivery or can be downloaded under www.vega.com, "*Instrument search (serial number)*" as well as in the general download area.

¹⁷⁾ Galvanic separation between electronics and metal housing parts

¹⁸⁾ When used with fulfilled housing protection

¹⁹⁾ Not with temperatures < -40 °C (-40 °F)

10.2 Dimensions

Housing

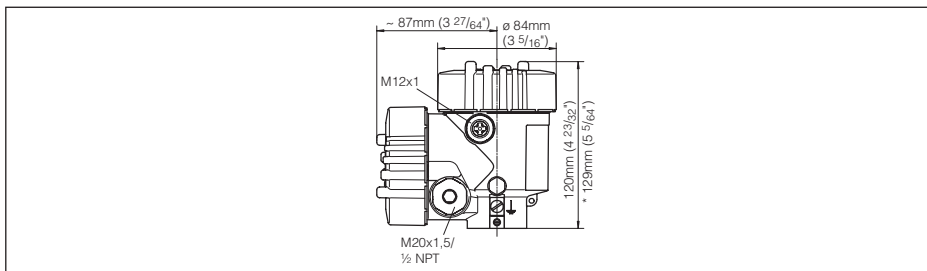


Fig. 31: Double chamber housing (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher)

VEGAPULS 63, flange version

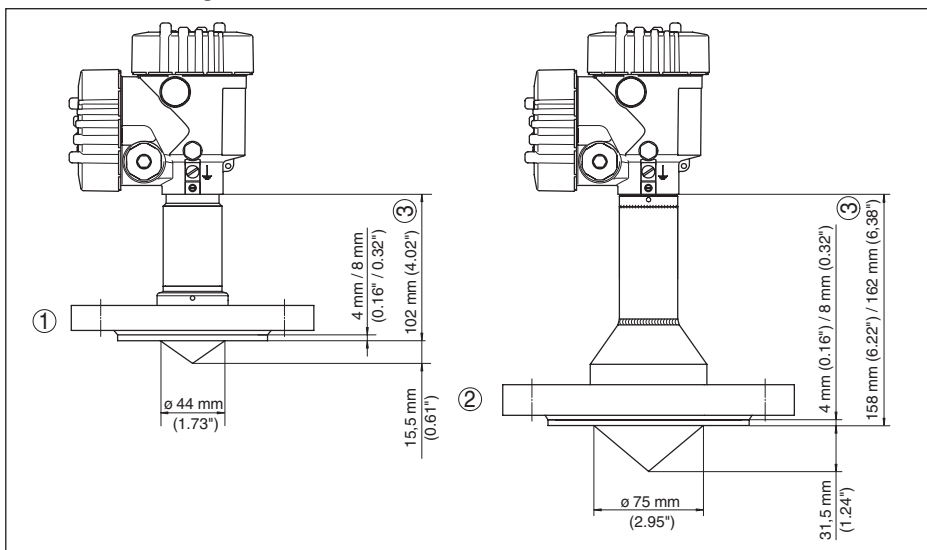


Fig. 32: VEGAPULS 63, flange version

- 1 DN 50, 2"
- 2 DN 80 ... DN 150, 3" ... 6"
- d Diameter and number of holes in the flange

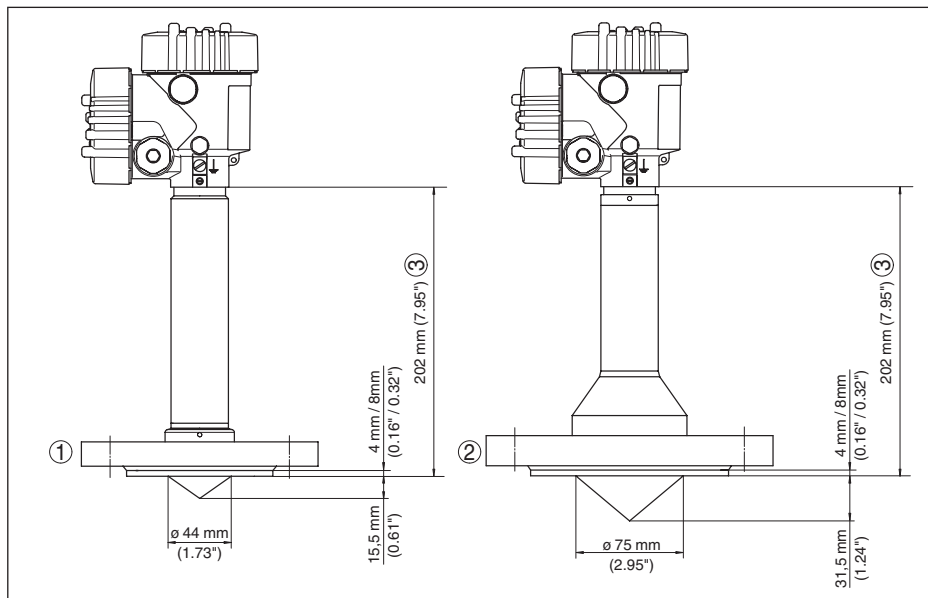
VEGAPULS 63, flange version, low temperature

Fig. 33: VEGAPULS 63, flange version, low temperature

1 DN 50, 2"

2 DN 80 ... DN 150, 3" ... 6"

d Diameter and number of holes in the flange

VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 1

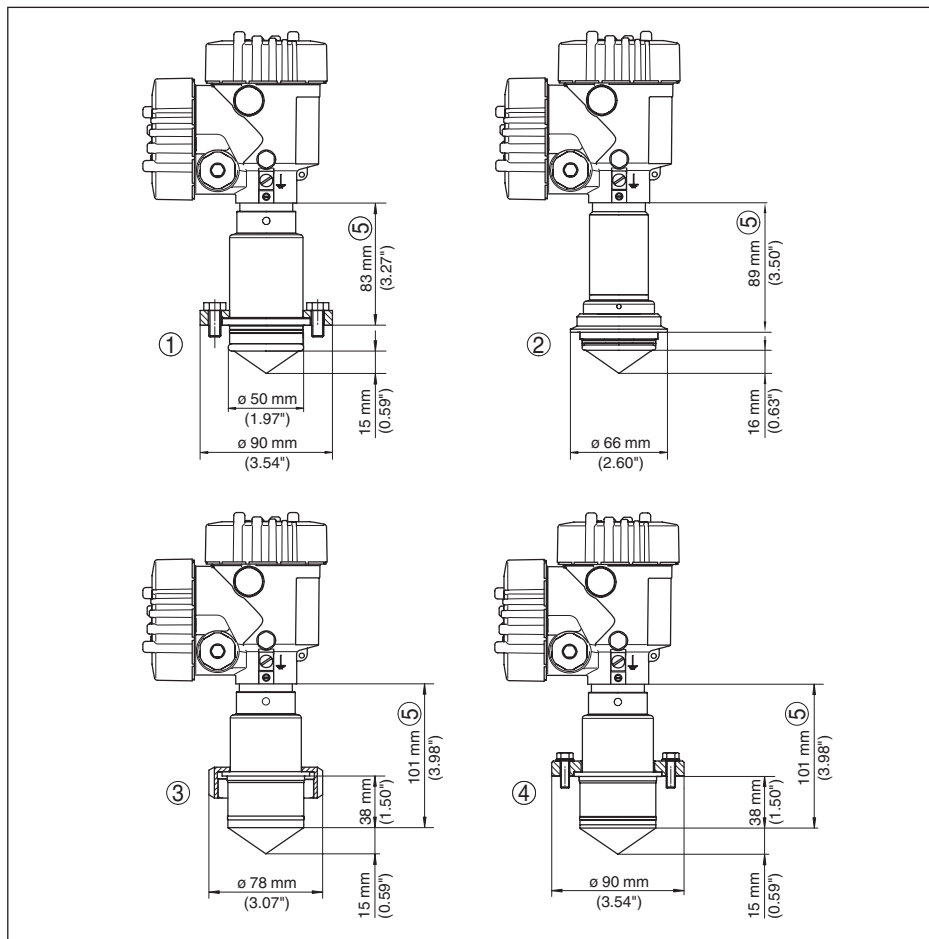


Fig. 34: VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 1

- 1 NeumoBiocontrol
- 2 Tuchenhausen Varivent DN 25
- 3 Hygienic fitting LA
- 4 Hygienic fitting LB

VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 2

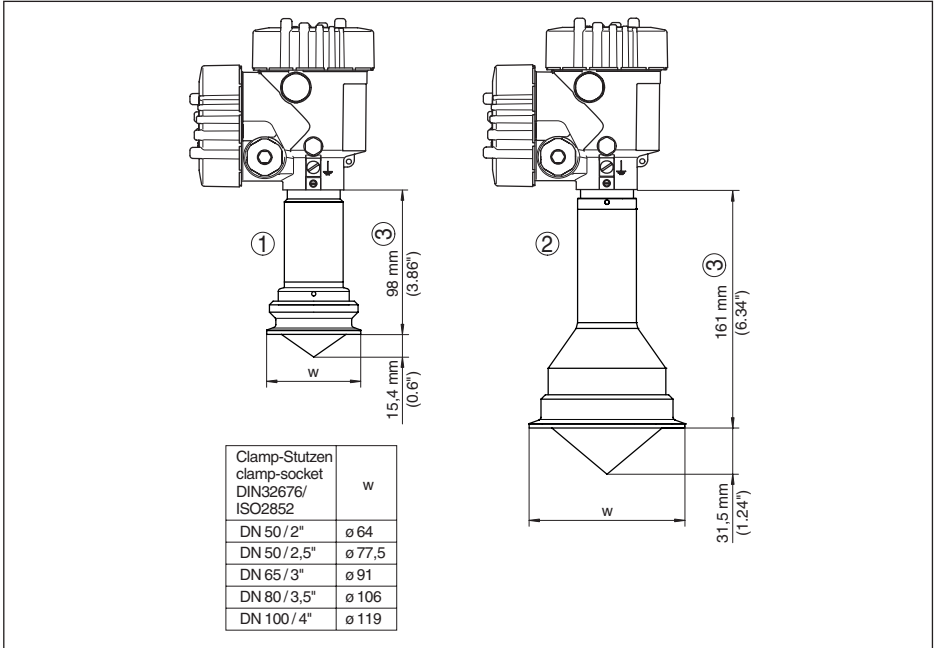


Fig. 35: VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 2

- 1 Clamp 2" (ø 64 mm), 2½" (ø 77.5 mm), 3" (ø 91 mm), (DIN 32676, ISO 2852), 316L
2 3½" (ø 106 mm), 4½" (ø 119 mm), (DIN 32676, ISO 2852), 316L

VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 3

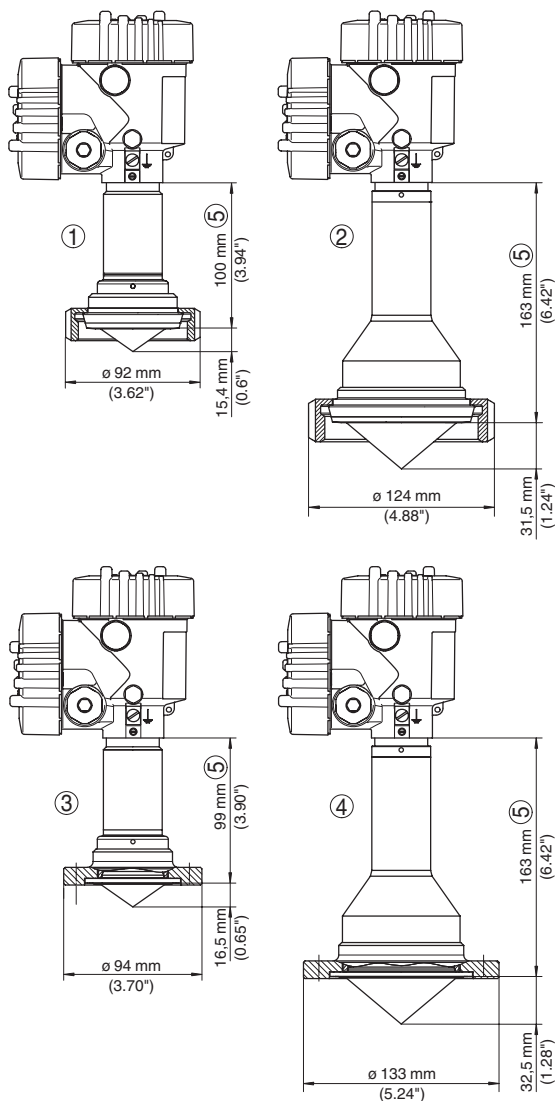


Fig. 36: VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 3

- 1 Slotted nut DN 50, 2", 3", DIN 11851
- 2 Slotted nut DN 80, 4", DIN 11851
- 3 Slotted nut DN 50, DIN 11864-2
- 4 Slotted nut DN 80, DIN 11864-2

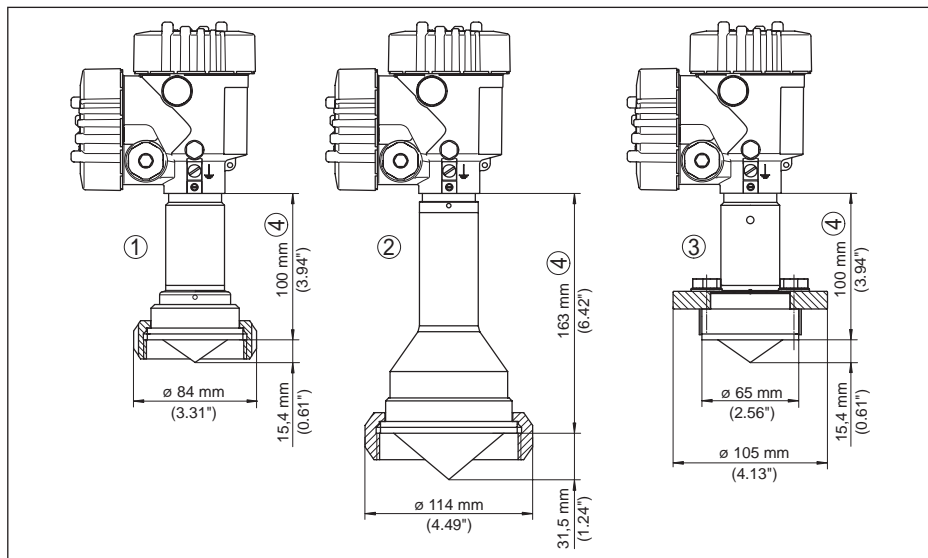
VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 4

Fig. 37: VEGAPULS 63, hygienic fitting 4

1 SMS DN 51

2 SMS DN 76

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