

Operating Instructions

Signal conditioning and display
instrument for level sensors

VEGAMET 624

4 ... 20 mA/HART



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Information:

Supplementary documents appropriate to the ordered version come with the delivery. You can find them listed in chapter "*Product description*".

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1 About this document

1.1 Function

This operating instructions manual provides all the information you need for mounting, connection and setup of the instrument. Furthermore there are 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 specialist personnel. The contents of this manual should be made available to these personnel and put into practice by them.

1.3 Symbols used



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.

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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 operating instructions manual must be carried out only by trained specialist 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

VEGAMET 624 is a universal signal conditioning instrument and power supply unit for connection of a 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensor.

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 overfill 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 state-of-the-art instrument complying with all prevailing regulations and directives. 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.

The safety instructions in this operating instructions manual, the national installation standards as well as the valid safety regulations and accident prevention rules must be observed by the user.

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

rary conversions or modifications are explicitly forbidden. For safety reasons, only the accessory specified by the manufacturer must be used.

To avoid any danger, the safety approval markings and safety tips on the device must also be observed and their meaning looked up 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 instrument is 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 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

2.8 Safety instructions for Ex areas

Please note the Ex-specific safety information for installation and operation in Ex areas. These safety instructions are part of the operating instructions manual and come with the Ex-approved instruments.

2.9 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

Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery encompasses:

- VEGAMET 624 signal conditioning instrument
- Terminal socket
- Coded pins and bridges
- RS232 modem connection cable (optional)
- Documentation
 - This operating instructions manual
 - Supplementary instruction 30325 "*RS232/Ethernet connection*" (optional)
 - Supplementary instructions manual 30768 "*Modbus-TCP, VEGA ASCII protocol*" (optional)
 - Ex-specific "*Safety instructions*" (with Ex versions)
 - If necessary, further certificates

Constituent parts

The VEGAMET 624 consists of the components:

- VEGAMET 624 signal conditioning instrument with display and adjustment unit in the front
- Terminal socket

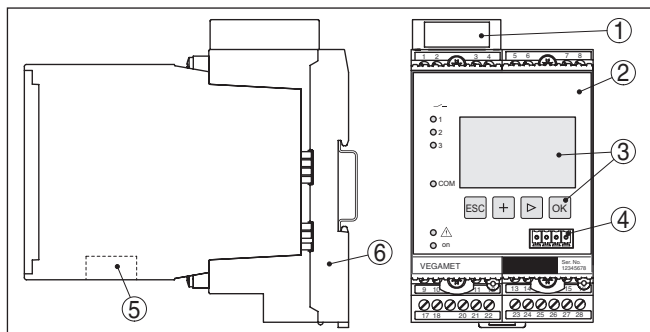


Fig. 1: VEGAMET 624

- 1 Ex separating chamber with Ex version
- 2 VEGAMET 624
- 3 Display and adjustment unit
- 4 Communication interface for VEGACONNECT (I²C)
- 5 RS232 or Ethernet interface (optional)
- 6 Terminal socket

Type label

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

- Instrument type
- Product code
- Approvals
- Technical data
- Serial number of the instrument
- Data matrix code for VEGA Tools app

Serial number

The type label contains the serial number of the instrument. With it you can find the following data on our homepage:

- Product code of the instrument (HTML)
- Delivery date (HTML)
- Order-specific instrument features (HTML)
- Operating instructions at the time of shipment (PDF)
- Safety instructions and certificates

Go to "www.vega.com", "*Instrument search (serial number)*". Enter the serial number.

Alternatively, you can access the data via your smartphone:

- Download the "VEGA Tools" app from the "Apple App Store" or the "Google Play Store"
- Scan the Data Matrix code on the type label of the instrument or
- Enter the serial number manually in the app

3.2 Principle of operation

Application area

VEGAMET 624 is a universal signal conditioning instrument for a variety of applications such as level, gauge and process pressure measurement. At the same time, it can serve as power supply unit for connected sensors. VEGAMET 624 is designed for connection of any 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensor.

On instruments with one of the optional interfaces (RS232/Ethernet), the measured values can be retrieved via modem or network and displayed by means of a web browser or VEGA Inventory System. It is also possible to send measured values and messages via e-mail/SMS. The use of VEGAMET 624 is particularly suitable for stocktaking, VMI (Vendor Managed Inventory) and remote enquiry.

Functional principle

The VEGAMET 624 signal conditioning instrument can power connected sensors and process their measured signals. The requested parameter is displayed and also sent to the integrated current outputs for further processing. Hence the measured signal can be transferred to a remote indicating unit or a superordinate control system. Three level relays for control of pumps or other actuators are also integrated.

Voltage supply

Wide range power supply unit with 20 ... 253 V AC/DC for worldwide use.

Detailed information about the power supply can be found in chapter "*Technical data*".

3.3 Adjustment

The instrument can be adjusted with the following adjustment media:

- With integrated display and adjustment unit
- an adjustment software according to FDT/DTM standard, e.g. PACTware and a Windows PC

The entered parameters are generally saved in VEGAMET 624, when used with PACTware and PC also optionally in the PC.

**Information:**

When using PACTware and the corresponding VEGA DTM, additional settings can be carried out which are not possible or only partly possible with the integrated display and adjustment unit. When using an adjustment software, you either need one of the integrated interfaces (RS232/Ethernet) or the interface converter VEGACONNECT.

Further instructions for setting up the web server and e-mail functions can be found in the online help of PACTware or the VEGAMET 624 DTMs as well as the operating instructions manual "*RS232/Ethernet connection*".

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

4 Mounting

4.1 General instructions

Installation possibilities

Each series 600 instrument consists of the actual signal conditioning instrument as well as a plug-in socket for carrier rail mounting (top-hat rail 35 x 7.5 according to DIN EN 50022/60715). Because it has protection class IP 30 or IP 20, the instrument is intended to be used in switching cabinets.

Ambient conditions

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

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

4.2 Mounting instructions

Mounting

The terminal socket is designed for carrier rail mounting. The operating voltage is connected to terminals 17 and 18. For neighbouring series 600 instruments, it is possible to continue connection L1 and N directly via the supplied bridges. A maximum of five instruments can be through-connected in this way.



Danger:

Looping through via bridges is only allowed for the operating voltage (sockets L1 and N). The bridges must never be used with single instruments, at the end of a row of instruments or with other sockets. If this rule is not heeded, there is a danger of coming into contact with the operating voltage or causing a short circuit.



A VEGAMET 624 in Ex version is an auxiliary, intrinsically safe instrument and may not be installed in explosion-endangered areas.

Before setup, the Ex separating chamber must be attached (as shown below) with Ex versions. Safe operation can be only ensured if the operating instructions manual and the EG type approval certificate are observed. VEGAMET 624 must not be opened.

Instrument coding

All signal conditioning instruments are provided with different gaps depending on type and version (mechanical coding).

The plug-in socket is provided with coded pins that can be inserted to prevent accidental interchanging of the various instrument types.



With a VEGAMET 624 in Ex version, the supplied coded pins (type coded pin and Ex coded pin) must be inserted by the user according to the below table.

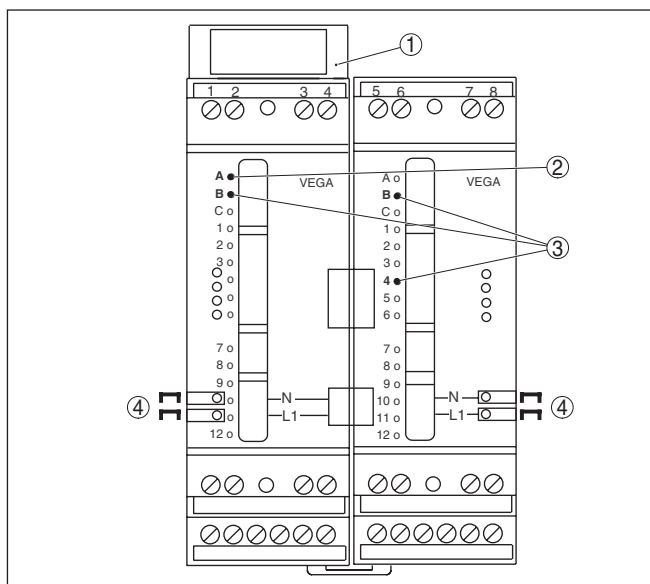


Fig. 2: Plug-in socket VEGAMET 624

- 1 Ex separating chamber
- 2 Ex coding with Ex version
- 3 Type coding for VEGAMET 624/625
- 4 Bridges for looping the operating voltage

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.

- Connect only in the complete absence of line voltage
- If overvoltage surges are expected, overvoltage arresters should be installed



Note:

Install a separating facility for the instrument which is easy to access. The separating facility must be marked for the instrument (IEC/EN 61010).

Safety instructions for Ex applications



In hazardous areas you must take note of the respective regulations, conformity and type approval certificates of the sensors and power supply units.

Voltage supply

The voltage supply can be 20 ... 253 V AC/DC, 50/60 Hz.

Connection cable

The voltage supply of VEGAMET 624 is connected with standard cable according to the national installation standards.

Standard two-wire cable can be used for connecting the sensors. The screening is absolutely necessary to ensure interference-free operation with HART sensors.

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

Cable screening and grounding

Connect 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 sensor housing must be connected to the potential equalisation (low impedance).

If potential equalisation currents are expected, the screen connection on the side of VEGAMET 624 must be made via a ceramic capacitor (e. g. 1 nF, 1500 V). The low frequency potential equalisation currents are thus suppressed, but the protective effect against high frequency interference signals remains.

Connection cable for Ex applications



Take note of the corresponding installation regulations for Ex applications. In particular, make sure that no potential equalisation currents flow over the cable screen. In case of grounding on both sides this can be achieved by the use of a capacitor or a separate potential equalisation.

5.2 Input mode active/passive

Through the selection of the terminals, you can choose between active and passive operation of the measuring data input.

- In active mode, VEGAMET 624 provides the power for the connected sensors. Power and measurement data are transmitted

over the same two-wire cable. This mode is provided for connection of measuring transducers without separate power supply (sensors in two-wire version).

- In passive mode the sensors are not powered, only the measured value is transmitted. This input is for connection of transmitters with their own separate voltage supply (sensors in four-wire version). The VEGAMET 624 can also be looped into the existing circuit like a normal ammeter.

**Note:**

With a VEGAMET 624 in Ex version, the passive input is not available for approval technical reasons.

5.3 Connection procedure

Move on to electrical connection and proceed as follows:

1. Snap the socket without VEGAMET 624 onto the carrier rail
2. Connect sensor cable to terminal 1/2 (active input) or 3/4 (passive input), provide a screening
3. When using several sockets, loop the power supply by means of bridges
4. Connect power supply (switched off) to terminal 17 and 18
5. If necessary, connect relays or other outputs
6. Insert VEGAMET 624 into the plug-in socket and screw it down tightly

The electrical connection is finished.



Before setting up Ex versions, make sure the Ex separating chamber is plugged on the left housing side (above the sensor terminals). The pins for type and Ex coding must also be inserted correctly.

5.4 Wiring plan

Wiring plan for two-wire sensor

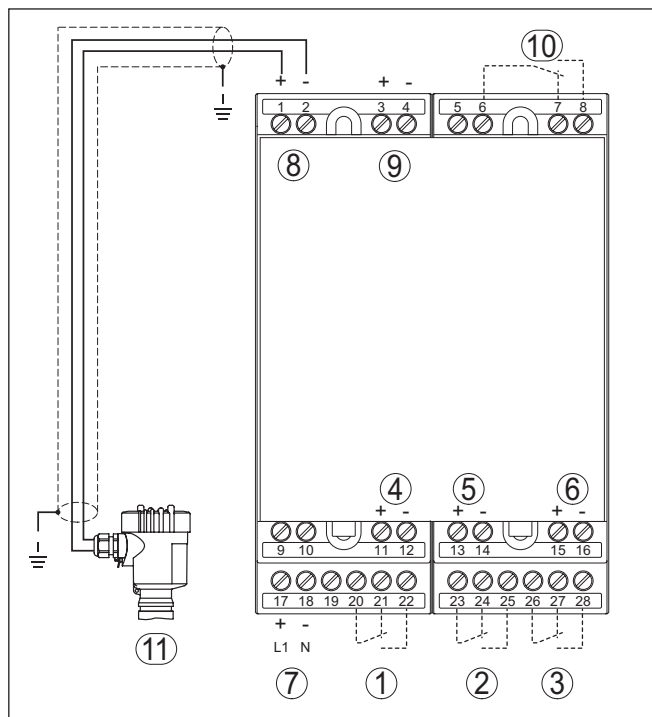


Fig. 3: Wiring plan VEGAMET 624 with two-wire sensor

- 1 Internal operating relay 1
- 2 Internal operating relay 2
- 3 Internal operating relay 3
- 4 Internal current output 1
- 5 Internal current output 2
- 6 Internal current output 3
- 7 Voltage supply of VEGAMET 624
- 8 Measurement data input with sensor supply (active input)
- 9 Measurement data input (passive input), not with Ex-ia version
- 10 Internal fail safe relay
- 11 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensor (two-wire version)

Wiring plan for four-wire sensors

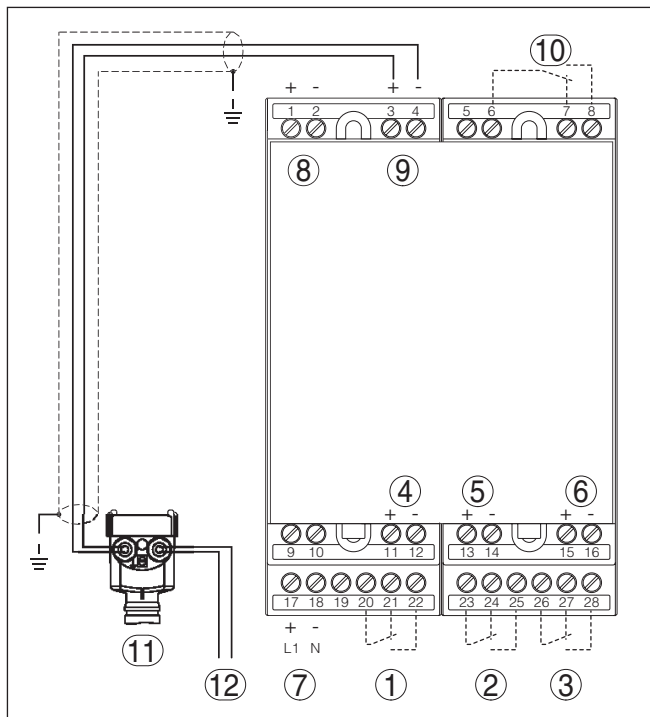


Fig. 4: Wiring plan VEGAMET 624 with four-wire sensors

- 1 Internal operating relay 1
- 2 Internal operating relay 2
- 3 Internal operating relay 3
- 4 Internal current output 1
- 5 Internal current output 2
- 6 Internal current output 3
- 7 Voltage supply of VEGAMET 624
- 8 Measurement data input with sensor supply (active input)
- 9 Measurement data input (passive input), not with Ex-ia version
- 10 Internal fail safe relay
- 11 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensor (four-wire version)
- 12 Power supply for four-wire sensor

6 Setup with the integrated display and adjustment unit

6.1 Adjustment system

Function

The integrated display and adjustment unit is used for measured value display, adjustment and diagnosis of VEGAMET 624 as well as the connected sensors. The indication and adjustment are carried out via four keys and a clear, graphic-capable display with background lighting. The adjustment menu with selectable language is clearly structured and enables easy setup.

Certain adjustment options are not possible or only partially available with the integrated display and adjustment unit, e.g. settings for the e-mail server. For such applications, the use of PACTware with appropriate DTMs is recommended.

Display and adjustment elements

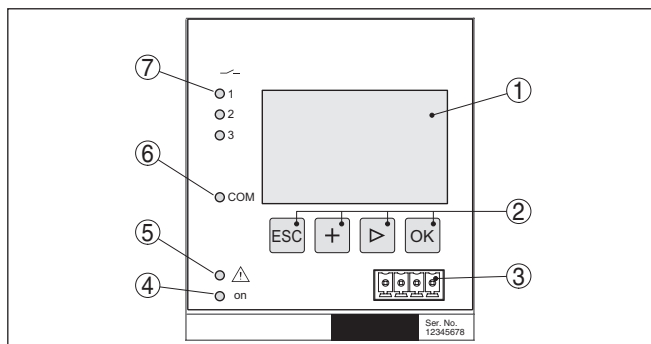


Fig. 5: Display and adjustment elements

- 1 LC display
- 2 Adjustment keys
- 3 Communication interface for VEGACONNECT
- 4 Status indication operation
- 5 Status indication fail safe relay
- 6 Status indication interface activity
- 7 Status indication operating relay 1 - 3

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

**Note:**

Approx. 10 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.

6.2 Setup steps

Parameter adjustment

Through parameter adjustment, the instrument is adapted to the individual application conditions. A measurement loop calibration is the most important step and should always be carried out. A scaling of the measured value to the desired physical variable and unit, possibly including a linearisation curve, is often useful. The adaptation of the relay switching points or the setting of an integration time to smooth the measured value are further standard adjustment options.

Instruments with Ethernet interface can be provided with a Host name suitable for the measurement loop. As an alternative to the addressing via DHCP, it is also possible to adjust an IP address and subnet mask suitable for your network. If necessary, the e-mail/Web server can be also configured with PACTware.

**Information:**

When using PACTware and the corresponding VEGA DTM, additional settings can be carried out which are not possible or only partly possible with the integrated display and adjustment unit. When using an adjustment software, you either need one of the integrated interfaces (RS232/Ethernet) or the interface converter VEGACONNECT.

Further instructions for setting up the web server and e-mail functions are stated in the online help of PACTware or the VEGAMET 624 DTMs as well as the supplementary instructions manual "*RS232/Ethernet connection*".

Switch-on phase

After being switched on, VEGAMET 624 first of all carries out a short self-check. The following steps are carried out:

- Internal check of the electronics
- indication of the instrument type, firmware version as well as the instrument TAG (instrument name)
- The output signals jump briefly to the set fault value

Then the current measured values will be displayed and outputted.

Measured value indication

The measured value indication displays the digital indication value, the measurement loop name (measurement loop TAG) and the unit. An analogue bar graph can also be displayed. By pushing the **[>]** key, you move between the individual display options.

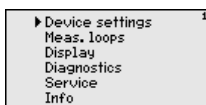


→ By pushing **[OK]** you move from the measured value indication to the main menu.

Main menu

The main menu is divided into six areas with the following functions:

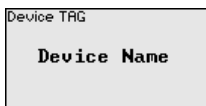
- **Device settings:** Includes the device-TAG, settings for network connection such as date/time setting, ...
- **Measurement loop:** Includes settings for input selection, adjustment, damping, linearisation, scaling, outputs, ...
- **Display:** Includes settings to the displayed measured value
- **Diagnosis** Includes information to the device status, error messages, input current
- **Service** Includes simulation, reset, PIN, selectable language, sensor address, ...
- **Info:** Shows serial number, software version, last change, instrument features, MAC addr., ...



→ Select the menu item "Device settings" with **[>]** and confirm with **[OK]**.

Device settings - Device-TAG

You can assign an unambiguous name to VEGAMET 624 via the Device-TAG. This function is recommended when several instruments are implemented and a good documentation of larger systems is required.



→ Enter the requested values via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

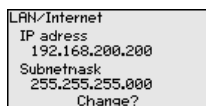
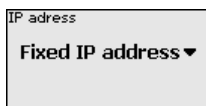
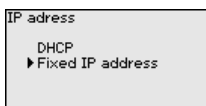
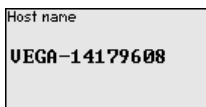
Device settings - Host Name/IP addr.

For instruments with integrated Ethernet interface, the automatic addressing via DHCP is preset, i.e. the IP address must be assigned by a DHCP server. Generally the instrument is contacted via the Host name. By default, the host name consists of the serial number plus "VEGA-" in front. As an alternative, it is also possible to enter a static IP addr. with Subnet mask and optional Gateway addr.



Note:

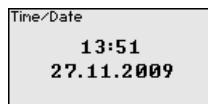
Keep in mind that your modification will be only effective after a restart of VEGAMET 624. You can find further information of these network parameters in the supplementary instructions "RS232/Ethernet connection" and in the Online help of the respective DTM.



- Carry out your settings via the appropriate keys and save with **[OK]**. Disconnect briefly the operating voltage so that the modified settings become effective.

Device settings - Time/Date

Date and time can be entered in this menu item for instruments with integrated RS232/Ethernet interface. These time settings are buffered in case of power failure for approx. 3 days.

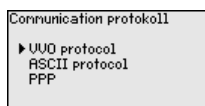
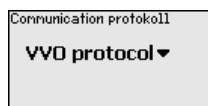


- Enter the values via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Device settings - Communication protocol

For instruments with integrated RS232 interface, you determine here which mode this serial interface should operate in. The following options are available:

- **VVO protocol:** Direct standard connection between signal conditioning instrument and PC for parameter adjustment and enquiry (e.g. with PACTware and DTM)
- **PPP:** Dial-up connection between signal conditioning instrument and modem for independent transmission of e-mails (dial-out connection) or enquiry via web browser (dial-in connection)
- **ASCII protocol:** Direct standard connection between signal conditioning instrument and PC for enquiry with terminal programs, e.g. Hyperterminal



- Carry out your settings via the respective keys and save with **[OK]**. Further information is available in the supplementary instructions manual "*RS232/Ethernet connection*" and the online help of the respective DTM.

Measurement loop - Input

The VEGAMET 624 can process measured values from 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensors via analogue communication as well as via digital HART protocol.

Analogue 4 ... 20 mA transmission

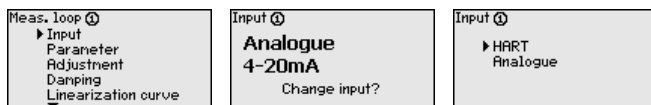
In the standard setting of VEGAMET 624 the measured value transmission is carried out via analogue 4 ... 20 signal. An adjustment in the sensor influences directly the input variable of VEGAMET 624. Only carry out the adjustment on one instrument, either on VEGAMET 624 or on the sensor. The adjustment in VEGAMET 624 is always carried out in mA (analogue transmission).

Digital HART transmission

For transmission via HART, VEGAMET 624 must be informed which sensor value should be used for further processing. Depending on the sensor type, this can be distance, pressure or temperature. With

all HART sensors, the unchanged initial value of the sensor is always transmitted to VEGAMET 624. Thus, adjustment must always be carried out on VEGAMET 624, never on the sensor. Different parameters and measuring units are available.

When HART sensors from other manufacturers are connected, the options PV (Primary Value) and SV (Secondary Value) are available. The prerequisite for this is the support of the HART commands 0, 1, 3, and 15. This information and which measured values are transmitted can be found in the operating instructions manual of the respective sensor manufacturer.



Meas. loop - Parameter

The measured variable defines the application of the measurement loop, the following settings are available depending on the connected sensor:

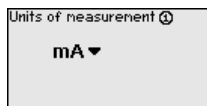
- Level
- Process pressure
- Universal (for sensors of other manufacturers)



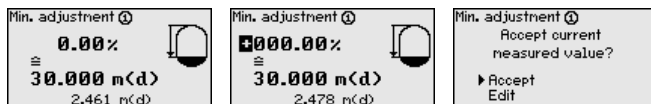
Meas. loop - Adjustment

Through the adjustment the input value of the connected sensor is converted into a percentage value. This conversion step allows any input value range to be depicted in a relative range (0 % up to 100 %).

Before carrying out the adjustment, the requested adjustment unit can be selected. With input selection "Analogue", the adjustment unit is always "mA". If the HART input is activated, the available unit depends on the sensor type. With radar, ultrasonic and guided microwave this is always the distance in metres or feet "m(d)" or "ft(d)", and with pressure transmitters it is e.g. "bar" or "psi".

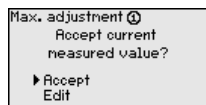
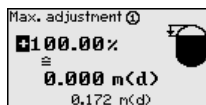
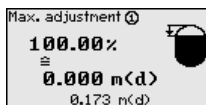


The following illustrations and examples relate to the min./max. adjustment of a radar sensor with HART communication.



- With **[OK]** you prepare the percentage value for editing, with **[←→]** you place the cursor to the requested position. Set the requested percentage value with **[+]** and save with **[OK]**.

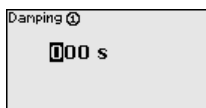
- After entering the percentage value for the min. adjustment, the suitable distance value must be entered. If you want to use the currently measured distance value, select the menu item "Accept" (live adjustment or adjustment with medium). If the adjustment should be carried out independent of the measured level, then select the option "Edit". Enter now the distance value in m [m(d)] for the empty vessel that is suitable for the percentage value, e.g. distance from the sensor to the vessel bottom (dry adjustment or adjustment without medium).
- Save your settings with **[OK]** and move to "Max. adjustment" with **[→]**.



- As described previously, enter now the percentage value for max. adjustment and confirm with **[OK]**.
- After entering the percentage value for the max. adjustment, the suitable distance value must be entered. If you want to use the currently measured distance value, select the menu item "Accept" (live adjustment or adjustment with medium). If the adjustment should be carried out independent of the measured level, then select the option "Edit". Enter now the distance value in m [m(d)] for the full vessel that is suitable for the percentage value (dry adjustment or adjustment without medium). Keep in mind that the max. level must be below the radar antenna.
- Finally save your settings with **[OK]**, the adjustment is finished.

Meas. loop - Damping

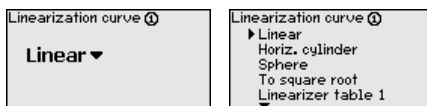
To suppress fluctuations in the measured value display, e.g. caused by an agitated product surface, a damping can be set. This time can be between 0 and 999 seconds. Remember that the reaction time of the entire measurement will then be longer and the sensor will react to measured value changes with 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 and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Meas. loop - Linearization curve

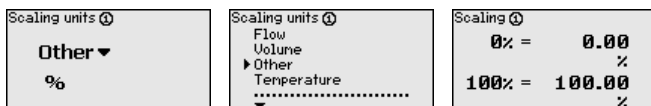
A linearisation is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level, for example a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank. Corresponding linearisation curves are preprogrammed for these vessels. They represent the correlation between the level percentage 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.



→ Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Meas. loop - Scaling

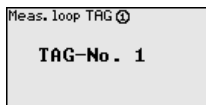
Scaling means converting the measured value into a certain parameter and unit. The linearized percentage value is the source signal which is used as basis for the scaling. The indication can then show the volume in litres e.g., instead of the percentage value. Indication values from max. -99999 to +99999 are possible.



→ Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Meas. loop - Meas. loop TAG

In this menu item you can enter an unambiguous designation for each measurement loop, 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.



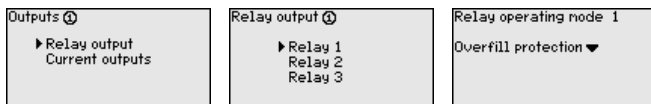
→ Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Meas. loop - Outputs - Relays outputs

Under "Outputs" you will find the relay/current outputs. Under relay output, the requested mode ("Overfill protection" or "Dry run protection") must first be selected.

- **Overfill protection:** Relay is switched off when the max. level is exceeded (safe currentless state), relay is switched on again when the level falls below the min. level (switch-on point < switch-off point)
- **Dry run protection:** Relay is switched off when the level falls below the min. level (safe currentless state), relay is switched on again when the max. level is exceeded (switch-on point > switch-off point)

Additional modes such as "Switching window", "Flow" and "Tendency" can be only adjusted via PACTware and DTM.



Select the requested mode and save with **[OK]**. By pushing **[->]**, you reach the next menu item.

- Now enter the reference value to which the relay switching points relate. By pushing **[->]**, you reach the next menu item.

Basic meas. value 1 Percent ▼	Basic meas. value 1 ► Percent Lin. percent Scaled
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- Enter now the switching points for switching the relay on and off. The parameter to which they refer can also be selected.

Switch points 1 Switch point Off : 100.0 % Switch point On : 0.0 %
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In the following window the reaction of the relay in case of failure can be determined. Here you can define whether, in case of failure, the switching condition of the relay remains unchanged or the relay is switched off.

Relay failure mode 1 Switch state: Off ▼	Relay failure mode 1 Switch state: unchanged ► Off
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Meas. loop - Outputs - Current outputs

The current output is used to transfer the measured value to a higher ranking system, for example to a PLC, a control system or a measured value indication. This is an active output, i.e. a current is provided actively. The processing unit must hence have a passive current input.

The characteristics of the current outputs can be set to 0 ... 20 mA, 4 ... 20 mA or inverted. The reaction in case of failure can be also adapted to the requirements. The parameter, i.e. measured variable, to which they refer can also be selected.

Outputs ④ Relay output ► Current outputs	Current outputs ④ ► Current Output 1 Current Output 2 Current Output 3	Current output 1 Basic meas. value : % ▼ Output mode : 4-20 nA ▼ Failure mode : 0 nA ▼
Current output 1 ► Basic meas. value Output mode Failure mode	Current output 1 ► 4-20 nA 20-4 nA 0-20 nA 20-0 nA	unchanged ► 0 nA <3,6 nA 4 nA 20 nA ▼

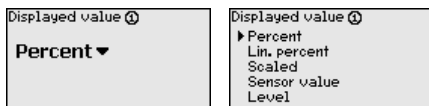
- Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Display

In the menu item "Display - Indication value", you can set the requested indication value. The following options are available:

- **Percent:** adjusted measured value without taking a saved linearisation into account
- **Lin. percent:** adjusted measured value taking a saved linearisation into account

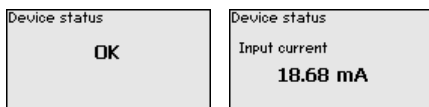
- **Scaled:** adjusted measured value taking a saved linearisation into account as well as the values entered under "Scaling"
- **Sensor value:** input value delivered by the sensor. Displayed in the selected adjustment unit



→ Enter the requested parameters via the appropriate keys and save your settings with **[OK]**.

Diagnostics

When the instrument displays a failure message, further information is available under the menu item "Diagnosis - Device status".



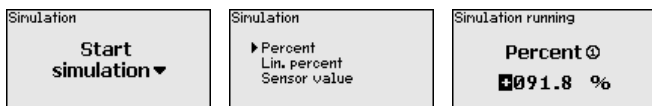
Service - Simulation

The simulation of a measured value is used to check the outputs and connected components. The simulation can be applied to the percentage value, the lin. percentage value and the sensor value.



Note:

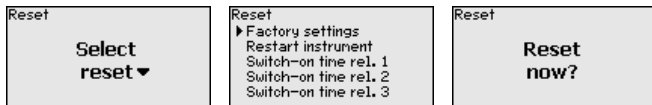
Please note that connected system components (valves, pumps, motors, control systems) are influenced by the simulation, thus unintentional plant operating conditions can occur. The simulation is terminated automatically after approximately 10 minutes.



→ Carry out your settings via the appropriate keys and save with **[OK]**.

Service - Reset

Several reset options are available. A reset to basic settings resets all settings (with a view exceptions) to default. Exceptions are: host name, IP address, subnet mask, time, language. Further possibilities are reset of the totalizer as well as the power-on time and relay failure. The instrument can also be restarted if desired.



Service - Display language

In the menu item "Display - Language", the requested display language can be adjusted. The following languages are available:

- German
- English
- French
- Spanish

- Russian
- Italian
- Dutch



→ Carry out your settings via the appropriate keys and save with **[OK]**.

Service - Access protection

The signal conditioning instrument can be locked and the data transmission encrypted as a protection against unauthorized changes of the set parameters. The following options are possible:

- Access protection of the on-site adjustment via keyboard by means of a PIN
- Access protection of the DTM adjustment via the USB/Ethernet/RS232 interface by means of a password (can be only activated via DTM)
- Encryption of the DTM data transmission with connection via Ethernet/RS232 interface
- Access protection of the integrated web server by means of a password (can be only activated via DTM)



Service - Access protection - PIN

Modification of parameters through the instrument keyboard can be avoided by activating a PIN. The measured value display and display of all parameters is still possible.



Note:

By activating the PIN, only parameter changes via the front side instrument keyboard are locked. Via the interfaces and the respective DTM, the complete access to the instrument is still possible. If you want to stop this access, then the DTM adjustment can be completely locked by activating a password. The activation of this locking only possible via the DTM and not via the keyboard.



Service - Access protection - DTM remote access

Instruments with RS232/Ethernet option can be protected against wiretapping and manipulation of the data transmission from remote. For this, activate under "*DTM remote access*" the encryption of the data transmission. With active encryption, it is necessary to enter once the instrument key (PSK) during connection for DTM access via the Ethernet/RS232 interface. The instrument key is stored on the PC and must not be entered again when connecting with this PC. Each

instrument is provided with an individual instrument key consisting of 20 capital letters. This key can be read out directly on the instrument display in the menu "Info".

Access protection PIN ▶ DTM remote access	Encoding Enable?	Encoding Enabled!
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Service - Sensor address

With every 4 ... 20 mA/HART sensor, the measured value can be transmitted via analog current signal or digital HART signal. This is regulated via the HART mode or the address. If a HART sensor is set to address 0, the sensor is in the standard mode. Here the measured value is transmitted digitally on the 4 ... 20 mA cable.

In mode HART Multidrop, an address from 1 ... 15 is assigned to the sensor. By doing so, the current is fixed limited to 4 mA and the measured value transmission is only made digitally.

Sensor address Change now?	Sensor address Previous address: 00	Sensor address New address: 00
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First of all, enter the previous address of the sensor to be modified (factory setting 0), then you can assign the requested HART address in the range of 01 - 15 in the menu "New address".

Service - Data transmission

On instrument versions with integrated RS232/Ethernet interface, a manual data transmission to a VEGA Inventory System server can be triggered, e.g. for test purposes. The requirement is that a respective event has been configured in advance via PACTware/DTM.

Data transfer Send VEGA Invent. Sys data?	Data transfer Trigger data transfer?	Status data transfer Message transmission is being prepared
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Info

In the menu item "Info" the following information is available:

- Sensor type and serial number
- Date of manufacture and software version
- Date of last change using PC
- Instrument features
- MAC address (with interface option Ethernet)
- Instrument key (PSK) for DTM remote access (with interface option Ethernet/RS232)

Date of manufacture 17. Aug. 2012 Software version 1.95	Date of last change using PC 15. Aug. 2012	MAC address 00:30:87:D8:5D:18
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Optional settings

Additional adjustment and diagnostics options are available via the Windows software PACTware and the suitable DTM. Connection can be made optionally via the built-in standard interface or one of the optionally offered interfaces (RS232/Ethernet). Further information

is available in chapter "Parameter adjustment with PACTware", in the online help of PACTware or the DTM as well as in the operating instructions manual "RS232/Ethernet connection". An overview of the standard functions and their adjustment options can be found in chapter "Functional overview" in the "Supplement".

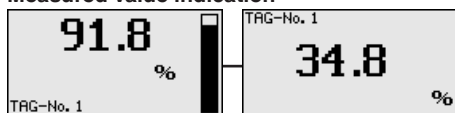
6.3 Menu schematic



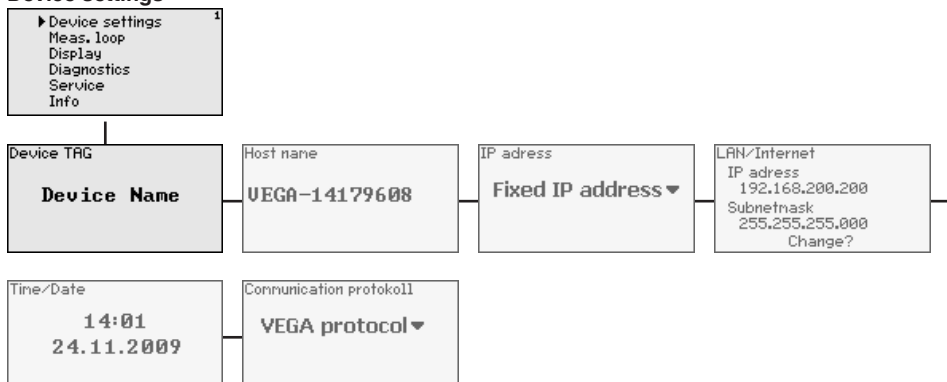
Information:

Depending on the instrument version and application, the highlighted menu windows are not always available.

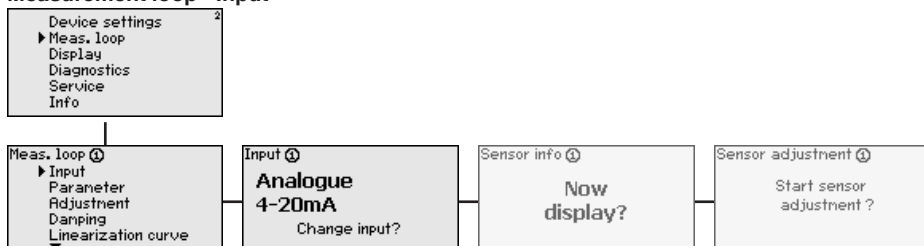
Measured value indication



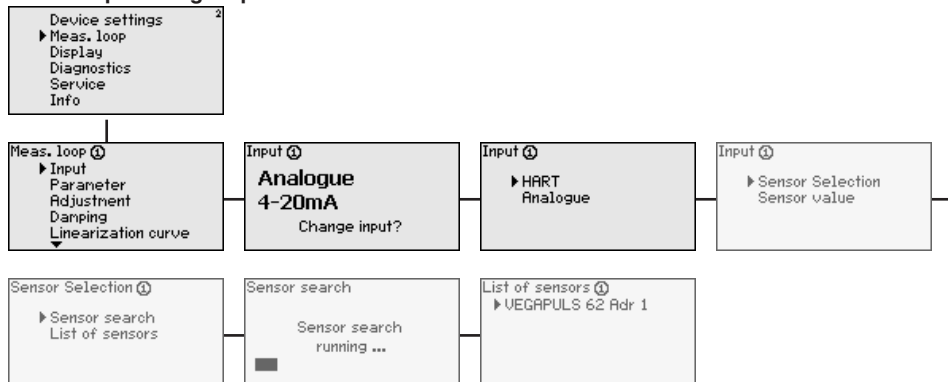
Device settings



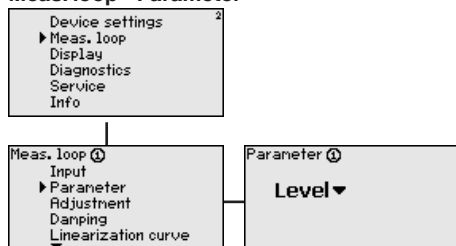
Measurement loop - Input



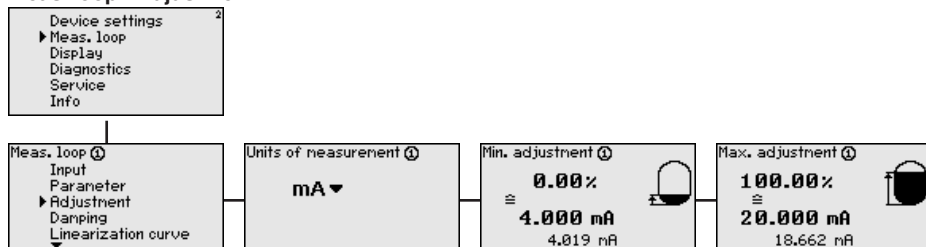
Meas. loop - Change input



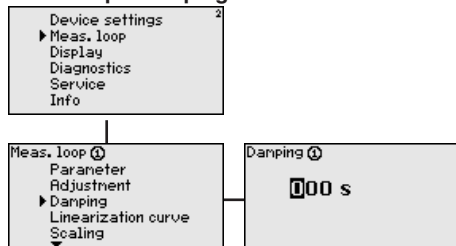
Meas. loop - Parameter

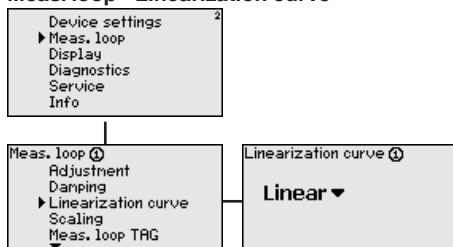
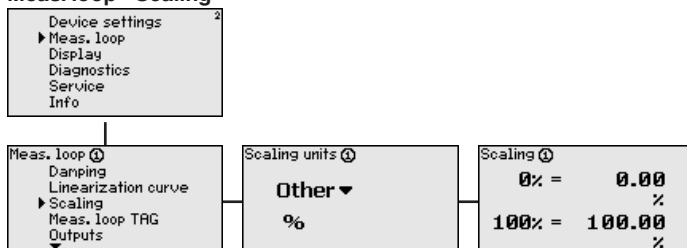
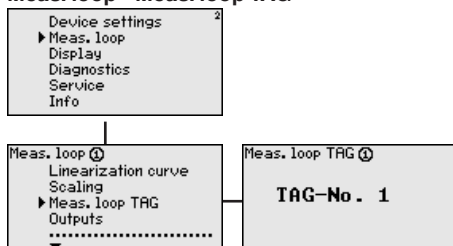
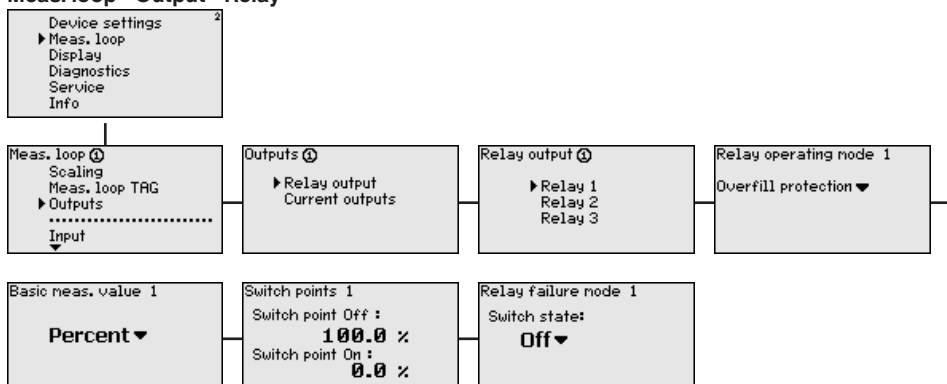


Meas. loop - Adjustment

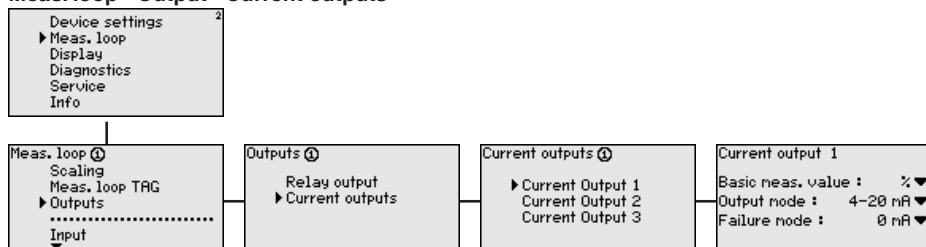


Meas. loop - Damping

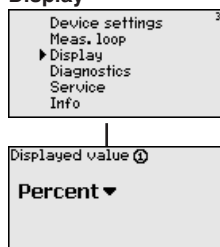


Meas. loop - Linearization curve**Meas. loop - Scaling****Meas. loop - Meas. loop TAG****Meas. loop - Output - Relay**

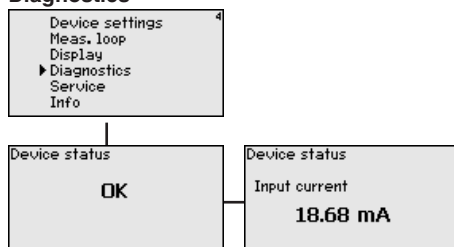
Meas. loop - Output - Current outputs



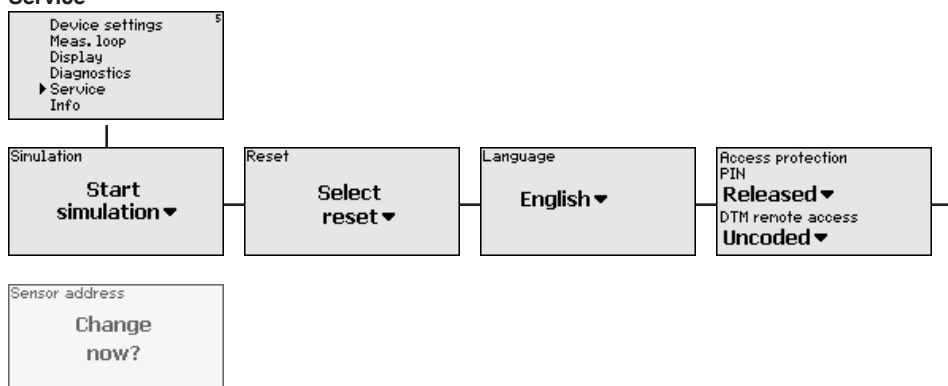
Display



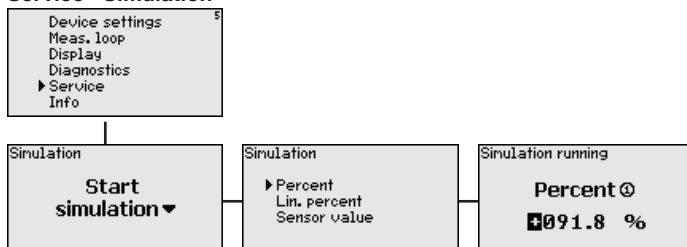
Diagnostics



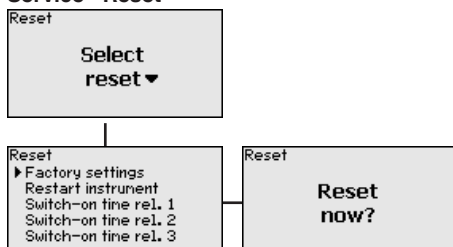
Service



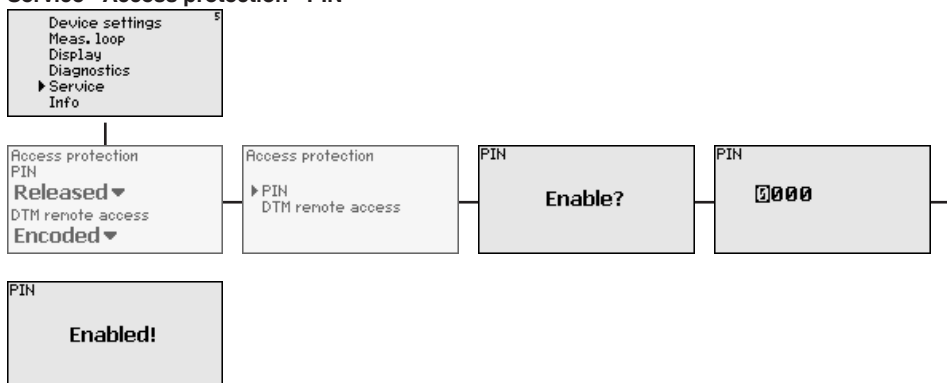
Service - Simulation



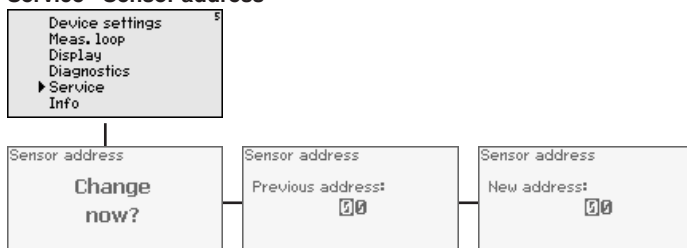
Service - Reset



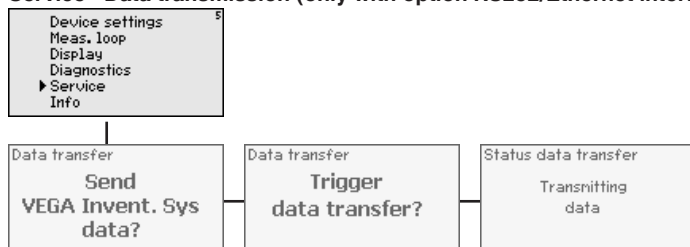
Service - Access protection - PIN



Service - Sensor address



Service - Data transmission (only with option RS232/Ethernet interface)



Info



7 Setup with PACTware

7.1 Connect the PC

Connection of the PC via VEGACONNECT

For a brief connection of the PC, e.g. for parameter adjustment, connection can be carried out via the VEGACONNECT 4 interface converter. The necessary I²C interface on the front is available on all instrument versions. On the computer side, connection is carried out via the USB interface.

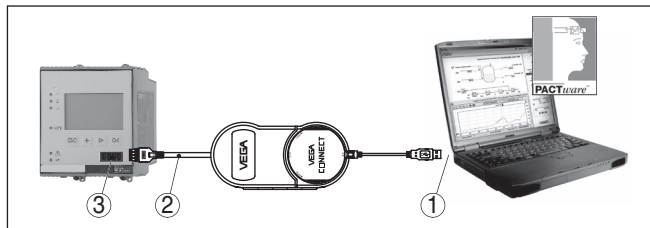


Fig. 6: Connection via VEGACONNECT

- 1 USB interface of the PC
- 2 I²C connection cable of VEGACONNECT 4
- 3 I²C interface

Connection of the PC via Ethernet

With the Ethernet interface, the instrument can be connected directly to an existing PC network. Any standard patch cable can be used. A cross-over cable must be used when connecting the instrument directly to the PC. To reduce EMC interferences, the supplied split ferrite should be connected to the Ethernet cable. Each instrument can then be accessed from anywhere in the network by a unique Host name or its own IP address. The parameter adjustment of the instrument via PACTware and DTM can be carried out from any PC. The measured values can be made available to individual users within the company network as HTML chart. As an alternative, the independent, time or event-controlled transmission of measured values via e-mail is also possible. The measured values can also be called up via a visualisation software.



Note:

To contact the instrument, the IP address or the Host name must be known. You can find this information under the menu item "Device settings". If you modify these entries, the instrument has to be restarted afterwards. Then the instrument can be reached from everywhere in the network via its IP address or Host name. These specifications must also be entered in the DTM (see chapter "Parameter adjustment with PACTware"). If the encrypted DTM remote access is activated in the signal conditioning instrument, the instrument key (PSK) must be entered during the first connection. This key can be read out via the on-site adjustment in the info menu of the signal conditioning instrument.

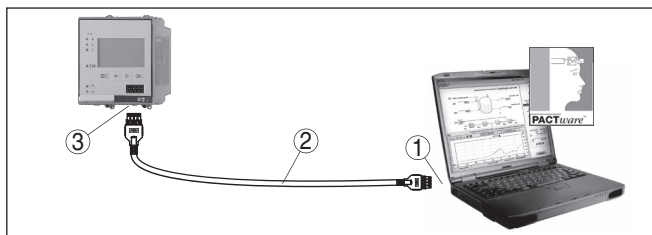


Fig. 7: Connection of the PC via Ethernet

- 1 Ethernet interface of the PC
- 2 Ethernet connection cable (Cross-Over cable)
- 3 Ethernet interface

Connection of the modem via RS232

The RS232 interface is particularly suitable for simple modem connection. External analog, ISDN and GSM modems with standard interface can be used. The necessary RS232 modem connection cable is included with the delivery. To reduce EMC interference, you should mount the supplied ferrite bead on the RS232 modem connection cable. Via a visualisation software, measured values can be retrieved remotely and further processed. Alternatively, autonomous time or event controlled transmission of measured values via e-mail is also possible. Remote parameter adjustment of the instrument and the connected sensors is also possible with PACTware.

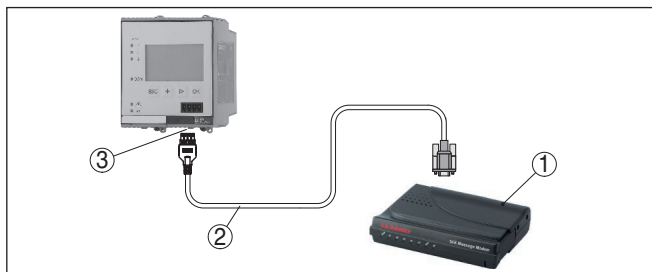


Fig. 8: Connection of the modem via RS232

- 1 Analogue, ISDN or GSM modem with RS232 interface
- 2 RS232 modem connection cable (in the scope of delivery)
- 3 RS232 interface (RJ45 plug connection)

Connection of the PC via RS232

Via the RS232 interface, direct parameter adjustment and measured value retrieval from the instrument can be carried out with PACTware. Use the RS232 modem connection cable supplied with the instrument and an additionally connected null modem cable (e.g. article no. LOG571.17347). To reduce EMC interference, you should mount the supplied ferrite bead on the RS232 modem connection cable.

If there is no RS232 interface available on the PC or if it is already occupied, you can also use a USB-RS232 adapter (e.g. article no. 2.26900).

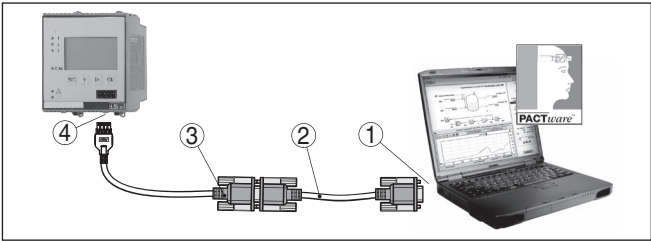


Fig. 9: Connection of the PC via RS232

- 1 RS232 interface of the PC
- 2 RS232 interlink cable (article no. LOG571.17347)
- 3 RS232 modem connection cable (in the scope of delivery)
- 4 RS232 interface (RJ45 plug connection)

Assignment RS232 modem connection cable

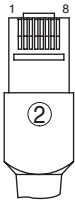
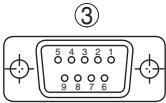
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RXD	4	2
TXD	3	3
RTS	6	7
CTS	2	8
GND	5	5
DTR	1	4

Fig. 10: Connection assignment of the RS232 modem connection cable

- 1 Name of the interface cable
- 2 Assignment of the RJ45 plug (view of contact side)
- 3 Assignment of the RS232 plug (view of soldering side)

7.2 Parameter adjustment with PACTware

Prerequisites

As an alternative to the integrated display and adjustment unit, the adjustment can be also carried out via a Windows PC. For this, the configuration software PACTware and a suitable instrument driver (DTM) according to the FDT standard are required. The current PACTware version as well as all available DTMs are compiled in a DTM Collection. Furthermore, the DTMs can be integrated into other frame applications compliant with the 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. A detailed description is available in the online help of PACTware and the DTMs as well as in the supplementary instructions manual "*RS232/Ethernet connection*".

Connection via Ethernet

To contact the instrument, the IP address or the Host name must be known. You can find this information under the menu item "*Device settings*". If the project setup is carried out without assistant (offline mode), IP address and subnet mask or the Host name must be entered in the DTM. Click in the project window with the right mouse key on the Ethernet DTM and choose "*Add. functions - Modify DTM addresses*". If the encrypted DTM remote access is activated in the signal conditioning instrument, the instrument key (PSK) must be entered during the first connection. This key can be read out via the on-site adjustment in the info menu of the signal conditioning instrument.

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.

7.3 Setup web server/e-mail, remote enquiry

Setup and application examples of the web server, the e-mail functions and the visualisation VEGA Inventory System are provided in the supplementary instructions "*RS232/Ethernet connection*".

The connection via Modbus-TCP or ASCII protocol is described in the supplementary instruction manual "*Modbus-TCP, ASCII protocol*".

Both supplementary instruction manuals are included with every instrument with RS232 or Ethernet interface.

8 Application examples

8.1 Level measurement in a horizontal cylindrical tank with overflow protection/dry run protection

Functional principle

The level is detected by a sensor and transmitted to the signal conditioning instrument by means of a 4 ... 20 mA signal. Here, an adjustment is carried out, converting the input value delivered by the sensor into a percentage value.

Due to the geometrical form of the horizontal cylindrical tank, the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level. This can be compensated by selecting the linearisation curve integrated in the instrument. This curve states the relationship between percentage level and vessel volume. If the level is to be displayed in litres, a scaling must also be carried out. For this purpose, the linearised percentage value is converted into a volume, for example with the unit litre.

Filling and emptying are controlled via relay 1 and 2, which are integrated in the signal conditioning instrument. During filling, relay mode "Overfill protection" is set. The relay is thus switched off (safe currentless state) when the max. level is exceeded, and switched on again when the min. level is underrun (switch-on point < switch-off point). During emptying, mode "Dry run protection" is used. This relay is thus switched off when the min. level is underrun (safe currentless condition), and switched on again when the max. level is exceeded (switch-on point > switch-off point).

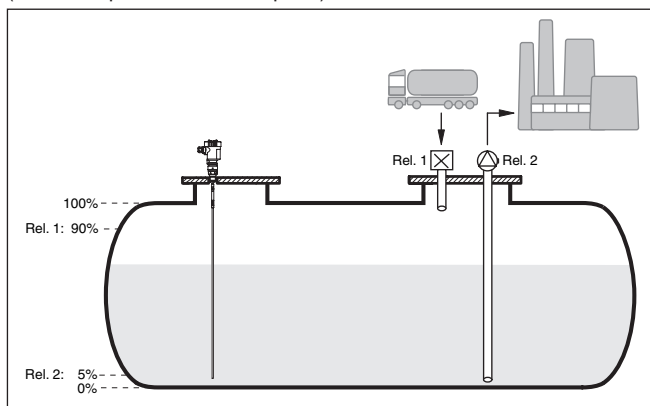


Fig. 11: Example of level measurement, horizontal cylindrical tank

Example

A horizontal cylindrical tank has a capacity of 10000 litres. The measurement is carried out with a level sensor operating according to the guided microwave principle. The filling by a tank car is controlled via relay 1 and a valve (overflow protection). The discharge is carried out via a pump and is controlled by relay 2 (dry run protection). The max. volume should be at 90 % level, this means 9538 litres with a stand-

ard vessel (according to sounding table). The min. level should be set to 5 %, this corresponds to 181 litres. The volume is to be displayed in litres.

Adjustment

Carry out the adjustment in the signal conditioning instrument as described in chapter "Setup steps". No further adjustment may be carried out in the sensor itself. For the max. adjustment, fill the vessel up to the requested max. level and accept the actually measured value. If this is not possible, the corresponding current value can also be entered. For the min. adjustment, empty the vessel down to the min. level or enter the corresponding current value.

Linearisation

To display the percentage level correctly, select under "Measurement loop - Linearization curve" the entry "Horiz. cylindrical tank".

Scaling

To display the volume in litres, you have to enter "Volume" as the unit in litres under "Measurement loop - Scaling". The allocation is then carried out, in this example 100 % \pm 10000 litres and 0 % \pm 0 litres.

Relay

Percent is selected as reference value for the relays. The mode of relay 1 is set to overflow protection, relay 2 must be activated and gets mode dry run protection. To ensure that the pump switches off in case of failure, the reaction in case of failure should be set to switching status OFF. The switching points are set as follows:

- **Relay 1:** Switch-off point 90 %, switch-on point 85 %
- **Relay 2:** Switch-off point 5 %, switch-on point 10 %



Information:

The switch-on and switch-off point of the relays must not be set to the same switching point because this would cause a continuous switching on and off when this threshold is reached. To avoid this effect also with fluctuating product surfaces, it is a good idea to set a difference (hysteresis) of 5 % between the switching points.

8.2 Pump control 1/2 (run time controlled)

Functional principle

Pump control 1/2 is used to control several pumps with the same function, in dependence on their respective elapsed running times. The pump with the shortest elapsed running time is switched on and the pump with the longest running time switched off. In case of increased pumping requirement, all pumps can also run at the same time, in dependence on the entered switching points. This measure achieves an even utilization of the pumps and increases operational reliability.

All relays with activated pump control are not assigned to a certain switching point but are switched on or off depending on the accumulated operating time. The signal conditioning instrument selects the relay with the shortest elapsed operating time when the switch-on point is reached and the relay with the longest elapsed operating time when the switch-off point is reached.

This pump control system offers two different options:

- Pump control 1: The upper switching point determines the switch-off point for the relay, whereas the lower switching point determines the switch-on point
- Pump control 2: The upper switching point determines the switch-on point for the relay, whereas the lower switching point determines the switch-off point

Example

Two pumps should empty the vessel when a certain level is reached. At 80 % filling, the pump with the shortest elapsed running time should switch on. If the level nevertheless increases, a second pump should switch on at 90 %. Both pumps should switch off again at 10 % filling.

Setup

Select in the DTM navigation section the menu items "Meas. loop - Outputs - Relay".

- Set mode "Pump control 2" for relay 1 and 2.
- Enter the switching points for the affected relays as follows:
 - Relay 1 upper switching point = 80.0 %
 - Relay 1 lower switching point = 10.0 %
 - Relay 2 upper switching point = 90.0 %
 - Relay 2 lower switching point = 10.0 %

The function of pump control 2 is shown in detail in the following diagram. The previously described example is used as a basis.

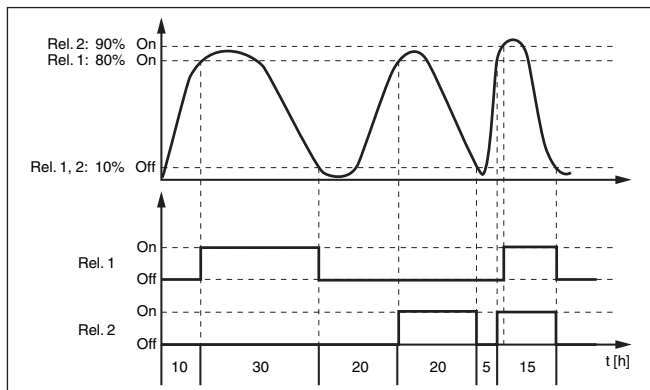


Fig. 12: Example of pump control 2

Switch-on behaviour of pump control 2

When the signal conditioning instrument is switched on, the relays are at first in a switched-off status. Depending on the actual input signal and the switched-on period of the individual relays, the following relay switching conditions can occur after the start procedure:

- Input signal is higher than the upper switching point -> Relay with the shortest switched-on period is switched on
- Input signal is between lower and upper switching point -> Relay remains switched off

- Input signal is smaller than the lower switching point -> Relay remains switched off

Option, forced switchover If the level has not changed over a longer period, the same pump would always remain switched on. Via the parameter "*Switchover time*", a time can be preset which, after it is elapsed, forces a switchover of the pump. Which pump is switched on depends on the selected pump mode. If all pumps are already switched on, the pump remains switched on. This function can only be set with a PC and DTM.



Note:

If the pump is already switched on when the forced switchover is activated, the timer is not started. Only after the pump is switched off and on again will the timer start. If a switch-off delay is set, it will not be taken into account, i.e. the switchover is carried out exactly after the preset time for the forced switchover expires. A preset switch-on delay, however, is taken into account, i.e. the forced switchover to another pump is carried out after the preset time expires. Before the newly selected pump switches on, the preset switch-on delay for this pump must have expired.

8.3 Tendency recognition

Functional principle

The function of the tendency recognition is to recognize a defined change within a certain time period and transfer this information to a relay output.

Principle of operation

The information for tendency recognition is generated from the measured value change per time unit. The output variable is always the measured value in percent. This function can be configured for rising and falling tendency. The actual measured value is determined and summed with a sampling rate of one second. After the max. reaction time has elapsed, the average value is generated from this sum. The real measured value change results from the newly calculated average value minus the previously calculated average value. If this difference exceeds the defined percentage value, the tendency recognition function responds and the relay deenergises.



Note:

Activation and configuration of tendency recognition requires PACTware with the suitable DTM. The respective parameters cannot be set via the integrated display and adjustment unit.

Parameter

- **Measured value change higher:** Measured value change per time unit, at which the tendency recognition should respond
- **Max. reaction time:** Time after which a new average value is calculated and the measured value change is recalculated
- **Hysteresis:** is automatically always 10 % of the value of "*Measured value change larger than*"
- **Reaction in case of failure:** In case of a failure, the relay goes into the defined condition

**Note:**

After a switching on or a fault occurs, two complete cycles must elapse before a measured value difference can be calculated and a tendency outputted.

Example

The level in a basin is to be monitored for rising tendency. If the rise is higher than 25 % per minute, an additional emptying pump should be switched on. The max. reaction time should be one minute. In case of a fault, the pump should be switched off.

Setup

Select in the DTM navigation section the menu items "Meas. loop - Outputs - Relay".

- E.g. set for relay 1 the mode "Rising tendency"
- Select under "Reaction in case of failure" the option "Switching condition off"
- Enter the following values into the parameter fields:
 - Measured value more than 25 %/min.
 - Max. reaction time 1 min.

The function of the tendency recognition is shown in detail in the following diagram. The previously described example is used as a basis.

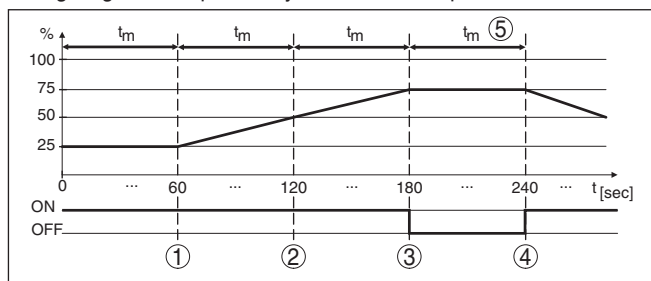


Fig. 13: Example of tendency recognition

- 1 Old average value = 25 %, new average value = 25 %
Difference < 25 % -> Relay ON
- 2 Old average value = 25 %, new average value = 37.5 %
Difference < 25 % -> Relay ON
- 3 Old average value = 37.5 %, new average value = 62.5 %
Difference = 25 % -> Relay OFF
- 4 Old average value = 62.5 %, new average value = 75 %
Difference < 25 % -> Relay ON
- 5 t_m -> max. reaction time

8.4 Flow measurement

Functional principle

For flow measurement in open flumes, a constriction or standard flume must be used. Depending on the flow volume, this constriction generates a certain level of backwater. The flow rate can be determined from the height of this backwater. The flow volume is outputted via an appropriate number of pulses on the relay or current output.

Flume

Every flume generates a different level of backwater depending on its type and version. The specifications of the following flumes are available in the instrument:

- Palmer-Bowlus flume
- Venturi flume, trapezoidal weir, rectangular overflow
- Triangular overflow, V-notch

Setup

The configuration of the flow measurement loop requires PACTware with the suitable DTMs. The example refers to a flow measurement with a radar sensor. The following setup steps must be carried out:

- Selection of the parameter "Flow"
- Carry out adjustment
- Select flume (linearization)
- Set scaling
- Set parameters of pulse outputs

Parameter - Flow

Select in the DTM window "Parameter" the option "Flow" with the requested unit of measurement.

Adjustment

Min. adjustment: Enter the suitable value for 0 %, i.e. the distance from the sensor to the medium when there is no flow. In the following example this is 1.40 m.

Max. adjustment: Enter the suitable value for 100 %, i.e. the distance from the sensor to the medium when there is maximum flow rate. This is 0.80 m in the following example.

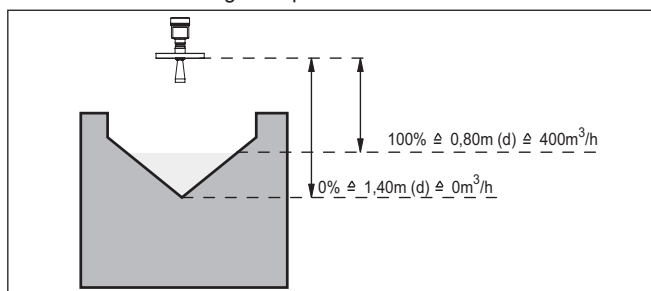


Fig. 14: Adjustment of flow measurement with V-notch

Linearisation curve

Select in the DTM window "Linearization" the option "Flow" and then the flume type used (V-notch in the above example).

Scaling

Select in the DTM window "Scaling" under "Parameter" the option "Flow". Then the allocation of values must be carried out, i.e. a flow volume is assigned to the 0 and 100 % values respectively. In the last step, select the requested meas. unit. For the above example: 0 % = 0 and 100 % = 400, meas. unit m³/h.

Outputs

First of all decide if you want to use a relay and/or a current output. In the DTM window "*Outputs*" you can use any of the three outputs as long as these are not yet used for other tasks.

Then select under "*Mode*" (relay) or "*Output characteristics*" (current output) the option "*Flow volume pulse*" or "*Sampling pulse*". Enter under "*Pulse output all*" the flow volume after which a pulse should be outputted (e.g. 400 m³ corresponds to one pulse per hour with a flow volume of 400 m³/h).

In mode "*Sampling pulse*" an additional pulse is outputted after a defined time. This means that a timer is started after each pulse, after which another pulse is outputted. This only applies if a pulse was not already outputted after the flow volume was exceeded.

Due to sludge at the bottom of the flume, it can happen that the min. level value originally set can no longer be reached. The result is that small flow quantities will be continuously detected despite the "empty" flume. The option "*Min. flow volume suppression*" offers the option of suppressing measured flow volumes below a certain percentage value for flow volume detection.

9 Maintenance and fault rectification

9.1 Maintenance

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

9.2 Rectify faults

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

Reaction when malfunction occurs

Causes of malfunction

Maximum reliability is ensured. Nevertheless, faults can occur during operation. These may be caused by the following, e.g.:

- Measured value from sensor not correct
- Voltage supply
- Interference in the cables

Fault rectification

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

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.

Status messages

When the connected sensor is provided with a self-monitoring according to NE 107, the probably occurring status messages are passed on and outputted on the VEGAMET indication. Requirement is that the HART input of the VEGAMET is activated. You can find further information in the operating instructions manual of the sensor.

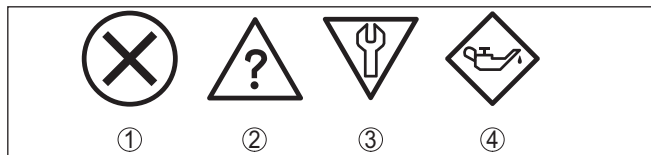


Fig. 15: Pictographs of the status messages

- 1 Failure
- 2 Function check
- 3 Out of specification
- 4 Maintenance requirement

Fault message

The signal conditioning instrument and the connected sensors are permanently monitored during operation and the values entered during parameter adjustment are checked for plausibility. If irregularities occur or in case of incorrect parameter adjustment, a fault signal is

triggered. In case of an instrument defect or line break/shortcircuit, a fault signal is also triggered.

The fail safe relay deenergises in case of failure, the failure indication lights and the current outputs react according to their configured control behaviour. In addition, one of the following fault messages is outputted on the display.

Error code	Cause	Rectification
E003	CRC error (error with self-check)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Carry out a reset – Send instrument for repair
E007	Sensor type not compatible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Search for sensor again and allocate under "<i>Meas. loop - Input</i>"
E008	Sensor not found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check connection of the sensor – Check HART address of the sensor
E013	Sensor signals error, no valid measured value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check sensor parameter adjustment – Send sensor for repair
E014	Sensor current > 21 mA or short-circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check sensor, e.g. on failure – Remove short-circuit
E015	Sensor in boot phase Sensor current < 3.6 mA or line break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check sensor, e.g. on failure – Remove line break – Check connection of the sensor
E016	Empty/full adjustment reversed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Carry out a fresh adjustment
E017	Adjustment span too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Carry out a fresh adjustment and increase the distance between min. and max. adjustment
E021	Scaling span too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Carry out a fresh scaling, increase the distance between min. and max. scaling.
E030	Sensor in boot phase Measured value not valid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check sensor parameter adjustment
E034	EEPROM CRC error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Switch the instrument off and on – Carry out a reset – Send instrument for repair
E035	ROM CRC error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Switch the instrument off and on – Carry out a reset – Send instrument for repair
E036	Instrument software not executable (during software update and after failed update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Wait until software update is finished – Carry out another software update
E053	Sensor measuring range is not read correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Communication error: Check sensor cable and screening

Error code	Cause	Rectification
E062	Pulse priority too small	– Increase under "Output" the entry "Pulse output all" so that max. one pulse per second is outputted.
E110	Relay switching points too close together	– Increase the difference between the two relay switching points
E111	Relay switching points interchanged	– Change relay switching points for "On/Off"
E115	Several relays are assigned to the pump control which are not set to the same failure mode	– All relays which are assigned to the pump control must be set to the same failure mode
E116	Several relays that are not configured with the same mode are assigned to the pump control	– All relays which are assigned to the pump control must be set to the same mode

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.

9.3 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.

10 Dismount

10.1 Dismounting steps

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

10.2 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 2002/96/EG

This instrument is not subject to the WEEE directive 2002/96/EG and the respective national laws. Pass the instrument directly on to a specialised recycling company and do not use the municipal collecting points. These may be used only for privately used products according to the WEEE directive.

Correct disposal avoids negative effects on humans and the environment and ensures recycling of useful raw materials.

Materials: see chapter "*Technical data*"

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

11 Supplement

11.1 Technical data

Note for approved instruments

The technical data in the respective safety instructions are valid for approved instruments (e.g. with Ex approval). In some cases, these data can differ from the data listed herein.

General data

Series	Module unit with plug-in socket for mounting on carrier rail (35 x 7.5 according to DIN EN 50022/60715)
Weight	500 g (1.10 lbs)
Housing materials	Noryl SE100, Lexan 920A
Socket materials	Noryl SE100, Noryl SE1 GFN3
Connection terminals	
– Type of terminal	Screw terminal
– Max. wire cross-section	1.5 mm ² (AWG 16)

Voltage supply

Operating voltage	
– Nominal voltage AC	24 ... 230 V (-15 %, +10 %) 50/60 Hz
– Nominal voltage DC	24 ... 65 V DC (-15 %, +10 %)
Max. power consumption	12 VA; 7.5 W

Sensor input

Number of sensors	1 x 4 ... 20 mA (HART)
Type of input (selectable)	
– Active input	Sensor supply through VEGAMET 624
– Passive input	Sensor has an own power supply
Measured value transmission (switchable)	
– HART protocol	digital for VEGA HART sensors
– 4 ... 20 mA	analogue for 4 ... 20 mA sensors
Deviation	
– Accuracy	±20 µA (0.1 % of 20 mA)
Terminal voltage	
– Non-Ex version	28.5 ... 22 V at 4 ... 20 mA
– Ex version	19 ... 15 V at 4 ... 20 mA
Current limitation	approx. 45 mA (26 mA with Ex)
Detection line break	≤ 3.6 mA
Detection shortcircuit	≥ 21 mA
Adjustment range 4 ... 20 mA sensor	
– Empty adjustment	2.4 ... 21.6 mA
– Full adjustment	2.4 ... 21.6 mA

– min. adjustment delta	16 μ A
– Adjustment range HART sensor	– Adjustment range
$\pm 10\%$ of sensor measuring range	– min. adjustment delta
0.1 % of sensor measuring range	– Connection cable to the sensor
two-wire screened standard cable	

Relay outputs

Quantity	3 x operating relay, 1 x fail safe relay
Function	Switching relay for level or pulse relay for flow/sampling pulse
Contact	Floating spdt
Contact material	AgSnO ₂ , hard gold-plated
Switching voltage	min. 10 mV DC, max. 250 V AC/DC
Switching current	min. 10 μ A DC, max. 3 A AC, 1 A DC
Breaking capacity ¹⁾	min. 50 mW, max. 750 VA, max. 40 W DC
Min. programmable switching hysteresis	0.1 %
– Fault signal (switch over)	Switching condition off; unchanged
Mode pulse output	
– Pulse length	350 ms

Current outputs

Quantity	3 x outputs
Function	Current output for level or flow/sampling pulse
Range	0/4 ... 20 mA, 20 ... 0/4 mA
Resolution	1 μ A
Max. load	500 Ω
Fault signal (switch over)	0; 3,6; 4; 20; 20.5; 22 mA, unchanged
Accuracy	$\pm 20 \mu$ A (0.1 % of 20 mA)
Temperature error relating to 20 mA	0.005 %/K
Mode pulse output	
– Voltage pulse	12 V DC at 20 mA with load 600 Ω
– Pulse length	200 ms

I²C interface for VEGACONNECT

Quantity	1 x on front plate
Plug connection	I ² C socket 4-pole for VEGACONNECT

Ethernet interface (optional)

Quantity	1 x, cannot be combined with RS232
Data transmission	10/100 MBit

¹⁾ If inductive loads or stronger currents are switched through, the gold plating on the relay contact surface will be permanently damaged. The contact is then no longer suitable for switching low-level signal circuits.

Plug connection	RJ45
Max. cable length	100 m (3937 in)

RS232 interface (optional)

Quantity	1 x, cannot be combined with Ethernet
Plug connection	RJ45 (modern connection cable on 9-pole D-SUB in the scope of delivery)
Max. cable length	15 m (590 in)

Indicators

Measured value indication	
– Graphic-capable LC display, with lighting	50 x 25 mm, digital and quasianalogue display
– Max. indicating range	-99999 ... 99999
LED displays	
– Status, operating voltage	1 x LED green
– Status, fault signal	1 x LED red
– Status operating relay 1/2/3	3 x LED yellow
– Status interface	1 x LED green

Adjustment

Adjustment elements	4 x keys for menu adjustment
PC adjustment	PACTware with respective DTM

Ambient conditions

Ambient temperature	-20 ... +60 °C (-4 ... +140 °F)
Storage and transport temperature	-40 ... +80 °C (-40 ... +176 °F)
Relative humidity	< 96 %

Electrical protective measures

Protection rating	
– Instrument	IP 30
– Terminal socket	IP 20
Overvoltage category (IEC 61010-1)	
– up to 2000 m (6562 ft) above sea level	II
– up to 5000 m (16404 ft) above sea level	II - Only with connected overvoltage protection
– up to 5000 m (16404 ft) above sea level	I
Protection class	II
Pollution degree	2

Measures for electrical separation

Reliable separation according to VDE 0106 (part 1) between power supply, input and digital component

- Reference voltage 250 V
- Voltage resistance of the insulation 3.75 kV

Galvanic separation between relay output and digital part

- Reference voltage 250 V
- Voltage resistance of the insulation 4 kV

Potential separation between Ethernet interface and digital part

- Reference voltage 50 V
- Voltage resistance of the insulation 1 kV

Potential separation between RS232 interface and digital part

- Reference voltage 50 V
- Voltage resistance of the insulation 50 V

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.

11.2 Overview applications/functionality

The following charts provide an overview of the standard applications and functions of signal conditioning instruments VEGAMET 391/624/625 and VEGASCAN 693. They also give information about whether the respective function can be activated and adjusted via the integrated indicating and adjustment unit (OP) or via PACTware/DTM.²⁾

Application/Function	391	624	625	693	OP	DTM
Level measurement	•	•	•	•	•	•
Process pressure measurement	•	•	•	•	•	•
Differential measurement	-	-	•	-	•	•
Interface measurement	-	-	•	-	•	•
Pressurized vessel	-	-	•	-	-	•
Pump control	•	•	•	-	• ³⁾	•
Totalizer	•	-	-	-	-	•
Tendency recognition	•	•	•	-	-	•
Flow measurement	•	•	•	-	-	•
Simulation sensor value/%-value/lin-%-value	•	•	•	•	•	•
Simulation scaled values	•	•	•	•	-	•
Live adjustment	•	•	•	•	•	-

²⁾ Operating Panel (integrated display and adjustment unit)

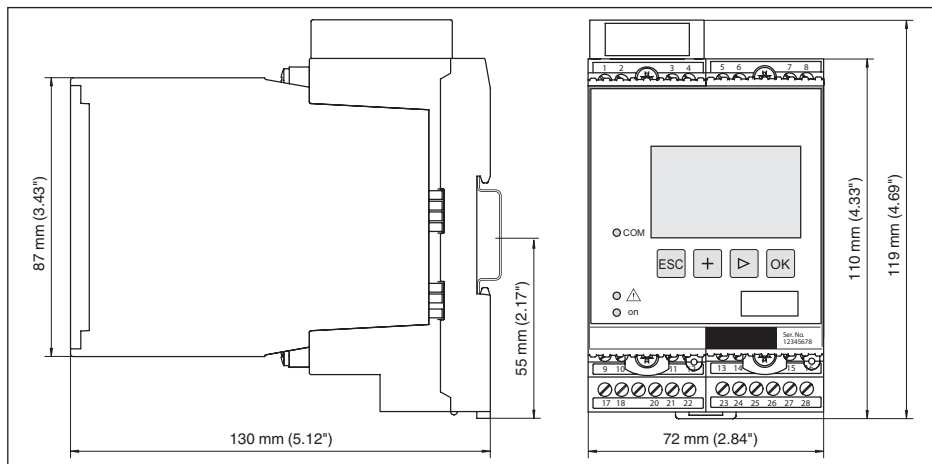
³⁾ only with VEGAMET 391

Application/Function	391	624	625	693	OP	DTM
Measured value limitation (suppression of negative measured values)	•	•	•	•	-	•
Selection linearisation curve (cylindrical tank, spherical tank)	•	•	•	•	•	•
Creation of individual linearisation curves	•	•	•	•	-	•
Allocate fail safe relay	•	•	•	•	-	•
Modify allocation of outputs	•	•	•	•	-	•
Switch on/Switch off delay relay	•	•	•	-	-	•
Passive input with Ex version	-	-	-	-	-	-
Modify HART address of the connected sensors	•	•	•	•	•	•
Activate/deactivate measurement loop	-	-	-	•	•	•

Instrument version with interface option

Application/Function	391	624	625	693	OP	DTM
Set the time	•	•	•	•	•	•
Assign/modify IP-addr./Subnet mask/Gateway addr.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Assign/modify DNS server addr.	•	•	•	•	-	•
Parameter adjustment of PC/DCS output	•	•	•	•	-	•
VEGA Inventory System settings	•	•	•	•	-	•
Device trend	•	•	•	•	-	•
Configure transmission of measured values via e-mail	•	•	•	•	-	•
Configure transmission of measured values via SMS	•	•	•	•	-	•

11.3 Dimensions



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