

# Operating Instructions

**Radar sensor for continuous level  
measurement of liquids**

## **VEGAPULS 66**

Modbus and Levelmaster protocol

Standpipe version



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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

This symbol on the front page of this instruction refers to the Document ID. By entering the Document ID on [www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com) you will reach the document download.



#### 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.



#### List

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



#### Action

This arrow indicates a single action.



#### 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 66 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.

### 2.3 Warning about incorrect use

Inappropriate or incorrect use of this product can give rise to application-specific hazards, e.g. vessel overfill through incorrect mounting or adjustment. Damage to property and persons or environmental contamination can result. Also, the protective characteristics of the instrument can be impaired.

### 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 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 read in this operating instructions manual.

Depending on the instrument version, the emitting frequencies are in the C, K or W band range. The low emission power is far below the internationally approved limit values. When used correctly, the device poses no danger to health.

## 2.5 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](http://www.vega.com/downloads).

## 2.6 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 53 – Compatibility of field devices and display/adjustment components
- NE 107 - Self-monitoring and diagnosis of field devices

For further information see [www.namur.de](http://www.namur.de).

## 2.7 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.

## 2.8 Radio license for USA

This approval is only valid for USA. Hence the following text is only available in the English language.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause interference, and
- This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device

This device is approved for unrestricted use only inside closed, stationary vessels made of metal, reinforced fiberglass or concrete.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

## 2.9 Radio license for Canada

This approval is only valid for Canada. Hence the following texts are only available in the English/French language.

This device complies with Industry Canada's license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following conditions:

- This device may not cause interference, and
- This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device

This device has been approved for closed containers with the following limitations:

- Closed Containers: For installations utilizing a tilt during installation: This device is limited to installation in a completely enclosed container made of metal, reinforced fiberglass or concrete to prevent RF emissions, which can otherwise interfere with aeronautical navigation, the maximum approved tilt angle is 10°.
- The installation of the LPR/TLPR device shall be done by trained installers, in strict compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- The use of this device is on a "no-interference, no-protection" basis. That is, the user shall accept operations of high-powered radar in the same frequency band which may interfere with or damage this device.
- However, devices found to interfere with primary licensing operations will be required to be removed at the user's expense.
- The installer/user of this device shall ensure that it is at least 10 km from the Dominion Astrophysical Radio Observatory (DRAO) near Penticton, British Columbia. The coordinates of the DRAO are latitude 49°19'15" N and longitude 119°37'12"W. For devices not meeting this 10 km separation (e.g., those in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia,) the installer/user must coordinate with, and obtain the written concurrence of, the Director of the DRAO before the equipment can be installed or operated. The Director of the DRAO may be contacted at 250-497-2300 (tel.) or 250-497-2355 (fax). (Alternatively, the Manager, Regulatory Standards, Industry Canada, may be contacted.)

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux conditions suivantes:

- L'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage; et
- L'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet appareil est homologué pour une utilisation dans les cuves fermées avec les restrictions suivantes :

- Cuves fermées : Pour les installations impliquant une inclinaison lors de l'installation : cet appareil ne doit être installé que dans une cuve totalement fermée en métal ou en béton, pour empêcher les

émissions RF susceptibles d'interférer avec la navigation aéronautique. L'angle d'inclinaison maximum autorisé est de 10°.

- L'installation d'un dispositif LPR ou TLPR doit être effectuée par des installateurs qualifiés, en pleine conformité avec les instructions du fabricant.
- Ce dispositif ne peut être exploité qu'en régime de non-brouillage et de non-protection, c'est-à-dire que l'utilisateur doit accepter que des radars de haute puissance de la même bande de fréquences puissent brouiller ce dispositif ou même l'endommager. D'autre part, les capteurs de niveau qui perturbent une exploitation autorisée par licence de fonctionnement principal doivent être enlevés aux frais de leur utilisateur.
- La personne qui installe/utilise ce capteur de niveau doit s'assurer qu'il se trouve à au moins 10 km de l'Observatoire fédéral de radioastrophysique (OFR) de Penticton en Colombie-Britannique. Les coordonnées de l'OFR sont : latitude N 49° 19' 15", longitude O 119° 37' 12". La personne qui installe/utilise un dispositif ne pouvant respecter cette distance de 10km (p. ex. dans la vallée de l'Okanagan [Colombie-Britannique]) doit se concerter avec le directeur de l'OFR afin d'obtenir de sa part une autorisation écrite avant que l'équipement ne puisse être installé ou mis en marche. Le directeur de l'OFR peut être contacté au 250-497-2300 (tél.) ou au 250-497-2355 (fax). (Le Directeur des Normes réglementaires d'Industrie Canada peut également être contacté).

## 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

#### Type label

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

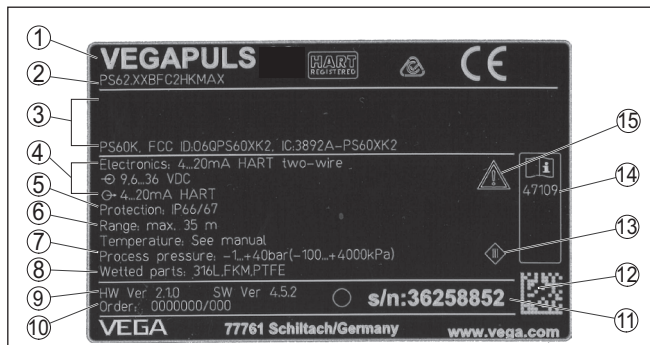


Fig. 1: Layout of the type label (example)

- 1 Instrument type
- 2 Product code
- 3 Approvals
- 4 Power supply and signal output, electronics
- 5 Protection rating
- 6 Measuring range
- 7 Process and ambient temperature, process pressure
- 8 Material wetted parts
- 9 Hardware and software version
- 10 Order number
- 11 Serial number of the instrument
- 12 Data matrix code for VEGA Tools app
- 13 Symbol of the device protection class
- 14 ID numbers, instrument documentation
- 15 Reminder to observe the instrument documentation

#### Serial number - Instrument search

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

- Product code (HTML)
- Delivery date (HTML)
- Order-specific instrument features (HTML)
- Operating instructions and quick setup guide at the time of shipment (PDF)
- Order-specific sensor data for an electronics exchange (XML)
- Test certificate (PDF) - optional

Go to "[www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com)", "Search". 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

## Electronics design

The instrument contains two different electronics in its housing chambers:

- The Modbus electronics for power supply and communication with the Modbus-RTU
- The sensor electronics for the actual measuring tasks

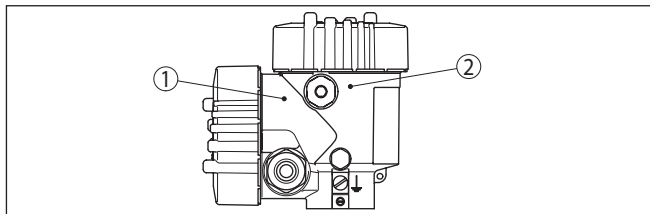


Fig. 2: Position of Modbus and sensor electronics

- 1 Modbus electronics  
2 Sensor electronics

## Scope of this operating instructions

This operating instructions manual applies to the following instrument versions:

- Hardware from 2.1.0
- Software from 4.5.3

## Versions of the sensor electronics

The instrument is available in two different sensor electronics versions. The selection depends on the application area, see chapter "Principle of operation".

This version can be determined via the product code on the type label as well as on the electronics.

- Standard electronics type PS60HK.-
- Electronics with increased sensitivity type PS60HS.-

## Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery encompasses:

- Radar sensor
- Documentation
  - Quick setup guide VEGAPULS 66
  - Instructions for optional instrument features
  - Ex-specific "Safety instructions" (with Ex versions)
  - If necessary, further certificates



### Information:

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

## Application area

### 3.2 Principle of operation

The instrument is suitable for the measurement of liquids under difficult and extreme process conditions. Application possibilities can be found in the chemical industry, in environmental and recycling technology as well as in the petrochemical industry.

The version with standpipe antenna is particularly suitable for measurement of solvents and liquid gases, for vessels with foam generation or for measurement of products with low dielectric values ( $DK > 1.6$ ).

Measurement in a standpipe is not recommended for extremely adhesive products.

The instrument can be used with products with an  $\epsilon_r$  value  $\geq 1.8$ . The actually achievable value depends on the measuring conditions, the antenna system, the standpipe or bypass.

## 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.

## 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 see chapter "Supplement - Technical data - Ambient conditions"
- Relative humidity 20 ... 85 %

### Storage and transport temperature

### 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.

### 3.4 Accessories and replacement parts

#### PLICSCOM

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, the adjustment software 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).

#### PLICSMOBILE T81

PLICSMOBILE T81 is an external GSM/GPRS/UMTS radio unit for transmission of measured values and for remote parameter adjustment of HART sensors. The adjustment is carried out via a PC with PACTware and the corresponding DTM or via smartphone/tablet with the VEGA Tools app. The connection is made via the Bluetooth interface integrated in PLICSMOBILE.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*PLICSMOBILE T81/B81/S81*" (Document-ID 55234).

#### Flanges

Screwed flanges are available in different versions according to the following standards: DIN 2501, EN 1092-1, BS 10, ASME 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*".

#### 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).

### 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 36801).

### Supplementary electronics for Modbus

The supplementary electronics is a replacement part for sensors with signal output Modbus.

You can find further information in the operating instructions "*Supplementary electronics for Modbus*" (Document-ID 41864).

## 4 Mounting

### 4.1 General instructions

#### Screwing in

On devices with a threaded fitting, the hexagon on the process fitting must be tightened with a suitable wrench.

See chapter "*Dimensions*" for wrench size.



#### Warning:

The housing or the electrical connection may not be used for screwing in! Tightening can cause damage, e. g. to the rotation mechanism of the housing.

#### Protection against moisture

Protect your instrument against moisture ingress through the following measures:

- Use a suitable connection cable (see chapter "*Connecting to power supply*")
- Tighten the cable gland or plug connector
- When mounting horizontally, turn the housing so that the cable gland or plug connector point downward
- Lead the connection cable downward in front of the cable entry or plug connector.

This applies mainly to outdoor installations, in areas where high humidity is expected (e.g. through cleaning processes) and 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.

#### Suitability for the process conditions

Make sure before mounting that all parts of the instrument exposed to the process are suitable for the existing process conditions.

These are mainly:

- Active measuring component
- Process fitting
- Process seal

Process conditions in particular are:

- Process pressure
- Process temperature
- Chemical properties of the medium
- Abrasion and mechanical influences

You can find detailed information on the process conditions in chapter "*Technical data*" as well as on the type label.

#### Suitability for the ambient conditions

The instrument is suitable for standard and extended ambient conditions acc. to IEC/EN 61010-1.

**Mounting****4.2 Mounting instructions**

By using the standpipe version, the influence of turbulence and vessel installations, such as e.g. heating spirals or agitators, is excluded. If turbulence or vigorous product movement occurs in the vessel, long standpipe antennas should be fastened to the vessel wall.

The standpipe antenna must extend all the way down to the requested min. level, as measurement is only possible within the tube. If a good mixing of the product is important, you should use a version with perforated surge pipe.

## 5 Connecting to power supply and bus system

### 5.1 Preparing the connection

#### Safety instructions

Always keep in mind the following safety instructions:

- Carry out electrical connection by trained, qualified personnel authorised by the plant operator
- If overvoltage surges are expected, overvoltage arresters should be installed



#### Warning:

Connect only in the complete absence of line voltage.

#### Voltage supply

The instrument requires an operating voltage of 8 ... 30 V DC. Operating voltage and digital bus signal are carried on separate two-wire connection cables.

#### Connection cable

The instrument is connected with standard two-wire, twisted cable suitable for RS 485. 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. Use a cable gland suitable for the cable diameter to ensure the seal effect of the cable gland (IP protection rating).

Make sure that the entire installation is carried out according to the Fieldbus specification. In particular, make sure that the bus is terminated with suitable terminating resistors.

#### 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.

On plastic housings, the NPT cable gland or the Conduit steel tube must be screwed into the threaded insert without grease.

Max. torque for all housings, see chapter "Technical data".



## Cable screening and grounding

Make sure that the cable screen and grounding are carried out according to Fieldbus specification. We recommend to connect the cable screening to ground potential on both ends.

In systems with potential equalisation, connect the cable screening directly to ground potential at the power supply unit and the sensor. The cable screening in the sensor must be connected directly to the internal ground terminal. The ground terminal outside on the housing must be connected to the potential equalisation (low impedance).

## 5.2 Connecting

### Connection technology

The voltage supply and signal output are connected via the spring-loaded terminals in the housing.

Connection to the display and adjustment module or to the interface adapter is carried out via contact pins in the housing.



#### Information:

The terminal block is pluggable and can be removed from the electronics. To do this, lift the terminal block with a small screwdriver and pull it out. When reinserting the terminal block, you should hear it snap in.

### 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 (signal 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



Fig. 3: Connection steps 5 and 6

5. Insert the wire ends into the terminals according to the wiring plan

**Information:**

Solid cores as well as flexible cores with wire end sleeves are inserted directly into the terminal openings. In case of flexible cores without end sleeves, press the terminal from above with a small screwdriver, the terminal opening is then free. When the screwdriver is released, the terminal closes again.

6. Check the hold of the wires in the terminals by lightly pulling on them
7. Connect the cable screening to the internal ground terminal, connect the outer ground terminal to potential equalisation in case of power supply via low voltage
8. Connect the lead cable for voltage supply in the same way according to the wiring plan, in addition connect the ground conductor to the inner ground terminal when powered with mains voltage.
9. Tighten the compression nut of the cable glands. The seal ring must completely encircle the cables
10. Screw the housing lid back on

The electrical connection is finished.

**Information:**

The terminal blocks are pluggable and can be removed from the housing insert. To do this, lift the terminal block with a small screwdriver and pull it out. When inserting the terminal block again, you should hear it snap in.

### 5.3 Wiring plan, double chamber housing

#### Overview

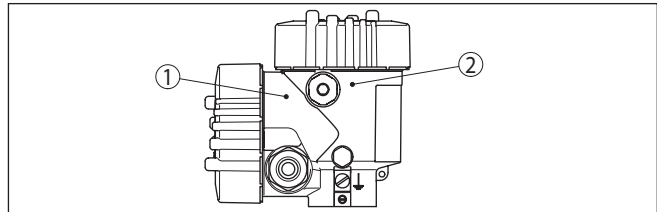


Fig. 4: Position of connection compartment (Modbus electronics) and electronics compartment (sensor electronics)

- 1 Connection compartment
- 2 Electronics compartment

### Electronics compartment

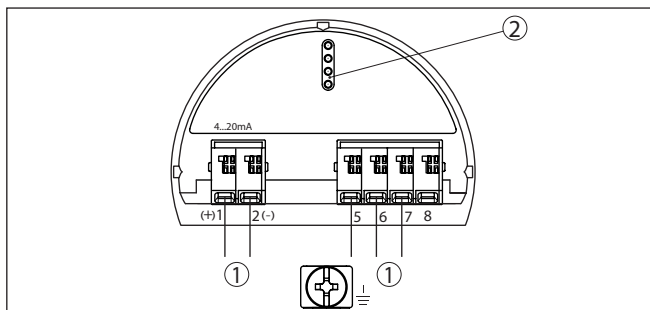


Fig. 5: Electronics compartment - double chamber housing

- 1 Internal connection to the connection compartment
- 2 For display and adjustment module or interface adapter

### Connection compartment

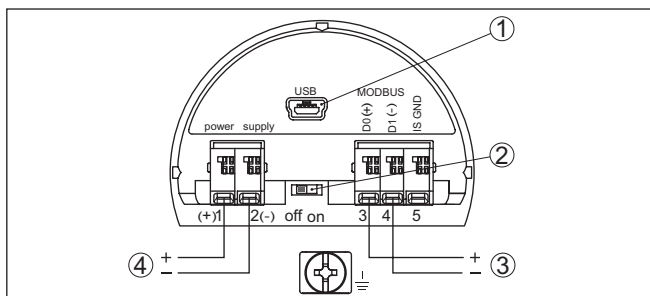


Fig. 6: Connection compartment

- 1 USB interface
- 2 Slide switch for integrated termination resistor (120 Ω)
- 3 Modbus signal
- 4 Voltage supply

Terminal	Function	Polarity
1	Voltage supply	+
2	Voltage supply	-
3	Modbus signal D0	+
4	Modbus signal D1	-
5	Function ground when installing according to CSA (Canadian Standards Association)	

### 5.4 Double chamber housing with VEGADIS-Adapter

Electronics compartment

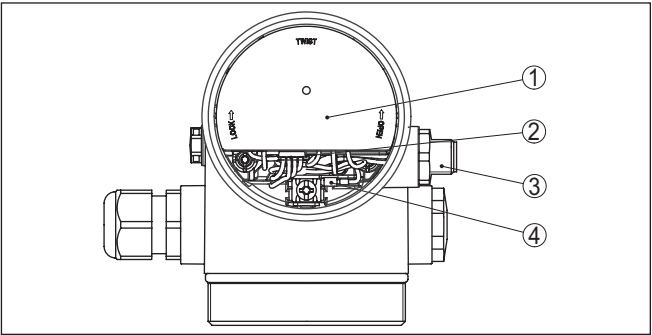


Fig. 7: View to the electronics compartment with VEGADIS adapter for connection of the external display and adjustment unit

- 1 VEGADIS adapter
- 2 Internal plug connection
- 3 Plug connector M12 x 1

Assignment of the plug connector

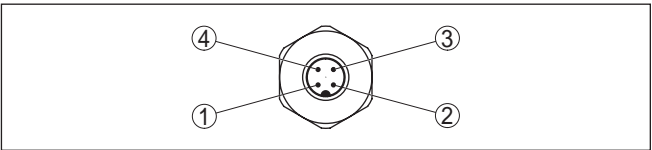


Fig. 8: View to the plug connector M12 x 1

- 1 Pin 1
- 2 Pin 2
- 3 Pin 3
- 4 Pin 4

Contact pin	Colour, connection cable in the sensor	Terminal, electronics module
Pin 1	Brown	5
Pin 2	White	6
Pin 3	Blue	7
Pin 4	Black	8

### 5.5 Switch-on phase

After VEGAPULS 66 is connected to the bus system, the instrument carries out a self-test for approx. 30 seconds. The following steps are carried out:

- Internal check of the electronics
- Indication of a status message, e.g. "F 105 Determine measured value" on the display or PC
- Status byte goes briefly to fault value

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Then the actual measured value is output to the signal cable. The value takes into account settings that have already been carried out, e.g. default setting.

## 6 Set up the sensor with the display and adjustment module

### 6.1 Adjustment volume

The display and adjustment module is only used for parameter adjustment of the sensor, i.e. for adaptation to the measurement task.

The parameter adjustment of the Modbus interface is carried out via a PC with PACTware. You can find the procedure in chapter "*Set up sensor and Modbus interface with PACTware*".

### 6.2 Insert display and adjustment module

The display and adjustment module can be inserted into the sensor and removed again at any time. You can choose any one of four different positions - each displaced by 90°. It is not necessary to interrupt the power supply.

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing lid
2. Place the display and adjustment module on the electronics in the desired position and turn it to the right until it snaps in.
3. 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. 9: Insertion of the 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

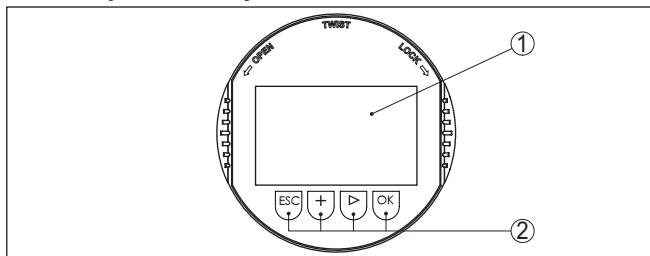


Fig. 10: Display and adjustment elements

- 1 LC display
- 2 Adjustment keys

### Key functions

- **[OK]** key:
  - Move to the menu overview
  - Confirm selected menu
  - Edit parameter
  - Save value
- **[>]** key:
  - Change measured value presentation
  - Select list entry
  - Select menu items in the quick setup menu
  - Select editing position
- **[+]** key:
  - Change value of the parameter
- **[ESC]** key:
  - Interrupt input
  - Jump to next higher menu

### Operating system - Keys direct

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 function of the individual keys in the previous illustration.

### Adjustment system - keys via magnetic pen

With the Bluetooth version of the display and adjustment module you can also adjust the instrument with the magnetic pen. The pen operates the four keys of the display and adjustment module right through the closed lid (with inspection window) of the sensor housing.

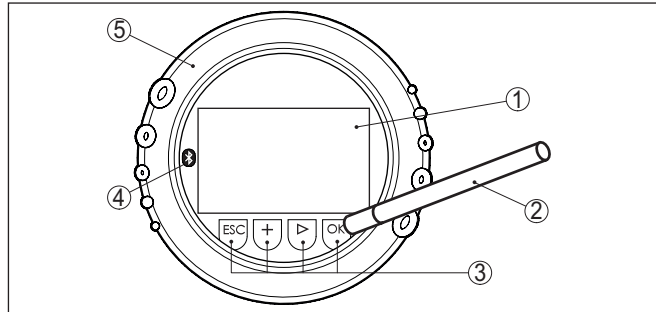


Fig. 11: Display and adjustment elements - with adjustment via magnetic pen

- 1 LC display
- 2 Magnetic pen
- 3 Adjustment keys
- 4 Bluetooth symbol
- 5 Lid with inspection window

## 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 Measured value indication - Selection of national language

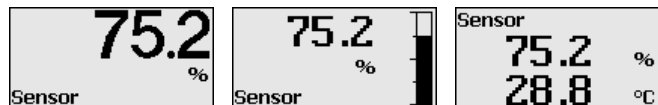
### Measured value indication

With the **[->]** key you move between three different indication modes.

In the first view, the selected measured value is displayed in large digits.

In the second view, the selected measured value and a corresponding bar graph presentation are displayed.

In the third view, the selected measured value as well as a second selectable value, e.g. the temperature of the electronics, are displayed.

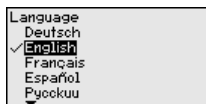


During the initial setup of an instrument shipped with factory settings, use the **"OK"** key to get to the menu "National language".

### Selection of national language

This menu item is used to select the national language for further parameter adjustment. You can change the selection via the menu item "Setup - Display, Menu language".





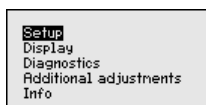
With the "OK" key you move to the main menu.

## 6.5 Parameter adjustment

The instrument is adapted to the application conditions via the parameter adjustment. The parameter adjustment is carried out with an adjustment menu.

### Main menu

The main menu is divided into five sections with the following functions:



**Setup:** Settings, e.g., for measurement loop name, medium, application, vessel, adjustment, signal output

**Display:** Settings, e.g., for language, measured value display, lighting

**Diagnostics:** Information, e.g. on instrument status, pointer, measurement reliability, simulation, echo curve

**Further settings:** Instrument unit, false signal suppression, linearisation curve, reset, date/time, reset, copy function

**Info:** Instrument name, hardware and software version, date of manufacture, instrument features



### Information:

In this operating instructions manual, the instrument-specific parameters in the menu sections "Setup", "Diagnostics" and "Additional settings" are described. The general parameters in these menu sections are described in the operating instructions manual "Display and adjustment module".

In the operating instructions manual "Display and adjustment module" you can also find the description of menu sections "Display" and "Info".

In the main menu item "Setup", the individual submenu items should be selected one after the other and provided with the correct parameters to ensure optimum adjustment of the measurement. The procedure is described in the following.

### Setup - Measurement loop name

In the menu item "Sensor TAG" you edit a twelve-digit measurement loop designation.

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 must be entered for exact identification of individual measuring points.

The available digits include:

- Letters from A ... Z
- Numbers from 0 ... 9
- Special characters +, -, /, -

Setup Display Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	Setup Measurement loop name Medium Max. adjustment Min. adjustment Damping	Measurement loop name  <b>Sensor</b>
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## Setup - Medium

Every medium has different reflective properties. With liquids, there are additional interfering factors such as turbulent product surface and foam generation. With bulk solids, the additional interfering factors are dust generation, angle of repose and secondary echoes from the vessel wall.

To adapt the sensor to these different measuring conditions, the selection "*Liquid*" or "*Bulk solid*" should be made in this menu item.

Setup Measurement loop name <b>Medium</b> Max. adjustment Min. adjustment Damping	Medium <b>Liquid</b> <b>Water based</b>	Solvent Chem. mixtures ✓ <b>Water based</b>
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Through this selection, the sensor is optimally adapted 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 with **[OK]** and jump to the next menu item with the **[ESC]** and the **[->]** key.

## Setup - Adjustment

Since the radar sensor is a distance measuring instrument, it is the distance from the sensor to the product surface that is measured. To indicate the actual level, the measured distance must be assigned to a certain height percentage.

To perform the adjustment, enter the distance with full and empty vessel. On instruments with standpipe antenna, these values are already preset by default, see the following example:

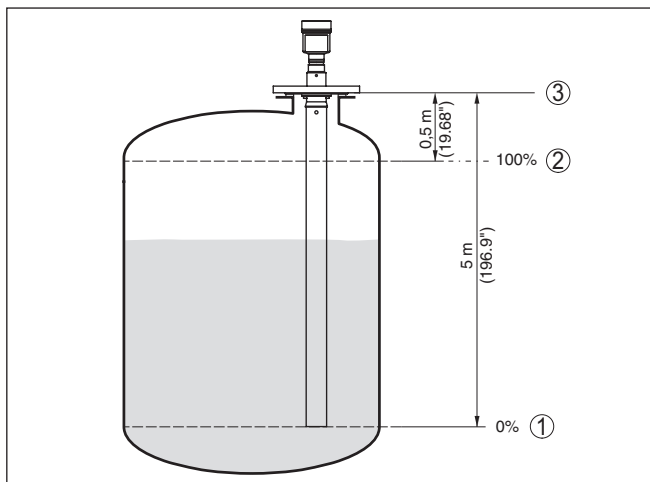


Fig. 12: Parameterisation example, Min./max. adjustment

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

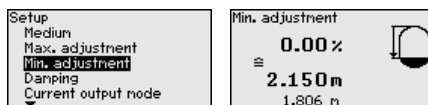
If these values are not known, an adjustment with the distances of e.g. 10 % and 90 % is possible. Starting point for these distance specifications is always the sealing surface of the thread or flange. You can find further specifications on the reference plane in the chapters "Mounting instructions" and "Technical data". The actual level is calculated on the basis of these settings.

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.

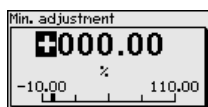
## Setup - Min. adjustment

Proceed as follows:

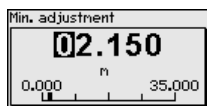
1. Select the menu item "Setup" with [->] and confirm with [OK].  
Now select with [->] the menu item "Min. adjustment" and confirm with [OK].



2. Edit the percentage value with [OK] and set the cursor to the requested position with [->].



3. Set the requested percentage value with [+] and save with [OK].  
The cursor jumps now to the distance value.

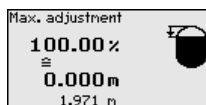
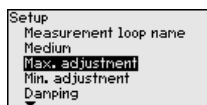


- Enter the distance value in m for empty vessel (e.g. distance from the sensor to the vessel bottom) corresponding to the percentage value.
- Save settings with **[OK]** and move with **[ESC]** and **[>]** to the max. adjustment.

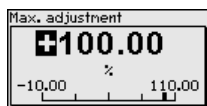
### Setup - Max. adjustment

Proceed as follows:

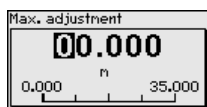
- Select with **[>]** the menu item Max. adjustment and confirm with **[OK]**.



- Prepare the percentage value for editing with **[OK]** and set the cursor to the requested position with **[>]**.



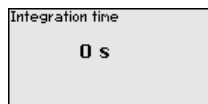
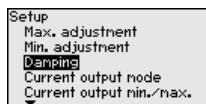
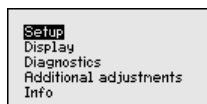
- Set the requested percentage value with **[+]** and save with **[OK]**. The cursor jumps now to the distance value.



- Enter the distance value in m for full vessel, corresponding to the percentage value.
- Save settings with **[OK]**

### Setup - Damping

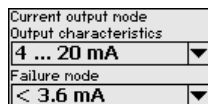
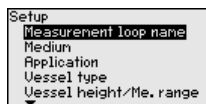
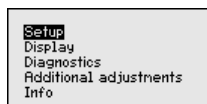
To damp process-dependent measured value fluctuations, set an integration time of 0 ... 999 s in this menu item.



Depending on the sensor type, the factory setting is 0 s or 1 s.

### Setup - Current output, mode

In the menu item "Current output mode" you determine the output characteristics and reaction of the current output in case of fault.



<b>Output characteristics</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 ... 20 nA 20 ... 4 nA	<b>Failure mode</b> 22.0 nA 20.5 nA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.6 nA
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The default setting is output characteristics 4 ... 20 mA, fault mode < 3.6 mA.

### Setup - Current output Min./Max.

In the menu item "Current output Min./Max.", you determine the reaction of the current output during operation.

<b>Setup</b> <b>Display</b> Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	<b>Setup</b> Damping <b>Current output node</b> <b>Current output min./max.</b> Lock adjustment	<b>Current output min./max.</b> Min. current 3.8 mA Max. current 20.5 mA
<b>Min. current</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.8 nA 4 nA	<b>Max. current</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 nA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20.5 nA	

The default setting is min. current 3.8 mA and max. current 20.5 mA.

### Setup - Lock adjustment

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.

<b>Setup</b> Display Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	<b>Setup</b> Current output node Current output min./max. <b>Lock adjustment</b> Measurement loop name	<b>PIN</b> Released Lock?
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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



#### Caution:

When the PIN is active, adjustment via PACTware/DTM as well as other systems is also blocked.

In delivery status, the PIN is "0000".

### Display - Language

This menu item enables the setting of the requested national language.

<b>Setup</b> <b>Display</b> Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	<b>Display</b> <b>Language</b> Displayed value Scaling variable Scaling Backlight	<b>Display</b> <b>Menu language</b> Indication value 1 Indication value 2 Backlight
<b>Language</b> English	<b>Language</b> Deutsch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Francais Español Pyckouu	<b>Language</b> Deutsch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Francais Español Pyckouu

In delivery status, the sensor is set to the ordered national language.

### Display - Indicated value

In this menu item you can define the indication of the measured value on the display.

Setup <b>Display</b> Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	Display Language <b>Displayed value</b> Scaling variable Scaling Backlight	Displayed value Distance
✓ Distance Height Percent Linear percent Scaled	Percent Linear percent ✓ Scaled Current	

The default setting for the indicated value is e.g. "Distance" on radar sensors.

### Display - Backlight

The optionally integrated background lighting can be switched on via the adjustment menu. This function depends on the level of the supply voltage, see operating instructions of the respective sensor.

Setup <b>Display</b> Diagnostics Additional adjustments Info	Display Language Displayed value Scaling variable Scaling <b>Backlight</b>	Display Menu language Indication value 1 Indication value 2 <b>Backlight</b>
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In delivery status, the lighting is switched on.

### Diagnostics - Device status

In this menu item, the device status is displayed.

Setup Display <b>Diagnostics</b> Additional adjustments Info	Diagnostics <b>Sensor status</b> Peak values Electronics temperature Meas. reliability Simulation	Device status OK
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### Diagnostics - Peak values (distance)

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

Setup Display <b>Diagnostics</b> Additional adjustments Info	Diagnostics Device status <b>Peak values (Distance)</b> Electronics temperature Meas. reliability Simulation	Peak values (Distance) Min. 0.108 m Max. 12.911 m
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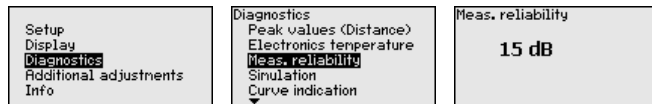
### Diagnosis - Electronics temperature

The respective min. and max. measured values of the electronics temperature are saved in the sensor. These values as well as the current temperature value are displayed in the menu item "Peak values".

Setup Display <b>Diagnostics</b> Additional adjustments Info	Diagnostics Sensor status Peak values <b>Electronics temperature</b> Meas. reliability Simulation	Diagnostics Peak values Distance Peak indicator, reliab. <b>Peak values further</b> Echo curve Simulation
Electronics temperature Actual 28.30 °C Min. 20.40 °C Max. 32.20 °C		

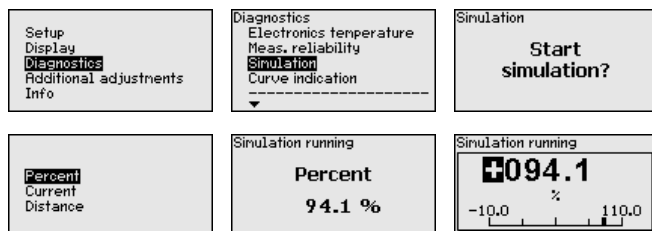
### Diagnosis - Measurement reliability

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 - Simulation

In this menu item you can simulate measured values via the current output. This allows the signal path to be tested, e.g. through downstream indicating instruments or the input card of the control system.



How to start the simulation:

1. Push **[OK]**
2. Select the requested simulation variable with **[>]** and confirm with **[OK]**.
3. With **[OK]** you start the simulation, first of all the actual measured value is displayed in %
4. Start the editing mode with **[OK]**
5. Set the requested numerical value with **[+]** and **[>]**.
6. Push **[OK]**



#### Note:

During simulation, the simulated value is output as 4 ... 20 mA current value and digital HART signal.

How to interrupt the simulation:

→ Push **[ESC]**

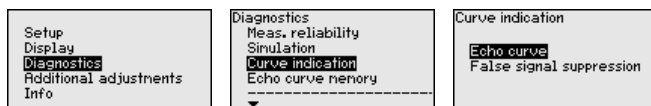


#### Information:

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

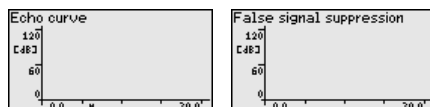
### Diagnosis - Curve indication

The "Echo curve" shows the signal strength of the echoes over the measuring range in dB. The signal strength enables an evaluation of the quality of the measurement.



The "False signal suppression" displays the saved false echoes (see menu "Additional settings") of the empty vessel with signal strength in "dB" over the entire measuring range.

A comparison of echo curve and false signal suppression allows a more detailed statement about measurement reliability.



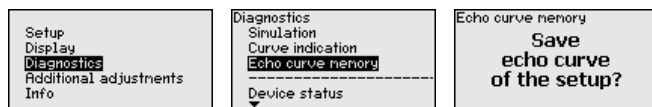
The selected curve is continuously updated. A submenu with zoom functions is opened with the **[OK]** key:

- "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

### Diagnostics - Echo curve memory

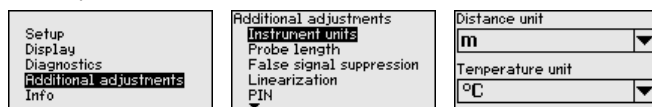
The function "Echo curve memory" makes it possible to save the echo curve at the time of setup. This is generally recommended, and it is absolutely necessary if you want to use the Asset Management functions. If possible, the curve should be saved with a low level in the vessel.

With the adjustment software PACTware and a PC, a high resolution echo curve can be displayed and used to recognize signal changes during operation. In addition, the echo curve of setup can be displayed in the echo curve window and compared with the current echo curve.



### Additional adjustments - Instrument units

In this menu item you select the measured variable of the system and the temperature unit.



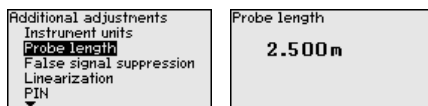
### Additional settings - Probe length

The length of the supplied standpipe is stored in the electronics of the standpipe version of VEGAPULS 66.

If necessary, the standpipe can be shortened on site. In such cases, the stored value must be changed to the real value to avoid erroneous measurement.

The modification is carried out in menu item "Probe length".

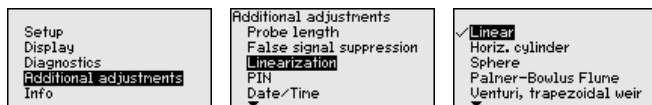




### Additional settings - Linearization

A linearization is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level - e.g. a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank - and the indication or output of the volume is required. Corresponding linearization 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 **[ESC]** and **[->]** key.



#### Caution:

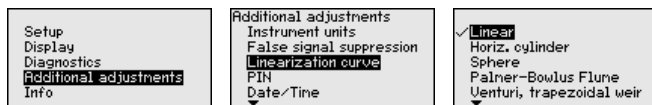
Note the following if instruments with appropriate approval are used as part of an overfill protection system according to WHG:

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.

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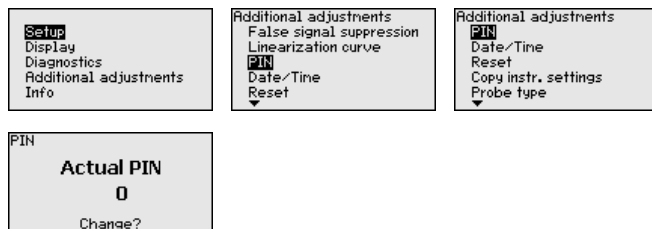
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### Additional settings - PIN

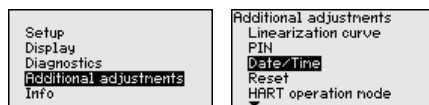
Entering a 4-digit PIN protects the sensor data against unauthorized access and unintentional modification. In this menu item, the PIN is displayed or edited and changed. However, this menu item is only available if adjustment is enabled in the menu "Setup".



In delivery status, the PIN is "0000".

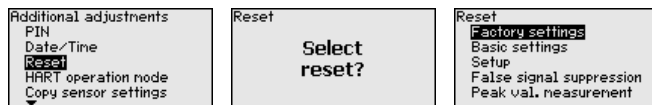
### Additional settings - Date/Time

In this menu item, the internal clock of the sensor is set.



### Additional settings - Reset

After a reset, certain parameter adjustments made by the user are reset.



The following reset functions are available:

**Delivery status:** Restores the parameter settings at the time of shipment from the factory, incl. order-specific settings. Any stored false signal suppression or user-programmed linearisation curve, as well as the measured value memory, are deleted.

**Basic settings:** Restores the parameter settings, incl. special parameters, to the default values of the respective instrument. Any stored false signal suppression or user-programmed linearisation curve, as well as the measured value memory, are deleted.

**Setup:** Restores the parameter settings made in the menu item Setup to the default values of the respective instrument. False signal suppression, user-programmed linearisation curve, measured value memory and event memory remain untouched. The linearisation is set to linear.

**False signal suppression:** Deletes a previously created false signal suppression. The false signal suppression created at the factory remains active.

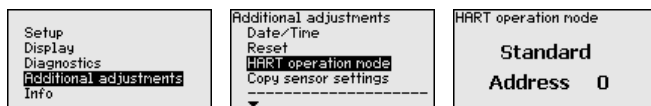
**Peak values, measured value:** Resets the measured min. and max. distances to the current measured value.

The following table shows the default values of the instrument. Depending on the instrument version, not all menu items are available or some may be differently assigned:

Menu	Menu item	Default value
Setup	Measurement loop name	Sensor
	Medium	Liquid/Water Bulk solids/Crushed stones, gravel
	Application	Storage tank Silo
	Vessel form	Vessel bottom, dished form Vessel top, dished form
	Vessel height/Measuring range	Recommended measuring range, see "Technical data" in the supplement.
	Min. adjustment	Recommended measuring range, see "Technical data" in the supplement.
	Max. adjustment	0,000 m(d)
	Damping	0.0 s
	Current output mode	4 ... 20 mA, < 3.6 mA
	Current output, min./max.	Min. current 3.8 mA, max. current 20.5 mA
	Lock adjustment	Released
Display	Language	Like order
	Displayed value	Distance
	Display unit	m
	Scaling size	Volume l
	Scaling	0.00 lin %, 0 l 100.00 lin %, 100 l
	Backlight	Switched on
Additional adjustments	Distance unit	m
	Temperature unit	°C
	Probe length	Length of standpipe ex factory
	Linearisation curve	Linear
	HART mode	Standard Address 0

#### Additional settings - HART mode

The sensor offers the HART modes standard and Multidrop. In this menu item you specify the HART mode and enter the address for Multidrop.



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

In Multidrop mode, up to 63 sensors can be operated on one two-wire cable. An address between 1 and 63 must be assigned to each sensor.<sup>1)</sup>

The default setting is standard with address 0.

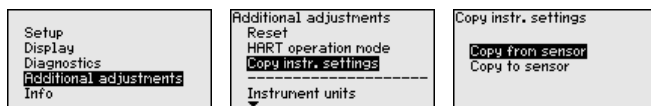
### Additional settings - Copy instrument settings

The instrument settings are copied with this function. The following functions are available:

- Store data from sensor in the display and adjustment module.
- Store data from display and adjustment module in the sensor

The following data or settings for adjustment of the display and adjustment module are saved:

- All data of the menu "Setup" and "Display"
- In the menu "Additional settings" the items "Distance unit, temperature unit and linearization"
- The values of the user-programmable linearisation curve



The copied data are permanently saved in an EEPROM memory in the display and adjustment module and remain there even in case of power failure. From there, they can be written into one or more sensors or kept as backup for a possible sensor exchange.

The type and the volume of the copied data depend on the respective sensor.

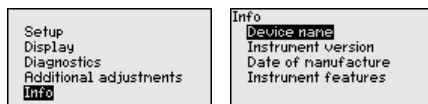


#### Note:

Before the data are stored in the sensor, a check is carried out to determine if the data fit the sensor. If the data do not fit, a fault signal is triggered or the function is blocked. When data are being written into the sensor, the display shows which instrument type the data originate from and which TAG-no. this sensor had.

### Info - Instrument name

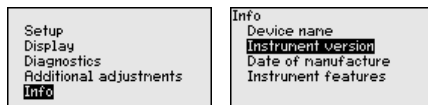
In this menu, you read out the instrument name and the instrument serial number:



<sup>1)</sup> 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.

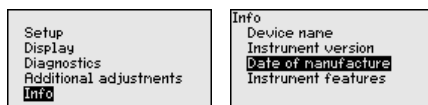
### Info - Instrument version

In this menu item, the hardware and software version of the sensor is displayed.



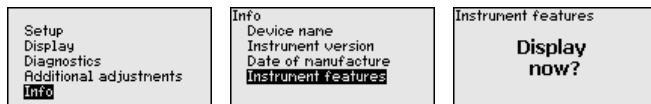
### Info - Date of manufacture

In this menu item, the date of factory calibration of the sensor as well as the date of the last change of sensor parameters are displayed via the display and adjustment module or via the PC.



### Instrument features

In this menu item, the features of the sensor such as approval, process fitting, seal, measuring range, electronics, housing and others are displayed.



## 6.6 Saving the parameterisation data

### On paper

We recommended 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.

### In the display and adjustment module

If the instrument is equipped with a display and adjustment module, the parameter adjustment data can be saved therein. The procedure is described in menu item "Copy device settings".

## 7 Setting up sensor and Modbus interface with PACTware

### 7.1 Connect the PC

#### To the sensor electronics

Connection of the PC to the sensor electronics is carried out via the interface adapter VEGACONNECT.

Scope of the parameter adjustment:

- Sensor electronics

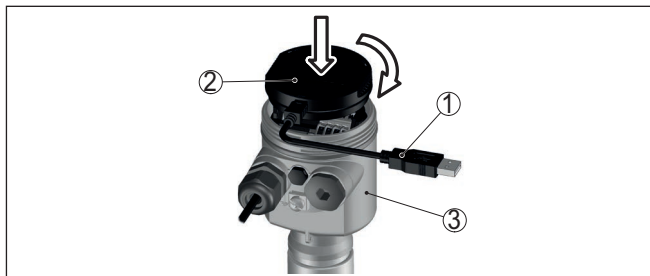


Fig. 13: Connection of the PC directly to the sensor via the interface adapter

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

#### To the Modbus electronics

Connection of the PC to the Modbus electronics is carried out via a USB cable.

Scope of the parameter adjustment:

- Sensor electronics
- Modbus electronics



Fig. 14: Connecting the PC via USB to the Modbus electronics

- 1 USB cable to the PC

#### To the RS 485 cable

Connection of the PC to the RS 485 cable is carried out via a standard interface adapter RS 485/USB.

Scope of the parameter adjustment:

- Sensor electronics
- Modbus electronics



**Information:**

For parameter adjustment, it is absolutely necessary to disconnect from the RTU.

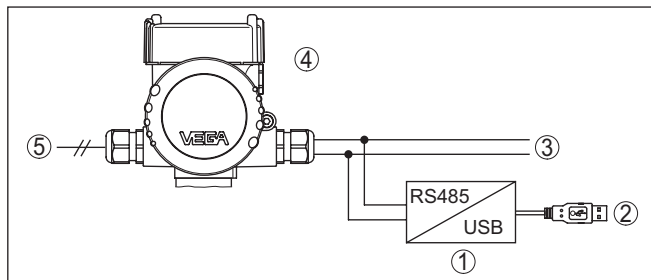


Fig. 15: Connection of the PC via the interface adapter to the RS 485 cable

- 1 Interface adapter RS 485/USB
- 2 USB cable to the PC
- 3 RS 485 cable
- 4 Sensor
- 5 Voltage supply

## 7.2 Parameter adjustment

### 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.

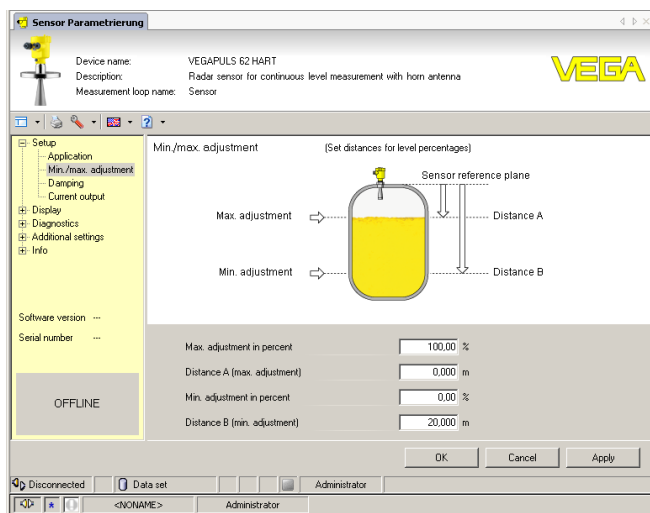


Fig. 16: Example of a DTM view

### 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](http://www.vega.com/downloads) and "Software". The full version is available on CD from the agency serving you.

## 7.3 Set instrument address

The VEGAPULS 66 requires an address for participating as a Slave in the Modbus communication. The address setting is carried out via a PC with PACTware/DTM or Modbus RTU.

The default settings for the address are:

- Modbus: 246
- Levelmaster: 31



### Note:

The setting of the instrument address can only be carried out online.

### Via PC through Modbus electronics

Start the project assistant and wait until the project tree has been set up. Then, in the project tree, go to the symbol for the Modbus gateway.



Select with the right mouse key "*Parameter*", then "*Online parameter adjustment*" and start the DTM for the Modbus electronics.

In the menu bar of the DTM, go to the list arrow next to the symbol for "*Screwdriver*". Select the menu item "*Change address in the instrument*" and set the requested address.

#### Via PC through RS 485 cable

In the device catalogue, select the option "*Modbus Serial*" under "*Driver*". Double click on this driver and integrate it into the project tree.

Open the device manager on your PC and find out which COM interface the USB/RS 485 adapter is located on. Then go to the symbol "*Modbus COM.*" in the project tree. Select "*Parameter*" with the right mouse key and start the DTM for the USB/RS 485 adapter. Enter the COM interface no. from the device manager under "*Basic settings*".

Select with the right mouse key "*Additional functions*" and "*Instrument search*". The DTM then searches for the connected Modbus participants and integrates them into the project tree. Now, in the project tree, go to the symbol for the Modbus gateway. Select with the right mouse key "*Parameter*", then "*Online parameter setting*" and start the DTM for the Modbus electronics.

In the menu bar of the DTM, go to the list arrow next to the symbol for "*Screwdriver*". Select the menu item "*Change address in the instrument*" and set the requested address.

Then move again to the symbol "*Modbus COM.*" in the project tree. Select with the right mouse key "*Additional functions*" and "*Change DTM addresses*". Enter here the modified address of the Modbus gateway.

#### Via Modbus-RTU

The instrument address is set in register no. 200 of the Holding Register (see chapter "*Modbus register*" in this operating instructions manual).

The procedure depends on the respective Modbus-RTU and the configuration tool.

## 7.4 Saving the parameterisation data

We recommend documenting or saving the parameterisation data via PACTware. That way the data are available for multiple use or service purposes.

## 8 Diagnosis, asset management and service

### 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 Measured value and event memory

The instrument has several memories available for diagnostic purposes. The data remain there even in case of voltage interruption.

#### Measured value memory

Up to 100,000 measured values can be stored in the sensor in a ring memory. Each entry contains date/time as well as the respective measured value. Storable values are for example:

- Distance
- Filling height
- Percentage value
- Lin. percent
- Scaled
- Current value
- Measurement reliability
- Electronics temperature

When the instrument is shipped, the measured value memory is active and stores distance, measurement reliability and electronics temperature every 3 minutes.

The requested values and recording conditions are set via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD. Data are thus read out and also reset.

#### Event memory

Up to 500 events are automatically stored with a time stamp in the sensor (non-deletable). Each entry contains date/time, event type, event description and value. Event types are for example:

- Modification of a parameter
- Switch-on and switch-off times
- Status messages (according to NE 107)
- Error messages (according to NE 107)

The data are read out via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD.

#### Echo curve memory

The echo curves are stored with date and time and the corresponding echo data. The memory is divided into two sections:

**Echo curve of the setup:** This is used as reference echo curve for the measurement conditions during setup. Changes in the measurement conditions during operation or buildup on the sensor can thus be recognized. The echo curve of the setup is stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD
- Display and adjustment module

**Further echo curves:** Up to 10 echo curves can be stored in a ring buffer in this memory section. Additional echo curves are stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD

### 8.3 Asset Management function

The instrument features self-monitoring and diagnostics according to NE 107 and VDI/VDE 2650. In addition to the status messages in the following tables, detailed error messages are available under menu item "Diagnostics" via the display and adjustment module, PACTware/DTM and EDD.

#### Status messages

The status messages are divided into the following categories:

- Failure
- Function check
- Out of specification
- Maintenance requirement

and explained by pictographs:

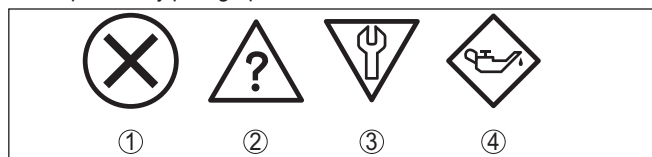


Fig. 17: Pictographs of the status messages

- 1 Failure - red
- 2 Out of specification - yellow
- 3 Function check - orange
- 4 Maintenance - blue

**Failure:** Due to a malfunction in the instrument, a fault message is output.

This status message is always active. It cannot be deactivated by the user.

**Function check:** The instrument is being worked on, the measured value is temporarily invalid (for example during simulation).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

**Out of specification:** The measured value is unreliable because an instrument specification was exceeded (e.g. electronics temperature).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

**Maintenance:** Due to external influences, the instrument function is limited. The measurement is affected, but the measured value is still valid. Plan in maintenance for the instrument because a failure is expected in the near future (e.g. due to buildup).

This status message is inactive by default. It can be activated by the user via PACTware/DTM or EDD.

### Failure (failure)

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec Diagnosis Bits
F013 no measured value available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sensor does not detect an echo during operation</li> <li>● Antenna system dirty or defective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check or correct installation and/or parameter settings</li> <li>● Clean or exchange process component or antenna</li> </ul>	Bit 0
F017 Adjustment span too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjustment not within specification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Change adjustment according to the limit values (difference between min. and max. <math>\geq 10</math> mm)</li> </ul>	Bit 1
F025 Error in the linearization table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Index markers are not continuously rising, for example illogical value pairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check linearisation table</li> <li>● Delete table/Create new</li> </ul>	Bit 2
F036 No operable software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Failed or interrupted software update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Repeat software update</li> <li>● Check electronics version</li> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 3
F040 Error in the electronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hardware defect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 4
F080	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General software error</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disconnect operating voltage briefly</li> </ul>	Bit 5
F105 Determine measured value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The instrument is still in the start phase, the measured value could not yet be determined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wait for the end of the switch-on phase</li> <li>● Duration up to approx. 3 min. depending on the version and parameter settings</li> </ul>	Bit 6
F113 Communication error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Error in the internal instrument communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disconnect operating voltage briefly</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 12
F125 Impermissible electronics temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Temperature of the electronics in the non-specified range</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check ambient temperature</li> <li>● Insulate electronics</li> <li>● Use instrument with higher temperature range</li> </ul>	Bit 7
F260 Error in the calibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Error in the calibration carried out in the factory</li> <li>● Error in the EEPROM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 8
F261 Error in the configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Error during setup</li> <li>● False signal suppression faulty</li> <li>● Error when carrying out a reset</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Repeat setup</li> <li>● Repeat reset</li> </ul>	Bit 9

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec Diagnosis Bits
F264 Installation/Setup error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjustment not within the vessel height/measuring range</li> <li>● Max. measuring range of the instrument not sufficient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check or correct installation and/or parameter settings</li> <li>● Use an instrument with bigger measuring range</li> </ul>	Bit 10
F265 Measurement function disturbed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sensor no longer carries out a measurement</li> <li>● Operating voltage too low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check operating voltage</li> <li>● Carry out a reset</li> <li>● Disconnect operating voltage briefly</li> </ul>	Bit 11

Tab. 4: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

## Function check

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec State in CMD 48
C700 Simulation active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A simulation is active</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finish simulation</li> <li>● Wait for the automatic end after 60 mins.</li> </ul>	"Simulation Active" in "Standardized Status 0"

## Out of specification

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec State in CMD 48
S600 Impermissible electronics temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Temperature of the electronics in the non-specified range</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check ambient temperature</li> <li>● Insulate electronics</li> <li>● Use instrument with higher temperature range</li> </ul>	Bit 5 of Byte 14 ... 24
S601 Overfilling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Danger of vessel overfilling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make sure that there is no further filling</li> <li>● Check level in the vessel</li> </ul>	Bit 6 of Byte 14 ... 24

Tab. 6: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

## Maintenance

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec State in CMD 48
M500 Error during the reset "delivery status"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The data could not be restored during the reset to delivery status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Repeat reset</li> <li>● Load XML file with sensor data into the sensor</li> </ul>	Bit 0 of Byte 14 ... 24
M501 Error in the non-active linearisation table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hardware error EEPROM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 1 of Byte 14 ... 24
M502 Error in the diagnostics memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hardware error EEPROM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 2 of Byte 14 ... 24

Code Text message	Cause	Rectification	DevSpec State in CMD 48
M503 Measurement reliability too low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The echo/noise ratio is too small for reliable measurement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check installation and process conditions</li> <li>● Clean the antenna</li> <li>● Change polarisation direction</li> <li>● Use instrument with higher sensitivity</li> </ul>	Bit 3 of Byte 14 ... 24
M504 Error at a device interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hardware defect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check connections</li> <li>● Exchanging the electronics</li> <li>● Send instrument for repair</li> </ul>	Bit 4 of Byte 14 ... 24
M505 No echo available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Level echo can no longer be detected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clean the antenna</li> <li>● Use a more suitable antenna/sensor</li> <li>● Remove possible false echoes</li> <li>● Optimize sensor position and orientation</li> </ul>	Bit 7 of Byte 14 ... 24

Tab. 7: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

## 8.4 Rectify faults

### Reaction when malfunction occurs

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

### Procedure for fault rectification

The first measures are:

- Evaluation of fault messages via the adjustment device
- Checking the output signal
- Treatment of measurement errors

Further comprehensive diagnostics options are available with a PC with PACTware and the suitable DTM. In many cases, the reasons can be determined in this way and faults rectified.

### Treatment of measurement errors with standpipe versions

The below tables show typical examples of application-relevant measurement errors with standpipe versions. The measurement errors are differentiated according to:

- Constant level
- Filling
- Emptying

The images in column "Error pattern" show the real level as a broken line and the level displayed by the sensor as a continuous line.

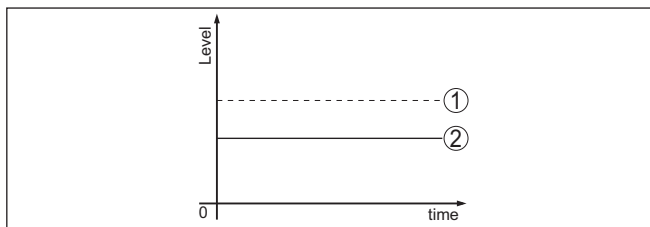
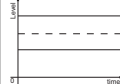
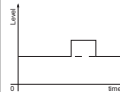


Fig. 18: The broken line 1 shows the real level, the continuous line 2 shows the level displayed by the sensor

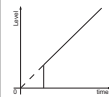
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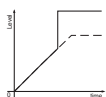
- Whenever the sensor displays a constant value, the reason could also be that the fault setting of the current output is set to "Hold value"
- If the level indication is too low, the reason could be a line resistance that is too high

Measurement error with constant level


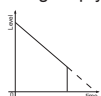
Fault description	Cause	Rectification
1. Measured value shows a too low or too high level 	• Min./max. adjustment not correct	• Adapt min./max. adjustment
	• Incorrect linearisation curve	• Adapt linearisation curve
	• Installation in a bypass tube or standpipe, hence running time error (small measurement error close to 100 %/large error close to 0 %)	• Check parameter "Application" with respect to vessel form, adapt if necessary (bypass, standpipe, diameter)
2. Measured value jumps towards 100 % 	• Due to the process, the amplitude of the level echo sinks • A false signal suppression was not carried out	• Carry out a false signal suppression
	• Amplitude or position of a false signal has changed (e.g. condensation, buildup); false signal suppression no longer matches actual conditions	• Determine the reason for the changed false signals, carry out false signal suppression, e.g. with condensation

Measurement error during filling

Fault description	Cause	Rectification
3. Measured value remains in the area of the bottom during filling 	• Echo from the tank bottom larger than the level echo, for example, with products with $\epsilon_r < 2.5$ oil-based, solvents	• Check parameters Medium, Vessel height and Floor form, adapt if necessary

Fault description	Cause	Rectification
4. Measured value jumps to $\geq 100\%$ or 0 m distance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level echo is no longer detected in the close range due to foam generation or false signals in the close range. The sensor goes into overflow protection mode. The max. level (0 m distance) as well as the status message "Overflow protection" are output.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check measuring site: Antenna must protrude out of the socket</li> <li>Remove contamination on the antenna</li> <li>Use a sensor with a more suitable antenna</li> </ul>

### Measurement error during emptying

Fault description	Cause	Rectification
5. Measured value remains unchanged in the close range during emptying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>False signal larger than the level echo</li> <li>Level echo too small</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate false signals in the close range. Check: Antenna must protrude out of the socket</li> <li>Remove contamination on the antenna</li> <li>In case of interferences due to installations in the close range: Change polarisation direction</li> <li>After eliminating the false signals, the false signal suppression must be deleted. Carry out a new false signal suppression</li> </ul>
6. Measured value jumps towards 0 % during emptying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Echo from the tank bottom larger than the level echo, for example, with products with <math>\epsilon_r &lt; 2.5</math> oil-based, solvents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check parameters Medium type, Vessel height and Floor form, adapt if necessary</li> </ul>

### Reaction after fault rectification

Depending on the reason for the fault and the measures taken, the steps described in chapter "Setup" must be carried out again or must be checked for plausibility and completeness.

### 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 also available outside normal working hours, seven days a week around the clock.

Since we offer this service worldwide, the support is provided in English. The service itself is free of charge, the only costs involved are the normal call charges.

## 8.5 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, the electronics module can be ordered through the agency serving you. The electronics modules are adapted to the respective sensor and differ in signal output or voltage supply.



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

- In the factory
- Or on site by the user

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

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



**Caution:**

All application-specific settings must be entered again. That's why you have to carry out a fresh setup after exchanging the electronics.

If you saved the parameter settings during the first setup of the sensor, you can transfer them to the replacement electronics module. A fresh setup is then not necessary.

## 8.6 Software update

The device software can be updated in the following ways:

- Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- HART signal
- Bluetooth

Depending on the method, the following components are required:

- Instrument
- Voltage supply
- Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- Display and adjustment module PLICSCOM with Bluetooth function
- PC with PACTware/DTM and Bluetooth USB adapter
- 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](http://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](http://www.vega.com).

## 8.7 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](http://www.vega.com). By doing this you help us carry out the repair quickly and without having to call back for needed information.

In case of repair, 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
- Ask the agency serving you to get the address for the return shipment. You can find the agency on our home page [www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com).

## 9 Dismount

### 9.1 Dismounting steps

**Warning:**

Before dismounting, 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

#### Note for approved instruments

The technical data in the respective safety instructions are valid for approved instruments (e.g. with Ex approval). These data can differ from the data listed herein - for example regarding the process conditions or the voltage supply.

#### General data

316L corresponds to 1.4404 or 1.4435

Materials, wetted parts

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| – Process fitting        | 316L, Alloy C22 (2.4602), Alloy 400 (2.4360)  |
| – Process seal           | On site   |
| – Antenna                | 316L, Alloy C22 (2.4602)  |
| – Antenna impedance cone | PTFE, PP, PEEK, ceramic (99.7 % $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )   |
| – Seal, antenna system   | FKM (A+P GLT FPM 70.16-06), FFKM (Kalrez 6375),<br>silicone FEP coated (A+P FEP-O-SEAL), EPDM<br>(A+P 75.5/KW75F), PTFE, graphite (99.9 %) and<br>ceramic |

Standpipe

316L, Alloy C22 (2.4602)

Materials, non-wetted parts

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| – Plastic housing                               | Plastic PBT (Polyester)  |
| – Aluminium die-cast housing                    | Aluminium die-casting AlSi10Mg, powder-coated (Basis: Polyester) |
| – Stainless steel housing                       | 316L   |
| – Cable gland                                   | PA, stainless steel, brass                                       |
| – Sealing, cable gland                          | NBR  |
| – Blind plug, cable gland                       | PA   |
| – Inspection window housing cover               | Polycarbonate (UL-746-C listed), glass <sup>2)</sup>             |
| – Inspection window in housing cover (optional) | Polycarbonate (with Ex d version: glass)                         |
| – Ground terminal                               | 316L   |

Conductive connection

Between ground terminal, process fitting and standpipe

Process fitting

Flanges DIN from DN 50, ASME from 2"

Weights

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| – Instrument (depending on housing, process fitting and antenna) | approx. 6.3 ... 136 kg (13.89 ... 299.8 lbs) |
| – Standpipe  | 3.2 kg/m (2.2 lbs/ft)                        |

Length standpipe max.

5.85 m (19.19 ft)

<sup>2)</sup> Glass with Aluminium and stainless steel precision casting housing

**Torques**

Max. torques 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)

**Input variable**

Measured variable	The measured quantity is the distance between the end of the sensor antenna (inside the standpipe) and the product surface. The reference plane for the measurement is the sealing surface on the hexagon or the lower side of the flange.
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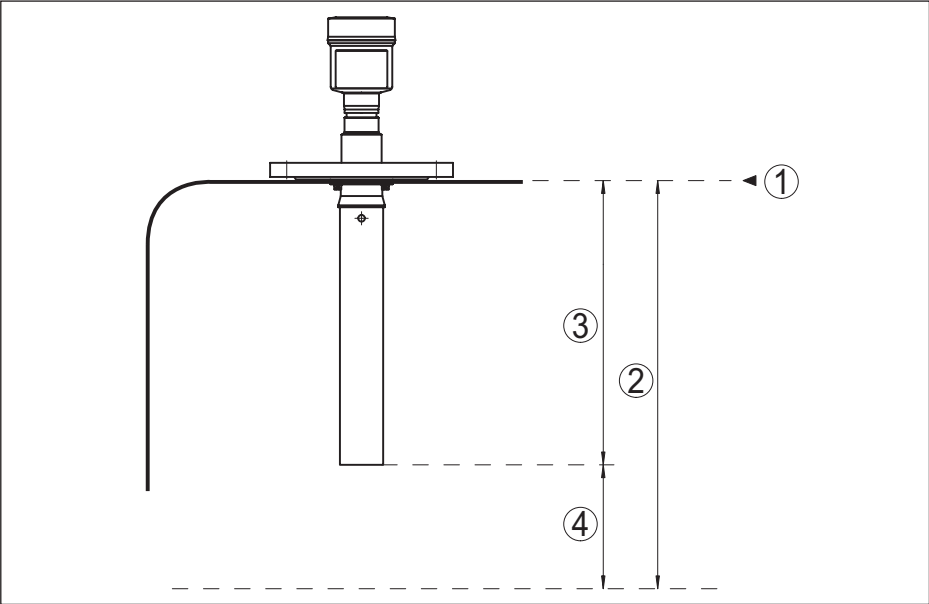


Fig. 25: Data of the input variable

- 1 Reference plane
- 2 Measured variable, max. measuring range
- 3 Antenna length
- 4 Utilisable measuring range

Max. measuring range	35 m (114.83 ft)
Utilisable measuring range	According to the respective standpipe length. <sup>3)</sup>
Min. distance	0 mm (0 in)

**Output variable**

Output	
– Physical layer	Digital output signal according to standard EIA-485

<sup>3)</sup> Standpipe delivery ex factory up to 5.85 m (19.19 ft)

– Bus specifications	Modbus Application Protocol V1.1b3, Modbus over serial line V1.02
– Data protocols	Modbus RTU, Modbus ASCII, Levelmaster
Max. transmission rate	57.6 Kbit/s

**Deviation (according to DIN EN 60770-1)**

Process 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)

Deviation with liquids ≤ 5 mm (meas. distance > 0.5 m/1.6 ft)

Non-repeatability<sup>4)</sup> ≤ 1 mm

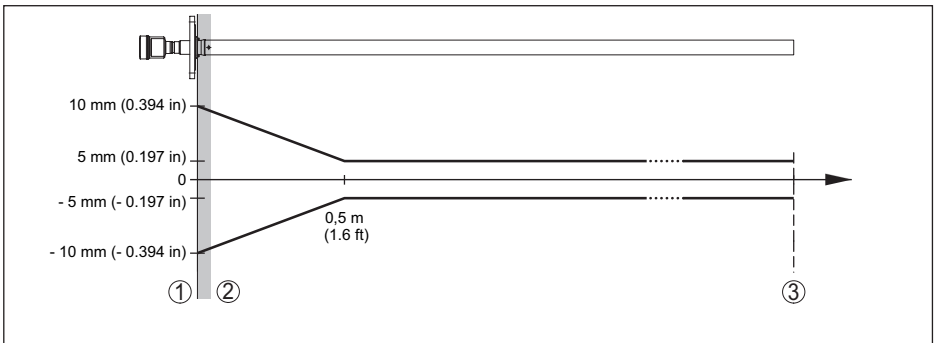


Fig. 26: Deviation under reference conditions

- 1 Reference plane
- 2 Distance vent hole from reference plane 47 mm (4.85 in)
- 3 Standpipe end

**Variables influencing measurement accuracy**

Temperature drift - Digital output < 3 mm/10 K, max. 10 mm

Additional deviation through electromagnetic interference acc. to EN 61326 < 50 mm

**Influence of the superimposed gas and pressure on measurement accuracy**

The propagation speed of the radar impulses in gas or vapour above the medium is reduced by high pressure. This effect depends on the type of superimposed gas or vapour and is especially large at low temperatures.

The following table shows the resulting deviation for some typical gases and vapours. The specified values refer to the distance. Positive values mean that the measured distance is too large, negative values that the measured distance is too small.

<sup>4)</sup> Already included in the meas. deviation

Gas phase	Temperature	Pressure				
		1 bar (14.5 psig)	10 bar (145 psig)	50 bar (725 psig)	100 bar (1450 psig)	200 bar (2900 psig)
Air	20 °C/68 °F	0 %	0.22 %	1.2 %	2.4 %	4.9 %
	200 °C/392 °F	-0.01 %	0.13 %	0.74 %	1.5 %	3 %
	400 °C/752 °F	-0.02 %	0.08 %	0.52 %	1.1 %	2.1 %
Hydrogen	20 °C/68 °F	-0.01 %	0.10 %	0.61 %	1.2 %	2.5 %
	200 °C/392 °F	-0.02 %	0.05 %	0.37 %	0.76 %	1.6 %
	400 °C/752 °F	-0.02 %	0.03 %	0.25 %	0.53 %	1.1 %
Steam (saturated steam)	100 °C/212 °F	0.26 %	-	-	-	-
	180 °C/356 °F	0.17 %	2.1 %	-	-	-
	264 °C/507 °F	0.12 %	1.44 %	9.2 %	-	-
	366 °C/691 °F	0.07 %	1.01 %	5.7 %	13.2 %	76 %

### Characteristics and performance data

Measuring frequency C-band (6 GHz technology)

Measuring cycle time approx. 350 ms

Step response time<sup>5)</sup> ≤ 3 s

Emitted HF power (depending on the parameter setting)<sup>6)</sup>

- Average spectral transmission power density -31 dBm/MHz EIRP
- Max. spectral transmission power density +24 dBm/50 MHz EIRP
- Specific absorption rate (SAR) 0.47 mW/kg

### Ambient conditions

Ambient, storage and transport temperature -40 ... +80 °C (-40 ... +176 °F)

### Process conditions

For the process conditions, please also note the specifications on the type label. The lower value always applies.

Seal	Antenna impedance cone	Process temperature (measured on the process fitting)
FKM (A+P GLT FPM 70.16-06)	PFPE	-40 ... +150 °C (-40 ... +302 °F)
FFKM (Kalrez 6375)	PFPE	-20 ... +150 °C (-4 ... +302 °F)
Silicone FEP coated (A+P FEP-O-Seal)	PFPE	-40 ... +150 °C (-40 ... +302 °F)
EPDM (A+P 75.5/KW/75F)	PFPE	-40 ... +150 °C (-40 ... +302 °F)

<sup>5)</sup> Time span after a sudden change of measuring distance (by max. 0.5 m in liquid applications) until the output signal has reached 90 % of the final value for the first time (IEC 61298-2).

<sup>6)</sup> EIRP: Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power.

Seal	Antenna impedance cone	Process temperature (measured on the process fitting)
Graphite	Ceramic	-60 ... +250 °C (-76 ... +482 °F)
	Ceramic	-60 ... +300 °C (-76 ... +572 °F)
	Ceramic	-60 ... +400 °C (-76 ... +752 °F)

#### Vessel pressure relating to the antenna cone

- PTFE -100 ... 4000 kPa/-1 ... 40 bar (-14.5 ... 580 psi) with PN 40
- Ceramic -100 ... 16000 kPa/-1 ... 160 bar (-14.5 ... 2321 psi) with PN 160

#### Vessel pressure relating to the flange nominal pressure stage

see supplementary instructions manual "*Flanges according to DIN-EN-ASME-JIS*"

#### Vibration resistance

1 g at 5 ... 200 Hz according to EN 60068-2-6 (vibration with resonance)

#### Shock resistance

100 g, 6 ms according to EN 60068-2-27 (mechanical shock)

### Electromechanical data - version IP 66/IP 67

Cable gland M20 x 1.5 or ½ NPT

#### Wire cross-section (spring-loaded terminals)

- Massive wire, stranded wire 0.2 ... 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 14)
- Stranded wire with end sleeve 0.2 ... 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 16)

### Display and adjustment module

Display element Display with backlight

#### Measured value indication

- Number of digits 5

#### Adjustment elements

- 4 keys **[OK], [->], [+], [ESC]**
- Switch Bluetooth On/Off

#### Bluetooth interface

- Standard Bluetooth smart
- Effective range 25 m (82.02 ft)

#### Protection rating

- unassembled IP 20
- Mounted in the housing without lid IP 40

#### Materials

- Housing ABS
- Inspection window Polyester foil

#### Functional safety

SIL non-reactive



## Interface to the external display and adjustment unit

Data transmission	Digital (I <sup>2</sup> C-Bus)
Connection cable	Four-wire

Sensor version	Configuration, connection cable			
	Cable length	Standard cable	Special cable	Screened
4 ... 20 mA/HART	50 m	●	–	–
Profibus PA, Foundation Fieldbus	25 m	–	●	●

## Integrated clock

Date format	Day.Month.Year
Time format	12 h/24 h
Time zone, factory setting	CET
Max. rate deviation	10.5 min/year

## Additional output parameter - Electronics temperature

Range	-40 ... +85 °C (-40 ... +185 °F)
Resolution	< 0.1 K
Deviation	±3 K
Output of the temperature values	
– Indication	Via the display and adjustment module
– Analogue	Via the current output, the additional current output
– Digital	Via the digital output signal (depending on the electronics version)

## Voltage supply

Operating voltage	8 ... 30 V DC
Power consumption	< 500 mW
Reverse voltage protection	Integrated

## Electrical protective measures

Housing material	Version	Protection acc. to IEC 60529	Protection acc. to NEMA
Plastic	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 67	Type 4X
	Double chamber	IP 66/IP 67	Type 4X
Aluminium	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	Type 6P -
	Double chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar) IP 68 (1 bar)	Type 6P -
Stainless steel (electro-polished)	Single chamber	IP 66/IP 68 (0.2 bar)	Type 6P



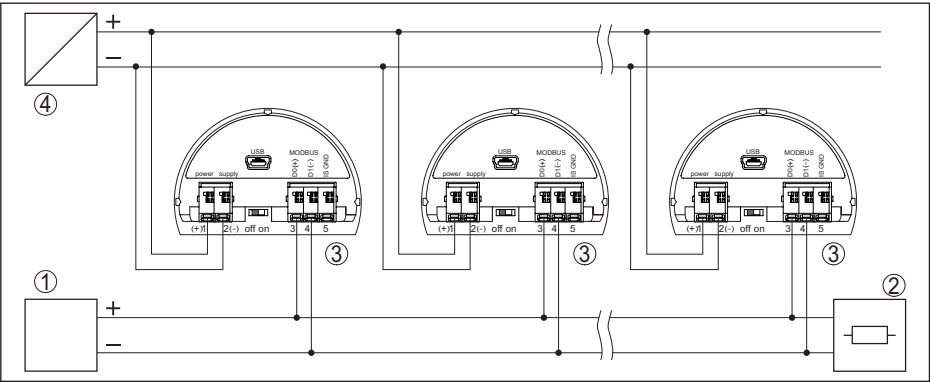


Fig. 27: Bus architecture Modbus

- 1 RTU
- 2 Connection resistor
- 3 Bus participant
- 4 Voltage supply

Protocol description

The VEGAPULS 66 is suitable for connection to the following RTUs with Modbus RTU or ASCII protocol.

RTU	Protocol
ABB Totalflow	Modbus RTU, ASCII
Bristol ControlWaveMicro	Modbus RTU, ASCII
Fisher ROC	Modbus RTU, ASCII
ScadaPack	Modbus RTU, ASCII
Thermo Electron Autopilot	Modbus RTU, ASCII

Parameters for the bus communication

The VEGAPULS 66 is preset with the default values:

Parameter	Configurable Values	Default Value
Baud Rate	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200	9600
Start Bits	1	1
Data Bits	7, 8	8
Parity	None, Odd, Even	None
Stop Bits	1, 2	1
Address range Modbus	1 ... 255	246

Start bits and data bits cannot be modified.

General configuration of the host

The data exchange with status and variables between field device and host is carried out via

register. For this, a configuration in the host is required. Floating point numbers with short prevision (4 bytes) according to IEEE 754 are transmitted with individually selectable order of the data bytes (byte transmission order). This "*Byte transmission order*" is determined in the parameter "*Format Code*". Hence the RTU knows the registers of the VEGAPULS 66 which must be contacted for the variables and status information.

Format Code	Byte transmission order
0	ABCD
1	CDAB
2	DCBA
3	BADC

## 10.3 Modbus register

### Holding Register

The Holding registers consist of 16 bit. They can be read and written. Before each command, the address (1 byte), after each command, a CRC (2 byte) is sent.

Register Name	Register Number	Type	Configurable Values	Default Value	Unit
Address	200	Word	1 ... 255	246	–
Baud Rate	201	Word	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600	9600	–
Parity	202	Word	0 = None, 1 = Odd, 2 = Even	0	–
Stopbits	203	Word	1 = None, 2 = Two	1	–
Delay Time	206	Word	10 ... 250	50	ms
Byte Oder (Floating point format)	3000	Word	0, 1, 2, 3	0	–

### Input register

The input registers consist of 16 bits. They can only be read out. Before each command, the address (1 byte) is sent, after each command a CRC (2 bytes) is sent.

PV, SV, TV and QV can be adjusted via the sensor DTM.

Register Name	Register Number	Type	Note
Status	100	DWord	Bit 0: Invalid Measurement Value PV Bit 1: Invalid Measurement Value SV Bit 2: Invalid Measurement Value TV Bit 3: Invalid Measurement Value QV
PV Unit	104	DWord	Unit Code
PV	106		Primary Variable in Byte Order CDAB
SV Unit	108	DWord	Unit Code
SV	110		Secondary Variable in Byte Order CDAB

Register Name	Register Number	Type	Note
TV Unit	112	DWord	Unit Code
TV	114		Third Variable in Byte Order CDAB
QV Unit	116	DWord	Unit Code
QV	118		Quarternary Variable in Byte Order CDAB
Status	1300	DWord	See Register 100
PV	1302		Primary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000
SV	1304		Secondary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000
TV	1306		Third Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000
QV	1308		Quarternary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000
Status	1400	DWord	See Register 100
PV	1402		Primary Variable in Byte Order CDAB
Status	1412	DWord	See Register 100
SV	1414		Secondary Variable in Byte Order CDAB
Status	1424	DWord	See Register 100
TV	1426		Third Variable in Byte Order CDAB
Status	1436	DWord	See Register 100
QV	1438		Quarternary Variable in Byte Order CDAB
Status	2000	DWord	See Register 100
PV	2002	DWord	Primary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)
SV	2004	DWord	Secondary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)
TV	2006	DWord	Third Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)
QV	2008	DWord	Quarternary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)
Status	2100	DWord	See Register 100
PV	2102	DWord	Primary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian)
SV	2104	DWord	Secondary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian)
TV	2106	DWord	Third Variable in Byte Order ABCD DCBA (Little Endian)
QV	2108	DWord	Quarternary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian)
Status	2200	DWord	See Register 100
PV	2202	DWord	Primary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)
SV	2204	DWord	Secondary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)
TV	2206	DWord	Third Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)
QV	2208	DWord	Quarternary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)

**Unit Codes for Register 104, 108, 112, 116**

Unit Code	Measurement Unit
32	Degree Celsius
33	Degree Fahrenheit
40	US Gallon
41	Liters
42	Imperial Gallons
43	Cubic Meters
44	Feet
45	Meters
46	Barrels
47	Inches
48	Centimeters
49	Millimeters
111	Cubic Yards
112	Cubic Feet
113	Cubic Inches

## 10.4 Modbus RTU commands

### FC3 Read Holding Register

With this command, any number (1-127) of holding registers can be read out. The start register, from which the readout should start, and the number of registers are transmitted.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x03
	Start Address	2 Bytes	0x0000 to 0xFFFF
	Number of Registers	2 Bytes	1 to 127 (0x7D)
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x03
	Start Address	2 Bytes	2*N
	Register Value	N*2 Bytes	Data

### FC4 Read Input Register

With this command, any number (1-127) of input registers can be read out. The start register, from which the readout should start, and the number of registers are transmitted.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x04
	Start Address	2 Bytes	0x0000 to 0xFFFF
	Number of Registers	N*2 Bytes	1 to 127 (0x7D)

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x04
	Start Address	2 Bytes	2*N
	Register Value	N*2 Bytes	Data

### FC6 Write Single Register

With this function code an individual holding register can be written.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x06
	Start Address	2 Bytes	0x0000 to 0xFFFF
	Number of Registers	2 Bytes	Data
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x04
	Start Address	2 Bytes	2*N
	Register Value	2 Bytes	Data

### FC8 Diagnostics

With this function code different diagnostic functions can be triggered or diagnostic values read out.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x08
	Sub Function Code	2 Bytes	
	Data	N*2 Bytes	Data
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x08
	Sub Function Code	2 Bytes	
	Data	N*2 Bytes	Data

#### Implemented function codes:

Sub Function Code	Name
0x00	Return Data Request
0x0B	Return Message Counter

With sub function codes 0x00 only one 16 bit value can be written.

### FC16 Write Multiple Register

With this function code, several holding registers can be written. Only registers can be written in an enquiry which are immediately consecutive. If there are gaps (registers do not exist) between the registers, then they cannot be written in a telegram.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x10
	Start Address	2 Bytes	0x0000 to 0xFFFF
	Register Value	2 Bytes	0x0001 to 0x007B
	Byte Number	1 Byte	2*N
	Register Value	N*2 Bytes	Data
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x10
	Sub Function Code	2 Bytes	0x0000 to 0xFFFF
	Data	2 Bytes	0x01 to 0x7B

### FC17 Report Slave ID

With this function code, the Slave ID can be queried.

#### Request:

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x11
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x11
	Byte Number	1 Byte	
	Slave ID	1 Byte	
	Run Indicator Status	1 Byte	

### FC43 Sub 14, Read Device Identification

With this function code, the Device Identification can be queried.

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x2B
	MEI Type	1 Byte	0x0E
	Read Device ID Code	1 Byte	0x01 to 0x04
	Object ID	1 Byte	0x00 to 0xFF
Response:	Function Code	1 Byte	0x2B
	MEI Type	1 Byte	0x0E
	Read Device ID Code	1 Byte	0x01 to 0x04
	Confirmity Level	1 Byte	0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x81, 0x82, 0x83
	More follows	1 Byte	00/FF
	Next Object ID	1 Byte	Object ID number
	Number of Objects	1 Byte	
	List of Object ID	1 Byte	
	List of Object length	1 Byte	
	List of Object value	1 Byte	Depending on the Object ID



## 10.5 Levelmaster commands

The VEGAPULS 66 is also suitable for connection to the following RTUs with Levelmaster protocol. The Levelmaster protocol is often called "*Siemens*" "*Tank protocol*".

RTU	Protocol
ABB Totalflow	Levelmaster
Kimray DACC 2000/3000	Levelmaster
Thermo Electron Autopilot	Levelmaster

### Parameters for the bus communication

The VEGAPULS 66 is preset with the default values:

Parameter	Configurable Values	Default Value
Baud Rate	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200	9600
Start Bits	1	1
Data Bits	7, 8	8
Parity	None, Odd, Even	None
Stop Bits	1, 2	1
Address range Levelmaster	32	32

The Levelmaster commands are based on the following syntax:

- Capital letters are at the beginning of certain data fields
- Small letters stand for data fields
- All commands are terminated with "<cr>" (carriage return)
- All commands start with "Uuu", whereby "uu" stands for the address (00-31)
- "\*" can be used as a joker for any position in the address. The sensor always converts this in its address. In case of more than one sensor, the joker must not be used, because otherwise several slaves will answer
- Commands that modify the instrument return the command with "OK". "EE-ERROR" replaces "OK" if there was a problem changing the configuration

### Report Level (and Temperature)

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Report Level (and Temperature)	4 characters ASCII	Uuu?
Response:	Report Level (and Temperature)	24 characters ASCII	UuuDIII.IIFttEeeeeWwww uu = Address III.II = PV in inches ttt = Temperature in Fahrenheit eeee = Error number (0 no error, 1 level data not readable) www = Warning number (0 no warning)

PV in inches will be repeated if "Set number of floats" is set to 2. Hence 2 measured values can be

transmitted. PV value is transmitted as first measured value, SV as second measured value.



### Information:

The max. value for the PV to be transmitted is 999.99 inches (corresponds to approx. 25.4 m).

If the temperature should be transmitted in the Levelmaster protocol, then TV must be set in the sensor to temperature.

PV, SV and TV can be adjusted via the sensor DTM.

## Report Unit Number

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Report Unit Number	5 characters ASCII	U**N?
Response:	Report Level (and Temperature)	6 characters ASCII	UuuNnn

## Assign Unit Number

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Assign Unit Number	6 characters ASCII	UuuNnn
Response:	Assign Unit Number	6 characters ASCII	UuuNOK uu = new Address

## Set number of Floats

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Set number of Floats	5 characters ASCII	UuuFn
Response:	Set number of Floats	6 characters ASCII	UuuFOK

If the number is set to 0, no level is returned

## Set Baud Rate

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Set Baud Rate	8 (12) characters ASCII	UuuBbbbb[b][pds] Bbbbb[b] = 1200, 9600 (default) pds = parity, data length, stop bit (optional) parity: none = 81, even = 71 (default), odd = 71
Response:	Set Baud Rate	11 characters ASCII	

Example: U01B9600E71

Change instrument on address 1 to baudrate 9600, parity even, 7 data bits, 1 stop bit

## Set Receive to Transmit Delay

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Set Receive to Transmit Delay	7 characters ASCII	UuuRmmm mmm = milliseconds (50 up to 250), default = 127 ms
Response:	Set Receive to Transmit Delay	6 characters ASCII	UuuROK

## Report Number of Floats

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Set Receive to Transmit Delay	4 characters ASCII	UuuF
Response:	Set Receive to Transmit Delay	5 characters ASCII	UuuFn n = number of measurement values (0, 1 or 2)

## Report Receive to Transmit Delay

	Parameter	Length	Code/Data
Request:	Report Receive to Transmit Delay	4 characters ASCII	UuuR
Response:	Report Receive to Transmit Delay	7 characters ASCII	UuuRmmm mmm = milliseconds (50 up to 250), default = 127 ms

## Error codes

Error Code	Name
EE-Error	Error While Storing Data in EEPROM
FR-Error	Error in Frame (too short, too long, wrong data)
LV-Error	Value out of limits

# 10.6 Configuration of typical Modbus hosts

## Fisher ROC 809

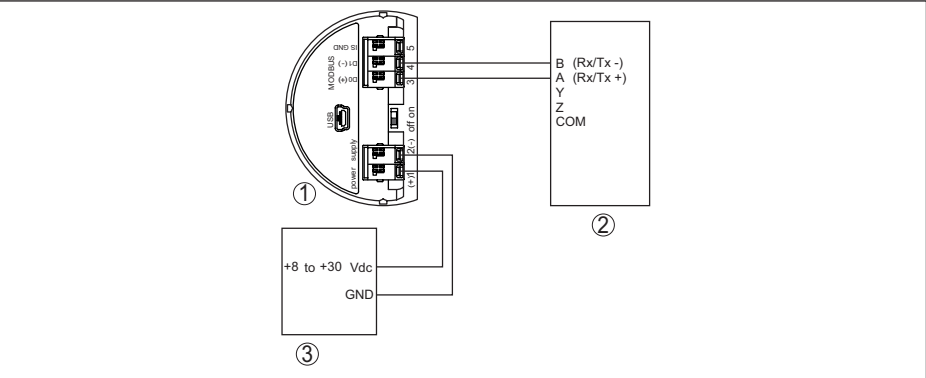


Fig. 28: Connection of VEGAPULS 66 to RTU Fisher ROC 809

- 1 VEGAPULS 66
- 2 RTU Fisher ROC 809
- 3 Voltage supply

## ABB Total Flow

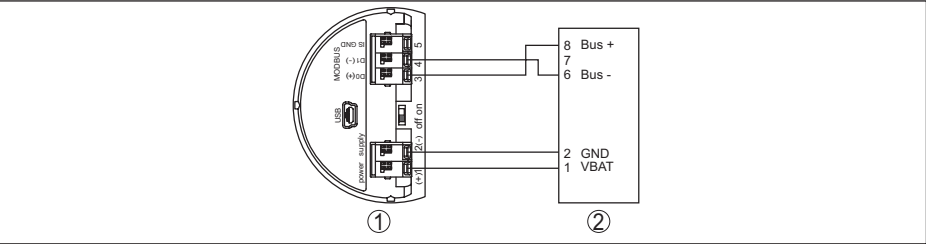


Fig. 29: Connection of VEGAPULS 66 to RTU ABB Total Flow

- 1 VEGAPULS 66
- 2 RTU ABB Total Flow

## Thermo Electron Autopilot

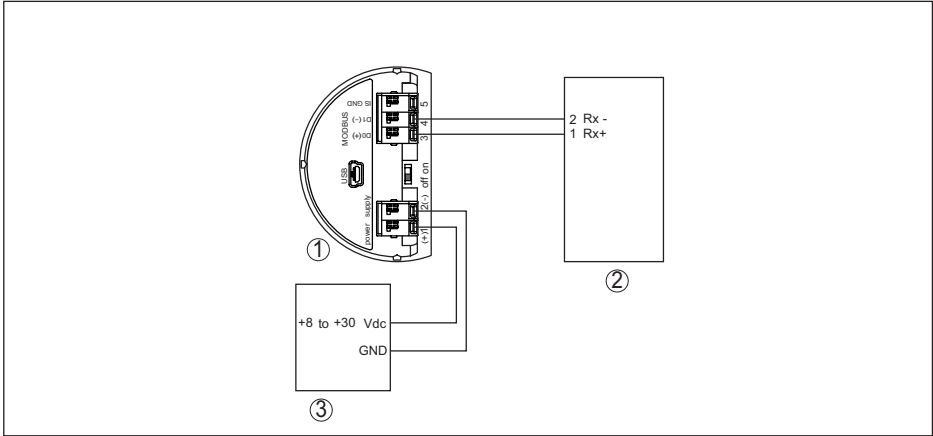


Fig. 30: Connection of VEGAPULS 66 to RTU Thermo Electron Autopilot

- 1 VEGAPULS 66
- 2 RTU Thermo Electron Autopilot
- 3 Voltage supply

## Bristol ControlWave Micro

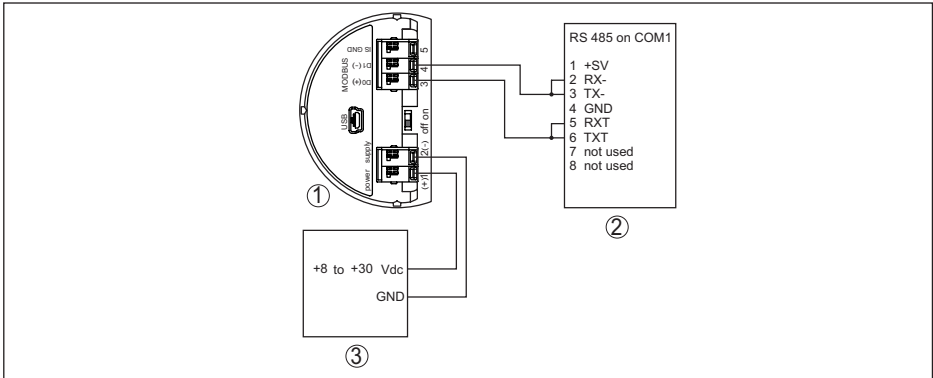


Fig. 31: Connection of VEGAPULS 66 to RTU Bristol ControlWave Micro

- 1 VEGAPULS 66
- 2 RTU Bristol ControlWave Micro
- 3 Voltage supply

# ScadaPack

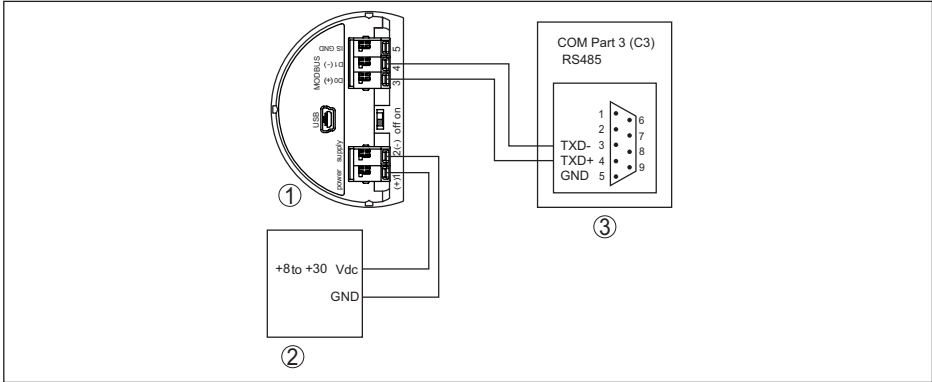


Fig. 32: Connection of VEGAPULS 66 to RTU ScadaPack

- 1 VEGAPULS 66
- 2 RTU ScadaPack
- 3 Voltage supply

## Parameter

Parameter	Value Fisher ROC 809	Value ABB Total Flow	Value Fisher Thermo Electron Autopilot	Value Fisher Bristol Control-Wave Micro	Value Scada-Pack
Baud Rate	9600	9600	9600	9600	9600
Floating Point Format Code	0	0	0	2 (FC4)	0
RTU Data Type	Conversion Code 66	16 Bit Modicon	IEE Fit 2R	32-bit registers as 2 16-bit registers	Floating Point
Input Register Base Number	0	1	0	1	30001

The basic number of the input registers is always added to the input register address of VEGAPULS 66.

This results in the following constellations:

- Fisher ROC 809 - Register address for 1300 is address 1300
- ABB Total Flow - Register address for 1302 is address 1303
- Thermo Electron Autopilot - Register address for 1300 is address 1300
- Bristol ControlWave Micro - Register address for 1302 is address 1303
- ScadaPack - Register address for 1302 is address 31303

## 10.7 Dimensions

The following dimensional drawings represent only an extract of all possible versions. Detailed dimensional drawings can be downloaded at [www.vega.com/downloads](http://www.vega.com/downloads) under "Drawings".

## Housing

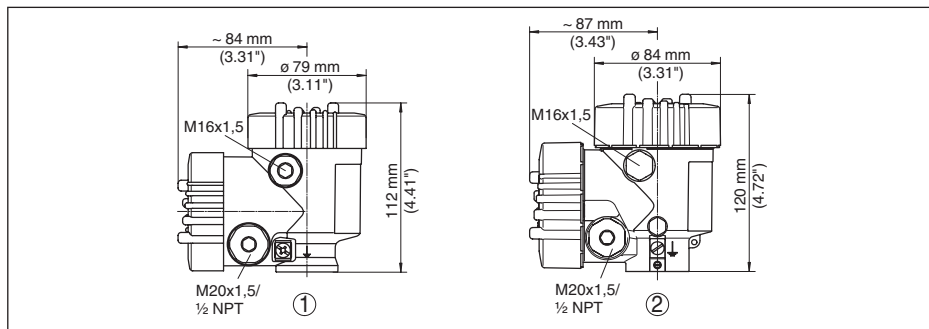


Fig. 33: Dimensions housing (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher, with metal housings 18 mm/0.71 in)

- 1 Plastic double chamber
- 2 Aluminium/Stainless steel double chamber

## VEGAPULS 66, standpipe version

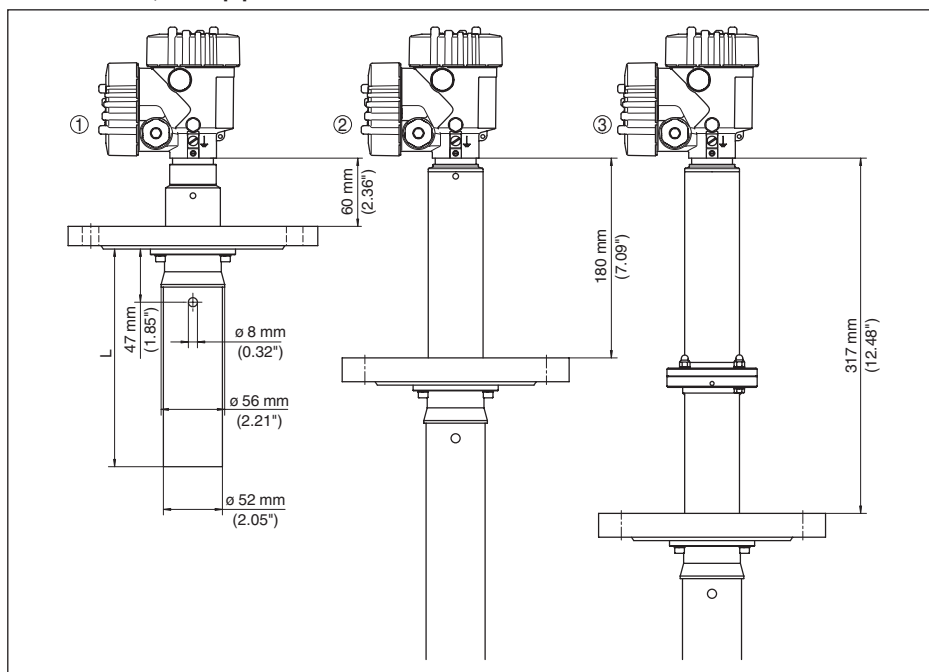


Fig. 34: VEGAPULS 66, standpipe version<sup>7)</sup>

- 1 Standard version
- 2 High temperature version -60 ... +250 °C (-76 ... +482 °F)
- 3 High temperature version -60 ... +400 °C (-76 ... +752 °F)

<sup>7)</sup> The plant operator must provide a suitable support for the standpipe depending on the length and the process conditions.

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