

Quick setup guide

Radar sensor for continuous level
measurement of liquids

VEGAPULS 63

Modbus and Levelmaster protocol



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Information:

This quick setup guide enables quick setup and commissioning of your instrument.

You can find supplementary information in the corresponding, more detailed Operating Instructions Manual as well as the Safety Manual that comes with instruments with SIL qualification. These manuals are available on our homepage.

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1 For your safety

1.1 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.

1.2 Appropriate use

VEGAPULS 63 is a sensor for continuous level measurement.

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

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

1.3 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.

1.4 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.

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.

The low transmitting power of the radar sensor is far below the internationally approved limits. No health impairments are to be expected with intended use. The band range of the measuring frequency can be found in chapter " *Technical data*".

1.5 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.

The EU conformity declaration can be found on our homepage.

Electromagnetic compatibility

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

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 Environmental instructions

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

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

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

2 Product description

2.1 Configuration

Type label

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

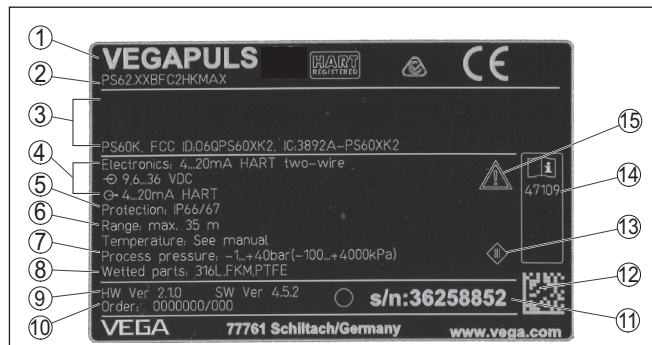


Fig. 1: Layout of the type label (example)

- 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

Move to "www.vega.com" and enter in the search field the serial number of your instrument.

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 DataMatrix code on the type label of the instrument or
- Enter the serial number manually in the app

3 Mounting

3.1 Mounting instructions

Mounting

1. Distance from the vessel wall > 200 mm, the antenna should protrude > 10 mm into the vessel

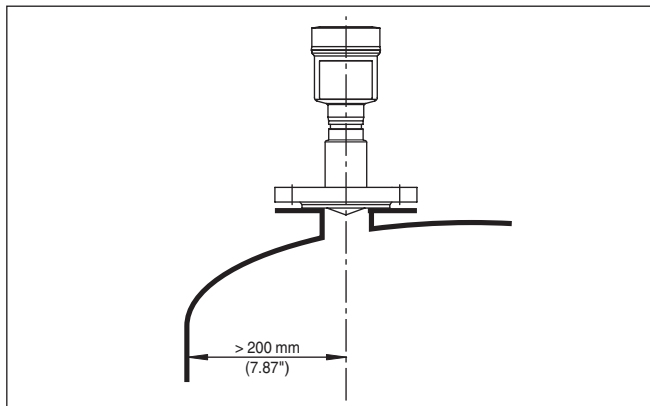


Fig. 2: Distance of the antenna to the vessel wall/vessel ceiling

2. Note min. socket diameter depending on the socket length

4 Connecting to power supply and bus system

4.1 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 entry gland. The seal ring must completely encircle the cable
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.

4.2 Wiring plan

Overview

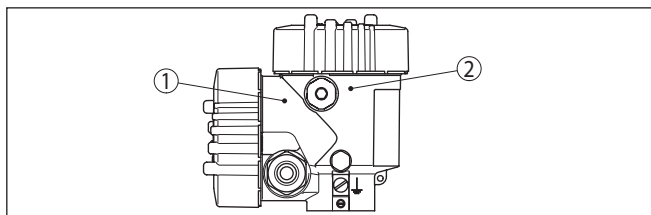


Fig. 4: Position of connection compartment (Modbus electronics) and electronics compartment (sensor electronics)

- 1 Connection compartment
- 2 Electronics compartment

Electronics compartment

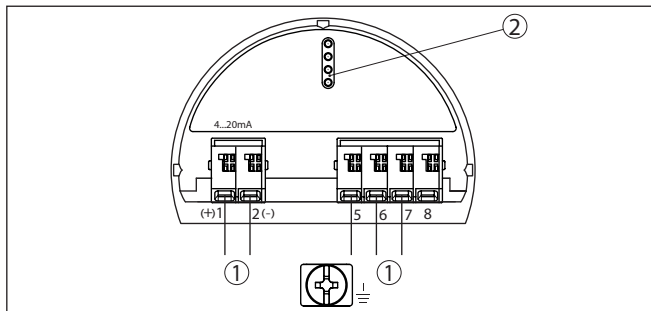


Fig. 5: Electronics compartment - double chamber housing

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

Connection compartment

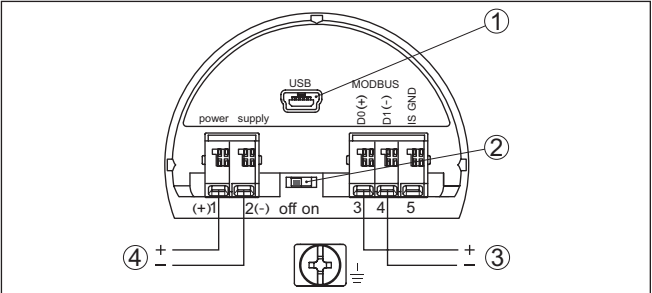


Fig. 6: Connection compartment

- 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 Set up the sensor with the display and adjustment module

5.1 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. 7: Insertion of the display and adjustment module



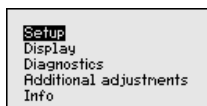
Note:

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.

5.2 Parameter adjustment

Set parameters

1. Go to the menu "Setup" via the display and adjustment module.



2. In the menu item "Medium" you select the medium of your application, for example "Aqueous solution".

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Setup | |
| Measurement loop name | |
| Medium | |
| Application | |
| Vessel type | |
| Vessel height/Me. range | |
| ▼ | |
| | Solvent |
| | Chem. mixtures |
| | ✓ Water based |

3. Select in the menu item "*Application*" the vessel, the application and the vessel form, for example, storage tank.

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Setup | |
| Measurement loop name | |
| Medium | |
| Application | |
| Vessel type | |
| Vessel height/Me. range | |
| ▼ | |
| | ✓ Storage tank |
| | Storage tank agitation |
| | Storage tank on ships |
| | Stirred vessel |
| | Dosing vessel |

4. Carry out the adjustment in the menu items "*Min. adjustment*" and "*Max. adjustment*".

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Setup | Max. adjustment | Min. adjustment |
| Vessel height/Me. range | | |
| Max. adjustment | 100.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Min. adjustment | 0.000 m | 35.000 m |
| Damping | 1.971 m | 1.971 m |
| Current output mode | | |

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

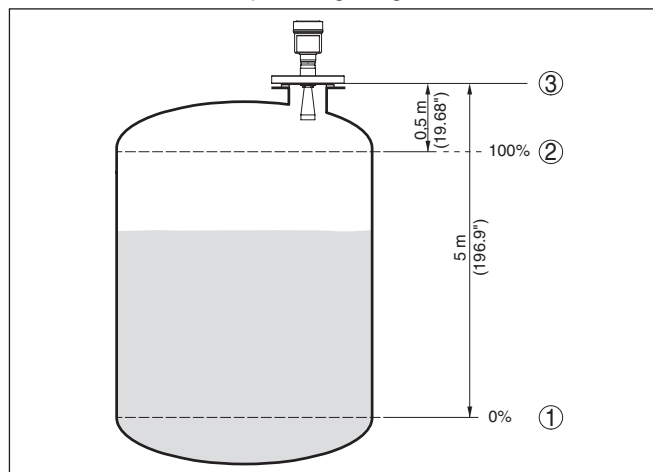


Fig. 8: Parameterisation example, Min./max. adjustment

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

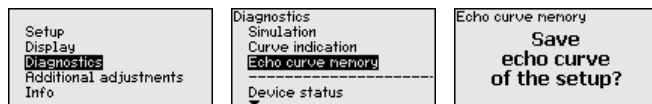
For this adjustment, the distance is entered when the vessel is full and nearly empty. If these values are not known, an adjustment with other distances, for example, 10 % and 90 % is also possible. Starting point for these distance specifications is always the seal surface of the thread or flange.

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 settings - False signal suppression

The following circumstances cause interfering reflections and can influence the measurement:

- High mounting nozzles
- Vessel internals such as struts
- Agitators
- Buildup or welded joints on vessel walls



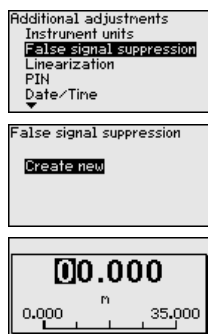
Note:

A false signal suppression detects, marks and saves these false signals to ensure that they are ignored in the level measurement.

This should be done with the lowest possible level so that all potential interfering reflections can be detected.

Proceed as follows:

1. Select with **[←]** the menu item "False signal suppression" and confirm with **[OK]**.



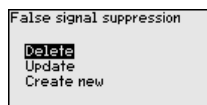
2. Confirm 3-times with **[OK]** and enter the actual distance from the sensor to the product surface.
3. All interfering signals in this range are detected by the sensor and stored after being confirmed with **[OK]**.



Note:

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

If a false signal suppression has already been saved in the sensor, the following menu window appears when selecting "*False signal suppression*":



Delete: An already created false signal suppression will be completely deleted. This is useful if the saved false signal suppression no longer matches the metrological conditions in the vessel.

Extend: is used to extend an already created false signal suppression. This is useful if a false signal suppression was carried out with too high a level and not all false signals could be detected. When selecting "*Extend*", the distance to the medium surface of the created false signal suppression is displayed. This value can now be changed and the false signal suppression can be extended to this range.

5.3 Menu overview

Setup

| Menu item | Parameter | Default setting |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Measurement loop name | | Sensor |
| Medium | | Liquid Water based |
| Application | | Storage tank |
| Vessel shape | Vessel top | Dished form |
| | Vessel bottom | Dished form |
| Vessel height/ Measuring range | | 35 m |
| Max. adjustment | | 0,000 m(d) 100.00 % |
| Min. adjustment | | 35 m 0.00 % |
| Damping | Integration time | 0.0 s |
| Current output mode | Output characteristics | 4 ... 20 mA |
| | Failure mode | ≤ 3.6 mA |
| Current output - Min./Max. | Min. current | 3.8 mA |
| | Max. current | 20.5 mA |
| Lock adjustment | | Released |

Display

| Menu item | Default setting |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Language | Order-specific |

| Menu item | Default setting |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Displayed value | Filling height in % |
| Backlight | Switched on |

Diagnostics

| Menu item | Parameter | Default setting |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Device status | | - |
| Peak value indicator | Distance | - |
| Electronics temperature | Temperature | - |
| Measurement reliability | | - |
| Simulation | | Percent |
| Curve display | Echo curve | - |
| | False signal suppression | - |
| Echo curve memory | | - |

Additional adjustments

| Menu item | Default setting |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Instrument units | Distance in m Temperature in °C |
| False signal suppression | - |
| Linearisation | Linear |
| PIN | - |
| Date/Time | Actual date/Actual time |
| Reset | - |
| HART mode | Address 0 |
| Copy instrument settings | - |

Info

| Menu item | Parameter |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Device name | VEGAPULS 6. |
| Instrument version | Hardware and software version |
| Date of manufacture | Date |
| Instrument features | Order-specific characteristics |

6 Set up with smartphone/tablet, PC/notebook via Bluetooth

6.1 Preparations

Activate Bluetooth

Make sure that the Bluetooth function of the display and adjustment module is activated. For this, the switch on the bottom side must be set to "On".

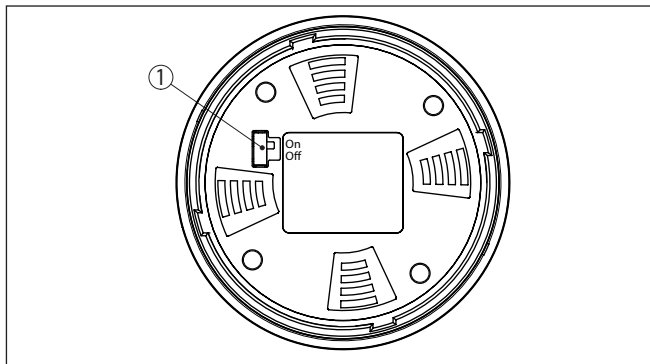


Fig. 9: Activate Bluetooth

1 Switch

On = Bluetooth active

Off = Bluetooth not active

Change sensor PIN

The security concept of Bluetooth operation absolutely requires that the default setting of the sensor PIN be changed. This prevents unauthorized access to the sensor.

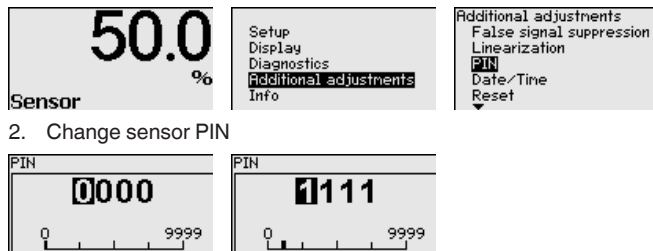
The default setting of the sensor PIN is "0000". First of all you have to change the sensor PIN in the adjustment menu of the sensor, e.g. to "1111":

1. In the adjustment menu, go to "Additional adjustments", "PIN"



Note:

The menu item "PIN" is only displayed if in the menu "Setup", "Lock/Unlock adjustment" the adjustment is released.



2. Change sensor PIN



Note:

Bluetooth access can only be established if the current sensor PIN differs from the default setting "0000". It is possible both when the PIN is deactivated and when it is activated (adjustment menu "Setup", "Lock/Unlock adjustment").

6.2 Connecting

Preparations

Smartphone/Tablet

Start the adjustment app and select the function "Setup". The smartphone/tablet searches automatically for Bluetooth-capable instruments in the area.

PC/Notebook

Start PACTware and the VEGA project assistant. Select the device search via Bluetooth and start the search function. The device automatically searches for Bluetooth-capable devices in the vicinity.

Connecting

The message "Instrument search running" is displayed. All devices found are listed in the operating window. The search is automatically continued continuously.

Select in the device list the requested device. The message "Connecting" is displayed.

Authenticate

For the first connection, the operating device and the sensor must authenticate each other. After successful authentication, the next connection functions without authentication.

For authentication, enter in the next menu window the 4-digit sensor PIN.

6.3 Sensor parameter adjustment

The sensor parameterization is carried out via the adjustment app on the smartphone/tablet or the DTM on the PC/notebook.

App view

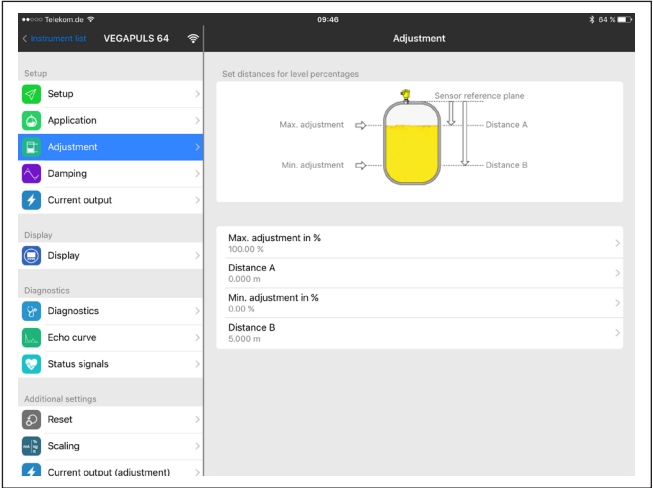


Fig. 10: Example of an app view - Setup sensor adjustment

7 Supplement

7.1 Technical data

Note for approved instruments

The technical data in the respective safety instructions which are included in delivery 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.

All approval documents can be downloaded from our homepage.

Electromechanical data - version IP66/IP67

| | |
|--|---|
| Cable gland | M20 x 1.5 or ½ NPT |
| Wire cross-section (spring-loaded terminals) | |
| – Massive wire, stranded wire | 0.2 ... 2.5 mm ² (AWG 24 ... 14) |
| – Stranded wire with end sleeve | 0.2 ... 1.5 mm ² (AWG 24 ... 16) |

Voltage supply

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Operating voltage | 8 ... 30 V DC |
| Max. power consumption | 520 mW |
| Reverse voltage protection | Integrated |

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