

Level Sensors



Special-Sensors for Automation

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Sensors

Microwave meter

The MFP level meter for continuous monitoring of various liquids allow measurement of the fill level in plastic or metal tanks of any size. The devices offer a high measurement precision. They work with numerous liquids such as water, oil or emulsions.

Principle of measurement: The microwaves are "guided" along the rod – and are reflected at the surface of the medium. From this the sensor determines the fill level. No adjustment is necessary for various media.

The devices are made of aluminium and AISI 316 Ti stainless steel and are suitable for ambient temperatures between –20 and +70 °C. Additional devices are available for monitoring highly corrosive liquids with a coated probe and non-metallic thread.

The fill level meters are available in sizes between 300 and 1200 mm in length. The sensors are equipped with a G3/4 thread and are connected via an M12 plug. The display shows the fill level either in cm or percentage value. You can program additional functions such as a fixed offset value or measuring range.

Microwave level controllers

The microwave level controllers of the MFC and MFK series respond to media contact at the tip of the sensor. They are especially insensitive to soiling and build-up. The devices of the MFK series are made of stainless steel and PTFE and are equipped with a G1/2 process connection. The sensors have a length of 40 mm. Thanks to their integrated electronics, no downstream amplifier is required. The sensors do not have to be adjusted to different media, and for containers made of plastic material, no earth connection is required. Users can adjust the sensitivity of the devices of the MFC series using a pushbutton. Thus, the sensors can distinguish between different layers of liquids (e.g. water and oil) in the containers allowing for an easy separation of liquids. The stainless steel and PTFE

microwave sensors can be used for virtually all container types and sensor environments. They are also suited for use with powder or granules. The sensors are available with a length of between 120 mm and 1000 mm thus offering various different installation options.

Capacitive sensors

The operation of these level sensors is based on a dielectric measuring method. All media which are surround the sensors measuring electrode, built into the tip of the probe, change the state of dielectric balance between the measuring electrode and the surrounding space. This disturbance in the balance triggers a switching command inside the device. The balance can be adjusted with a built-in potentiometer so that materials with different bulk densities and correspondingly different dielectric constants can be measured optimally. Metallic or metal clad vessels should be earthed. In the case of plastic vessels filled with electrically conductive materials, the latter should be earthed. In the case of plastic vessels filled with non-conducting materials, an earthed metal band applied on the outside of the vessel may be used as a counter-electrode.

Medium adjustment for capacitive sensors

Level sensors are set in such a way that they switch upon contact with a medium. The medium adjustment should, if possible, take place without removal under operating conditions. If the built-in part of the sensor can be completely submerged or covered during operation, the adjustment must also take place in this state. If only medium contact is possible, the adjustment takes place upon contact. The trimmer potentiometer is protected by a plastic bolt. This bolt must be removed before the desired sensitivity is set. Turning it clockwise increases the response sensitivity. The adjustment potentiometer is turned until the switch output switches through (normally-open contact). You achieve switching point safety by continuing to turn the potentiometer half a turn to one turn. Devices with a LED line are adjusted to two green LEDs. If the medium adjustment has taken place, the plastic bolt must be fixed again.

Laboratory adjustment

If adjustment cannot be carried out with the sensor mounted in operating position, it can be performed upon a similar vessel. It must, however, be made sure that this vessel is set upon an earthed metal plate, or that the liquid within the vessel is earthed by means of an introduced wire. The minimum height and minimum diameter of the experimental vessel should be about 10 cm.

If setting is correct, the filling level monitor reacts correctly if 50% of the electrode diameter is covered. When mounted vertically, sensors reacts upon contact with the medium. Reaction time lag is less than 0.25 sec.

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Opto-Sensors UF...

Optical sensors react to a change of the refraction index within the proximity of the sensor tip when being immersed into fluid. The sensor does not have to be adjusted. In rare cases, the container wall or particles within the fluid may reflect the light emitted by the sensor and thus interfere with the fluid detection. A trial run is recommended in such instances. The sensors are designed to be used with the respectively listed fluids under normal conditions. The chemical compatibility and technical suitability of the sensor should be tested when used with unlisted fluids.

Resistance UFGS..., UFGSs...Ex	
Water	Monoethylenglycole
Vegetable oil	Glyceric
Diluted acids	Aceton
Diluted bases	Fuels
Ethyl alcohol	Benzol
Methyl alcohol	Diesel
Isopropanol	Motor oil
Isohexan	Hydraulic oil
n-Heptan	Paraffin Oil DAB

Conductive level controller

The CFC 050 GSOP enables level detection of fluids with a conductivity $>10 \mu\text{S/cm}$. Typical applications are dry-running protection or overflow protection in vessel or pipes. The CFC 050 GSOP works with a measuring electrode and a complementary electrode which is connected to the metallic thread. The switching signal is triggered when the fluid has contact to both electrodes.

Adhesions or splash are no problem. Using the screw-on-electrode the CFC 050 GSOP can even be used in plastic container. The electrodes can easily be shortened by the user.

Medium (example)	Conductivity ($\mu\text{S/cm}$)
Concentrated acid or alkaline	up to 1000 000
Industrial contaminated water	up to 500 000
Methylalkohol	440 000
Seawater	55 000
Ethylalkohol	1300
Drinking water	100...2000
Distilled water	0.5...5
Organic or mineral oils	0

Hydrostatic fill level sensor

The hydrostatic fill level sensors of the series DGC 075 are suitable for fill level measuring in liquids and are available for fill levels up to 2000 cm. The measuring range can be adjusted simple and fast by potentiometer and 4 LEDs on the measuring head. It is easy to install with its G3/4 thread, for example in the tank wall, and has protection class IP 67. The sensor has a 4...20 mA signal exit.

Sensors for explosion hazardous areas

Fill level monitors for use in zone 0 are operated with the associated amplifiers listed in the respective connection chart. The analysis devices operated outside of the Ex area. Sensors of the series KGFTa...Ex are used in conjunction with an intermediate amplifier, which is approved for installation in zone 0 or zone 1.

Switching point

Capacitive level sensors react to conductive materials and non-conductive materials with a dielectrical constant $\epsilon > 1.8$. The switching point depends on the material.

In the same installation situation, sensors are more sensitive when using conductive materials.

When the sensor-tip is immersed in a fluid, a switching command inside the device is triggered. This trigger is set between contact with the liquid and some mm more into the liquid. This distance between the tip of the sensor and the trigger is the nominal switching point. The immersion-distance has a negative sign, e. g. -8 mm.

The water content of an object or a liquid has a decisive influence on the switching point. A high humidity content increases the switching point considerably.

Nominal switching point s_p

The switching point or rated operating distance is a device parameter that does not take into account sample variances and external influences such as temperature and supply voltages. Optical sensors are switching by immersing the tip. When the sensor tip is immersed in a fluid, the switching point has a negative sign.

Effective operating distance s_r

The effective operating distance is the operating switching point at nominal voltage and at nominal temperature of 23 °C. It is between 90% and 110% of the rated operating distance.

Usable operating distance s_u

The usable operating point is in the entire allowable temperature and voltage range is between 80% and 120% of the effective operating distance.

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Assured operating distance s_a

The assured operating point takes into account all the external influences, sample and media variations and is in the range from 0% to 72% of the rated operating distance point. Within this range a guaranteed switching is ensured.

Switching point drift

The operating distances are given for an ambient temperature of 23 °C. In the permissible temperature range the switching point varies by less than 15% from the value at 23 °C. The temperature of the measured object has no influence on the switch point.

Hysteresis H

The switching hysteresis describes the distance between the turn on point while immersing in the liquid and the turn off point during the separation of it from the sensor. The hysteresis brings about a stable switching signal even when there are vibrations, temperature drift, or electrical failures.

The hysteresis is defined according to EN 60947-5-2 to be a maximum 20% from the real switching point, and carries a value of typically 10% - 15% from the real switching distance s_r for EGE sensors.

Repeating accuracy R

The repeating accuracy describes the maintenance of the switching point after the repeated immersing in the liquid under specified circumstances. EGE sensors have typical tolerances of less than 3% of the effective operating point.

Switching frequency

The maximum switching frequency of the sensor is determined at nominal switching point S_p when immersing in the water.

Supply voltage

The operating voltage is the voltage range in which EGE sensors function safely. For a constant voltage supply it is important to make sure that the limits are still observed when the residual ripple is included.

Switching current

This current gives the maximum long-term current for the switching output of the sensor at an ambient temperature of 25 °C and ohmic load. At an elevated ambient temperature, the current load capability decreases. For analog outputs, the boundary values given in the appropriate technical data, and particularly the permissible values for resistance loads, must be observed.

Short circuit protection

The short circuit proof ensures the sensor against destruction through a short circuit on the output. After removal of the fault, the output is reactivated. Where a maximum overload current is listed, this should not be exceeded.

Overcurrent release

This value indicates the median value of current at which the short circuit protection responds with a tolerance of $\pm 20\%$.

Reverse polarity protection

The reverse polarity protection prevents destruction of the sensor by a reversal of the polarity of the voltage supply.

Voltage drop U_d

The voltage drop arises at the internal resistance of semiconductor elements, which are in the current-path of the output. It is dependent of the load-current and is declared according to EN 60947-5-2 for a mean current of 50 mA.

Residual current I_r

The residual current flows in the load current circuit when the output is blocked. The residual current must be considered when switching sensors in parallel.

Minimum load current I_m

The minimum load current is necessary for flawless operation with two-wire devices.

Current consumption

The current consumption is the maximum value of the no-load current I_0 that the sensor can absorb without a load.

Ambient temperature

The ambient temperature indicates the maximum allowable temperature range for the sensor.

Electromagnetic compatibility EMC

The EMC class is a measure of the noise immunity of the sensor against external electrical and magnetic influences. The information is based on the standard EN 61000-6-2.

Switch-on impulse suppression

EGE sensors have a switch-on impulse suppression that blocks the output during the switch-on phase, when the operational voltage is applied.

Protection

The protective system indicates the protection of the sensors against penetration of foreign bodies and water according to EN 60529.

LED-Display

EGE sensors with yellow light-emitting diodes indicate the switching status optically.

Housing material

The housing material determines the chemical resistance of the sensor against external influences. For special applications, other housing materials are available.

Connection

The connection of the sensors is accomplished through plug-in connections or cables. Different cable types and lengths are available upon request.

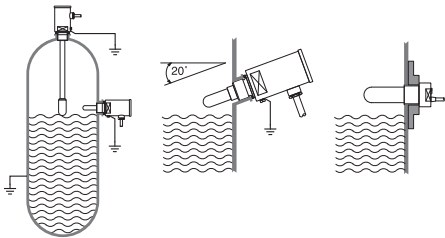
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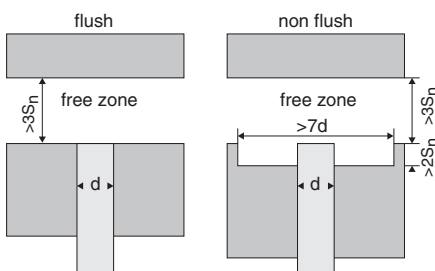
Installation and operation

Instructions for mounting

The sensor tip of short level sensors installed from the side must be located inside the container. To prevent build-up, it is recommended to install these sensors at a tilted angle of approx. 20°. With rod-style sensors, make sure that the tip is not affected by lateral forces. Such forces may occur, for example, when using sensors near filling openings or mixers. Only use materials for housing and sealing that are suitable for the respective application.



For flush mounting, the sensor can be built into influencing material up to its active surface without changing its characteristics. For non-flush mounting, a metal-free zone around the sensor must be allowed for. A free zone to the material opposite the sensor must be maintained for all sensors.



The indicated free zones are in accordance with the standard EN 60947-5-2.

Collocation

When collocating the sensors, a minimum separation must be kept between the devices in order to avoid mutual influence. When in doubt, a test should be conducted under application conditions. For capacitive sensors, the lateral separation from one another must correspond to at least twice the diameter of the sensor. For separations greater than eight times the diameter no mutual influence is to be expected. For oppositely mounted sensors, a minimal separation of eight times the nominal switching separation should be allowed for.

Threads

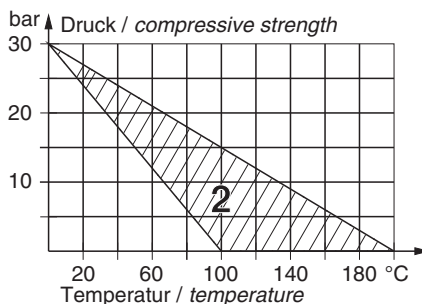
The threads of the sensors in this prospectus are manufactured to DIN ISO 228-1, tolerance class B. They are designated with (") or (G). If it is necessary to combine different threads, e.g. the sensor-thread made to DIN ISO 228-1 and an inner thread made to DIN ISO 229, such inner thread must be widened by a thread drill.

Torques

In order to prevent destruction of the threaded bushing during fitting, PTFE-sensors may only be tightened by hand.

Sealings

The sealings used for our sensors are made of PTFE, NBR, FPM or AFM. If the temperatures exceed 100 °C or the pressures are higher special sealings are necessary (2). When ordering sensors for such applications, such special sealings must be ordered too.



Instructions for operation

Serial connection

For the serial connection of two wire or three wire sensors the individual voltage drops are added together. Therefore there is a lesser operational voltage at the disposal of the load. The addition of the switch-on delay times should be noted.

Parallel connection

The parallel connection of two wire sensors can only be conditionally recommended since the residual currents are added together and flow through the load. For the parallel connection of three wire sensors, the current consumption of the individual devices is added together. Since this current does not flow through the load, the maximum number of parallel connectable three wire sensors depends only on the power supply.

Approval for safety applications

Sensors for personal security must have a qualification approval according to EN 61508 and must be labeled accordingly. Sensors that are not labeled must not be used for applications of this kind.



Probes Compact models Amplifiers





Capacitive sensor-compact

PTFE housing
M14x1
M30x1.5

DC 10...55 V



Design	DC PNP • M14x1		DC PNP • M30x1.5	
Dimensions				
Switching point sp	-2		-3	
Switching output				
ID-No.	P20130	P21106	P20051	P20052
Type	KGF 014 GSP	KGF 014 GOP	KGF 030 GSP	KGF 030 GOP
Supply voltage	10...33 DC		10...55 DC	
Switching current	200		400	
Short circuit proof	•		•	
Overcurrent release	800		800	
Reverse protection	•		•	
Voltage drop	1 DC		1 DC	
Minimum load current	-		-	
Current consumption	4		4	
Switching frequency	10		10	
Ambient temperature	-25...+75		-25...+75	
EMC-class	A		A	
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 67		IP 67	
LED display	•		•	
Housing material	PTFE		PTFE	
Connection	2 m PVC-cable 3x0.34 mm ²		2 m PVC-cable 0.5 mm ²	
Switching current				
Accessories	fixing nuts are part of delivery			



Capacitive sensor-compact

G3/4 thread

DC 10...55 V



Design	DC PNP • G3/4		DC PNP • G3/4
Dimensions			
Switching point sp	-2		-3
Switching output			
ID-No.	P20055		P21101
Type	KGF 075 GSP		KGMR 107 GSP
Supply voltage [V]	10...55 DC		10...55 DC
Switching current [mA]	400		300
Short circuit proof	•		•
Overcurrent release [mA]	800		800
Reverse protection	•		•
Voltage drop [V]	1 DC		1.5 DC
Minimum load current [mA]	-		-
Current consumption [mA]	4		4
Switching frequency [Hz]	10		10
Ambient temperature [°C]	-25...+75		-25...+75
EMC-class	A		A
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 67		IP 67
LED display	•		•
Housing material	PTFE		PTFE / 1.4571
Sealing material	-		FPM
Connection	2 m PVC-cable 0.5 mm ²		
Switching current			



Capacitive sensor-compact

PTFE housing
G1 thread

DC 10...55 V



Dimensions	DC PNP • G1		
<i>Dimensions</i>			
Switching point sp [mm]	-6	-6	-6
Switching output			
ID-No.	P20063	P20064	P21198
Type	KGFR 100 GSP	KGFR 100 GOP	KGFR 100 GSOP
Supply voltage [V]	10...55 DC	10...55 DC	10...30 DC
Switching current [mA]	400	400	200
Short circuit proof	•	•	•
Overcurrent release [mA]	800	800	450
Reverse protection	•	•	•
Voltage drop [V]	1 DC	1 DC	1.5 DC
Minimum load current [mA]	-	-	-
Current consumption [mA]	4	4	10
Switching frequency [Hz]	10		
Ambient temperature [°C]	-25...+75		
EMC-class	A		
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 67		
LED display	•		
Housing material	PTFE		
Connection	2 m PVC-cable 0.5 mm ²		2 m PVC-cable 0.34 mm ²
Switching current			
Switching current			



Capacitive sensor-compact

G1/2 thread

DC 18...33 V

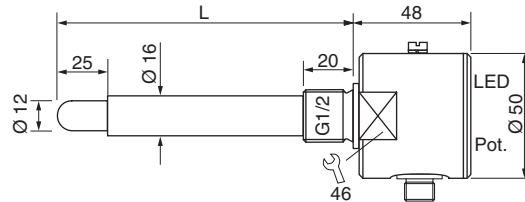
Stainless steel housing

PTFE-sensor

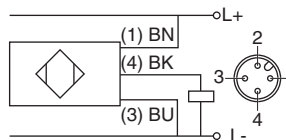
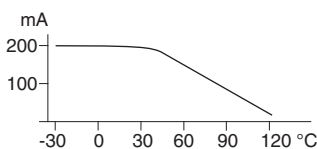


Design **DC PNP • G1/2**

Dimensions



Switching point sp [mm]	-6	-6	-6	-6
Switching output				
ID-No.	P21161	P21162	P21163	P21164
Type-sensor length L	KFC 050 GSP-L50	KFC 050 GSP-L100	KFC 050 GSP-L200	KFC 050 GSP-L400
Supply voltage [V]	18...33 DC			
Switching current [mA]	200			
Short circuit proof	•			
Overcurrent release [mA]	250			
Reverse protection	•			
Voltage drop [V]	2			
Minimum load current [mA]	-			
Current consumption [mA]	10			
Switching frequency [Hz]	5			
Ambient temperature [°C]	housing: -25...+75 / sensor tip: -25...+120			
EMC-class	A			
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 67			
LED display	•			
Housing material	AISI 316 Ti / PTFE			
Sealing material	FFKM (Kalrez)			
Compressive strength [bar]	16 (25 °C)			
Connection	M12 connector			
Switching current				



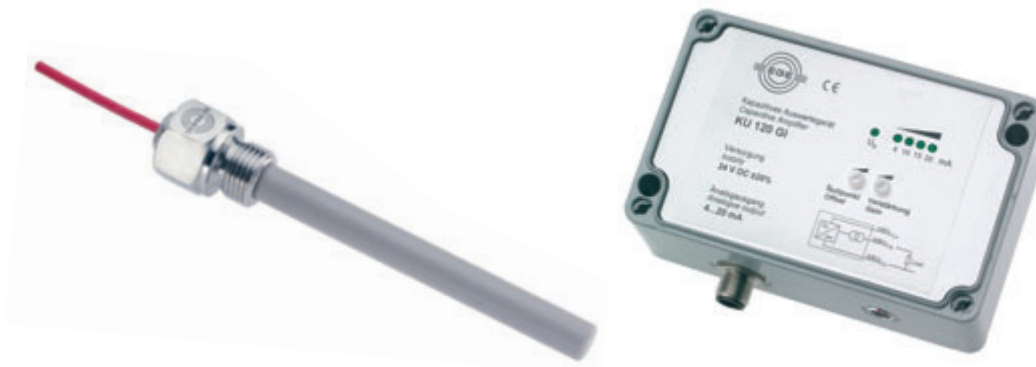
Accessories connecting cable SLG 3..., SLW 3..., see page 2.35



Capacitive analog sensor

up to 200 °C

4...20 mA output



Design	G1/2		KU 120 GI
Dimensions			
Sensing length M [mm]	100	200	
Output	-	-	
ID-No.	P21151	P21152	P21153
Type-sensor length L	KFA 150-L135	KFA 150-L235	KU 120 GI
Supply voltage [V]	-		24 DC ±20%
Current output [mA]	-		4...20
Current consumption [mA]	-		50
Working resistance [Ω]	-		50...400
Reaction frequency [Hz]	2		5
Ambient temperature [°C]	-35...+200		-20...+60
EMC-class	A		A
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 68		IP 65
LEM-connection	IP 54		IP 54
LED display	-		•
Housing material	PEEK / AISI 316 Ti		Aluminium
Sealing material	PTFE		-
Compressive strength [bar]	16		-
Connection	2 m PTFE-cable / LEM 01 plug system		M12 connector
Accessories			connecting cable SLG 3-2, see page 2.35



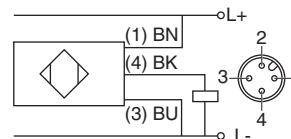
Capacitive – 230 °C-low temperature

Detection of liquid gases
 Detection of cooled granules

Sensor for connection to an external amplifier



Design	G1/2		KU 125...
Dimensions			
Switching point sp	adjustable	adjustable	adjustable
Switching output			
ID-No.	P21167	P21196	P21166
Type	KGFP 050	KGFP 051	KU 125 GPP
Application area	liquid gases	cooled granules	
Medium temperature [°C]	-230...+80		-
Cable temperature [°C]	-80...+120		-
Supply voltage [V]	-		24 DC ±20%
Current consumption [mA]	-		50
Switching current [mA]	-		400
Hysteresis [%]	-		10 (adjustable)
Switching frequency [Hz]	-		10
Ambient temperature [°C]	-		-20...+60
EMC-class	-		A
Protection [EN 60529]			
housing	IP 68		IP 65
plug	IP 67		IP 67
LED display	-		•
Power on LED	-		•
Housing material	AISI 316 Ti / PTFE		Aluminium
Connection	2 m PTFE-cable with LEM 02 plug system		M12 connector

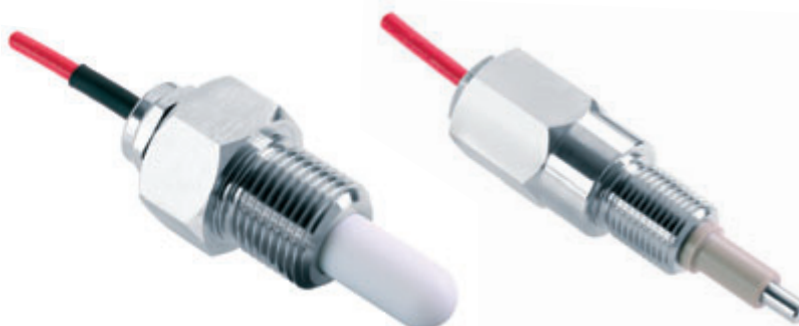


Accessories connecting cable type SLG 3..., SLW 3..., see page 2.35



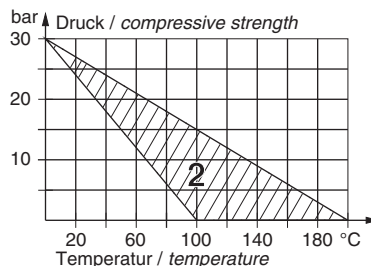
Capacitive 230 °C-high temperature

Sensor for connection to an external amplifier



Design	G1/4	G1/2	G1/4	G1/2	G1/4
Dimensions					
Switching point sp [mm]	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6
ID-No.	P21092	P21093	P21119	P21120	P21108
Type	KGFT 025	KGFT 050	KGFT 125	KGFT 150	KGFT 325
Temperature range [°C]	-35...+180	-35...+180	-35...+200	-35...+200	-35...+230
Protection [EN 60529]					
sensor	IP 68	IP 68	IP 68	IP 68	IP 68
plug LEM 01	IP 54	IP 54	IP 54	IP 54	IP 54
Compressive strength [bar]	10	10	30	30	0.5
Housing material	PTFE / AISI 316 Ti	PTFE / AISI 316 Ti	PEEK / AISI 316 Ti	PEEK / AISI 316 Ti	PEEK / AISI 316 Ti
Sealing material	FPM	FPM	PTFE	PTFE	EP
Connection	2 m PTFE-cable with LEM 01 plug system				
	For special applications the seal must be determined separately. In such cases, the combination of pressure and temperature is of great importance (see diagram). Special seals are necessary for applications with media temperatures above +100 °C or where pressures are higher (2).				

If water damp phases cannot be excluded, the KGFT...-CER sensor must be used. (see page 2.26)



Required amplifiers: KK 030 GSP , KU 120..., KUA 120..., see page 2.27 - 2.28



Capacitive 200 °C-high temperature

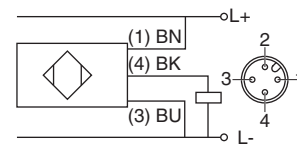
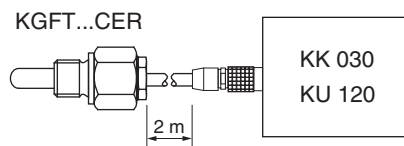
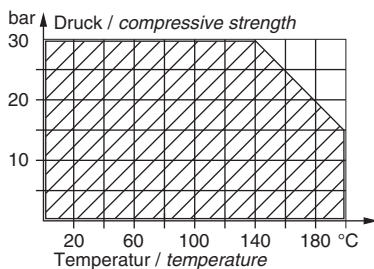
Steam proof

Sensor for connection to an external amplifier

30 bar at 140 °C
15 bar at 200 °C



Design	G1/4	KK 030...
Dimensions		
Switching point sp	-6	adjustable
Switching output		
ID-No.	P21199	P21095
Type	KGFT 125-CER	KK 030 GSP
Supply voltage [V]	-	16...55 DC
Current consumption [mA]	-	15
Switching current max. [mA]	-	200
Hysteresis [%]	-	10
Switching frequency [Hz]	-	15
Ambient temperature [°C]	-35...+200	-5...+60
EMC-class	-	A
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 68 (plug LEM 01 IP 54)	IP 67 (plug LEM 01 IP 54)
Compressive strength [bar]	30 at 140 °C / 15 at 200 °C	-
LED display	-	LED yellow
Power on LED	-	LED green
Housing material	AISI 316 Ti / Ceramic	AISI 316 Ti
Sealing material	PTFE	-
Sensor connection	-	LEM 01 plug system
Connection	2 m PTFE-cable with LEM 01 plug system	M12 connector



Accessories connecting cable SLG 3..., SLW 3..., see page 2.35



Capacitive amplifiers

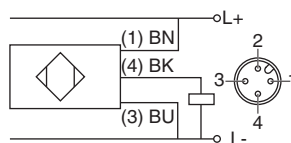
For sensors
KGFT up to +230 °C
KGMT up to +200 °C

IP 67 Protection

LED display



Design	KK 030...	KU 120...
Dimensions		
Switching point sp	adjustable	adjustable
Switching output		
ID-No.	P21095	P21107
Type	KK 030 GSP	KU 120 GPP-24
Supply voltage [V]	16...55 DC	24 DC ±20%
Current consumption [mA]	15	50
Switching current max. [mA]	200	400
Hysteresis [%]	10	10 (adjustable)
Switching frequency [Hz]	15	5
Ambient temperature [°C]	-5...+60	-20...+60
EMC-class	A	A
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 67	IP 65
LEM-connection	IP 54	IP 54
LED display	LED yellow	LED-array
Power on LED	LED green	•
Housing material	AISI 316 Ti	Aluminium
Sensor connection	LEM 01 plug	LEM 01 plug
Connection	M12 connector	M12 connector



Accessories connecting cable SLG 3..., SLW 3..., see page 2.35



Capacitive amplifier

Automatic adjustment on medium

For sensors KGFT up to +230 °C

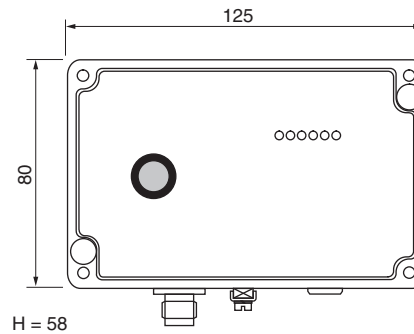
Cable break monitoring

LED display



Design KUA 120 GSOP

Dimensions

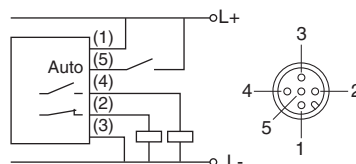


Switching point sp automatic adjustment by push-button or control input
 Switching output



ID-No.	P21190
Type	KUA 120 GSOP
Supply voltage [V]	18...30 DC
Current consumption [mA]	approx. 100
Switching current max. [mA]	100
Hysteresis [%]	10
Switching frequency [Hz]	10
Ambient temperature [°C]	0...+60
EMC-class	A
Protection [EN 60529]	IP 65
LEM-Connection	IP 54
LED display	LED-array
Cable break monitoring	•
Housing material	Aluminium
Sensor Connection	LEM 01 plug
Connection	M12 connector

The capacitive amplifier is designed to be connected to the level controller of type KGFT... The adjustment depending on different media or installation situations is carried out by automatic adjustment.



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Accessories connecting cable type SLG 5..., SLW 5..., see page 2.35