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# Technical Information
# Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
Capacitance



## Point level switch for bulk solids

**Application**
Solicap M is used for point level detection in bulk solids and can be operated in minimum or maximum fail-safe mode.

Due to its robust construction, it can also be used to provide accurate measurements in applications with very high tensile loads (up to 60 kN for rope version) or lateral loads (up to 300 Nm for rod version).

In combination with Fieldgate (for remote interrogation of measured values using internet technology), Solicap M represents an ideal solution for material provisioning and logistical optimization (inventory control).

**Your benefits**

- Extremely robust design for harsh process conditions
- Easy and fast commissioning as calibration is performed at the press of a button
- Universal application thanks to wide range of certificates and approvals
- Two-stage overvoltage protection against static discharges from the silo
- Active buildup compensation for bulk solids that tend to cake
- Use in safety systems with specific requirements in terms of functional safety to SIL2/SIL3 in conjunction with electronic insert FEI55
- Increased safety due to permanent automatic monitoring of electronics
- Reduction in storage costs thanks to easy-to-shorten rod model (for partial insulation) and rope model (for partial and full insulation)
- Two-point control (e.g. for controlling a handling device)

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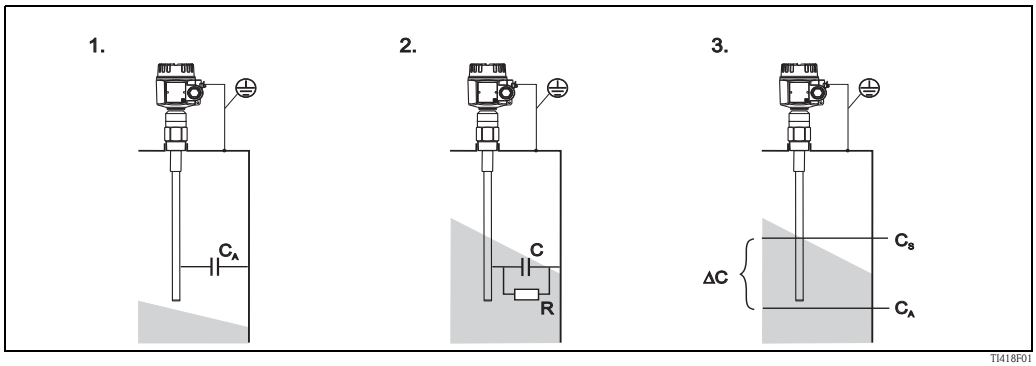
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# Function and system design

## Measuring principle

The principle of capacitance point level detection is based on the change in capacitance of a capacitor as a result of the probe being covered by bulk solids. The probe and container wall (conductive material) form an electric capacitor. When the probe is in air (1), a certain low initial capacitance is measured. If the container is being filled, the capacitance of the capacitor increases as more of the probe is covered (2), (3).

The point level switch switches when the capacitance $C_S$ specified during calibration is reached.
In addition, a probe with inactive length ensures that the effects of medium buildup or condensate near the process connection are avoided. A probe with active buildup compensation compensates for the effects of buildup on the probe in the area of the process connection.




*R: Conductivity of bulk solids*
*C: Capacitance of bulk solids*
*$C_A$: Initial capacitance (probe not covered)*
*$C_S$: Switching capacitance*
*ΔC: Change in capacitance*

### Function

The electronic insert selected for the probe determines the change in capacitance depending on how much of the probe is covered. This ensures accurate switching at the switchpoint (level) calibrated for this purpose.

## Application examples

Sand, glass aggregate, gravel, molding sand, lime, ore (crushed), plaster, aluminum shavings, cement, grain, pumice, flour, dolomite, sugar beet, kaolin, fodder and similar bulk solids.

In general:
Bulk solids with a relative dielectric constant $\varepsilon_r \geq 2.5$.

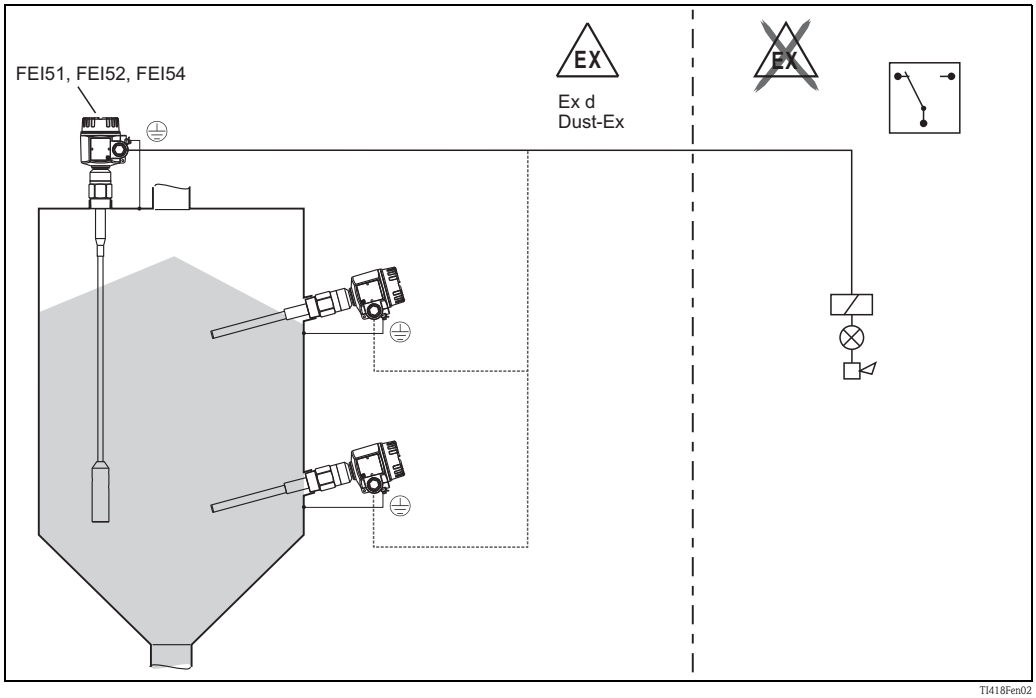
**Measuring system**

The make-up of the measuring system depends on the electronic insert selected.

**Point level switch**

The complete measuring system consists of:

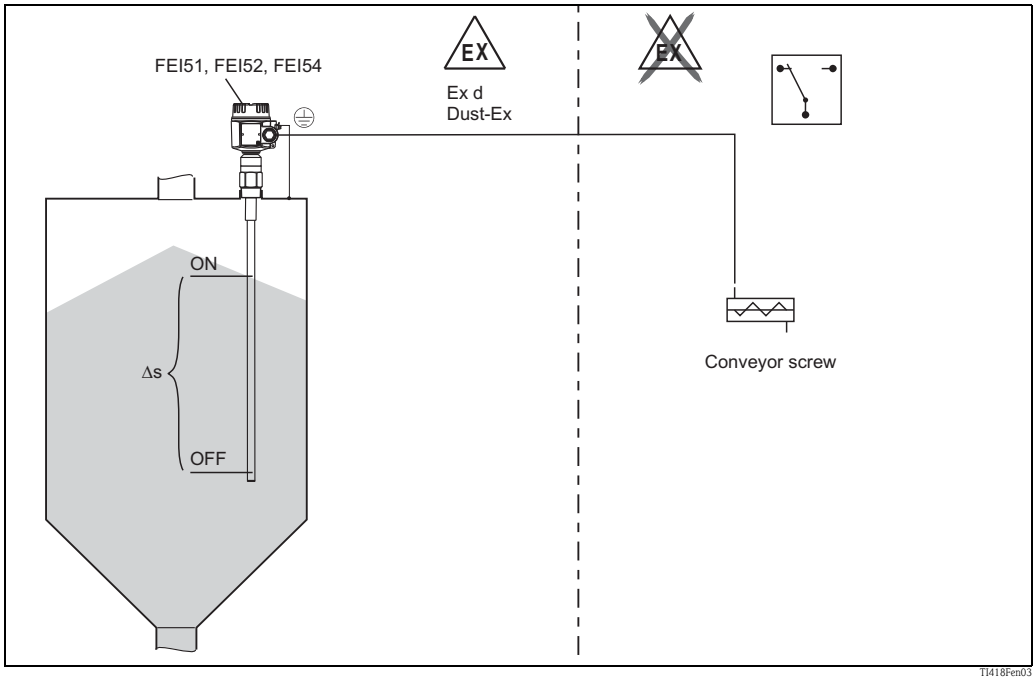
- the point level switch, Solicap M FTI55 or FTI56
- An electronic insert FEI51, FEI52, FEI54




**Two-point control (Δs function)**

Note!

Partially insulated probes only in conjunction with nonconductive bulk solids.



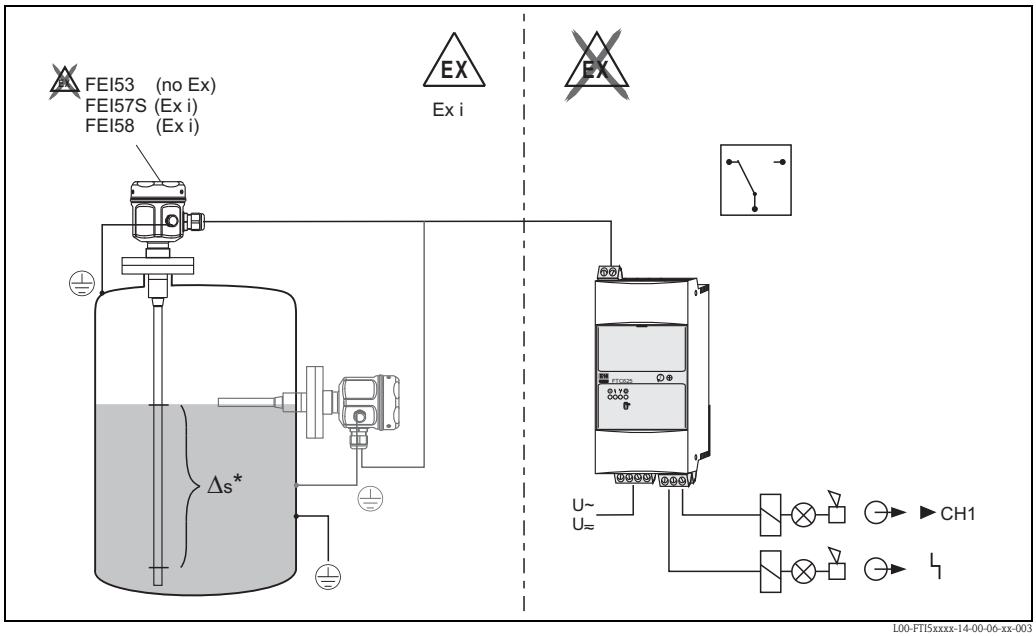

The point level switch can also be used to control a screw conveyor, for example, where the on and off values can be freely defined.

**Point level switch**

Solicap M FTI5x with electronic versions FEI53, FEI57S and FEI58 for connecting to a separate switching unit.

The complete measuring system consists of:

- the capacitance point level switch, Solicap M FTI55 or FTI56
- an electronic insert FEI53, FEI57S, FEI58
- a transmitter power supply unit e.g. FTC325, FTC625 (SW V1.4 or higher), FTC470Z, FTC471Z, FTL325N, FTL375N




** Only possible with FEI53*

The following table shows the transmitter power supply units available which can be operated with electronic inserts FEI57S and FEI53.

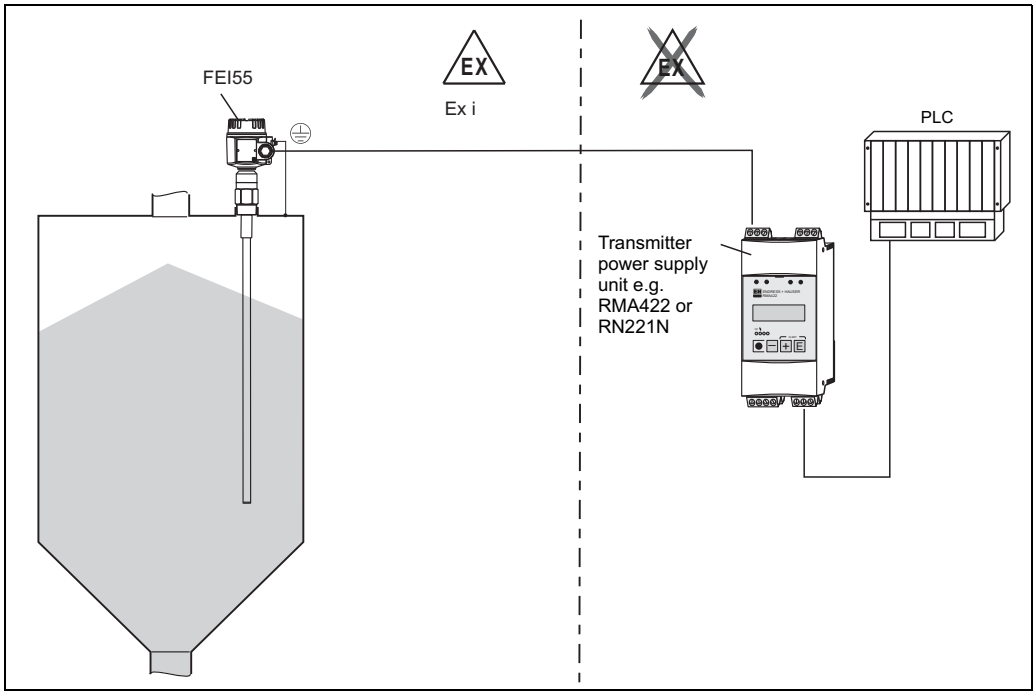
| Electronic insert<br>Transmitter power supply unit | FEI57S | FEI53 | FEI58 |
|---|---|---|---|
| FTC625 | x | – | – |
| FTC325 | x | x | – |
| FTL325N | – | – | x |
| FTL375N | – | – | x |
| FTC470Z | x | – | – |
| FTC471Z | x | – | – |
| | | | |
| FTC520Z* | x | – | – |
| FTC521Z* | x | – | – |
| FTC420* | – | x | – |
| FTC421* | – | x | – |
| FTC422* | – | x | – |

x Combination is possible
– Combination is not possible
* Product phase-out 2006

**Point level switch 8/16 mA**

The complete measuring system consists of:

- the point level switch, Solicap M FTI55 or FTI56
- the FEI55 electronic insert
- a transmitter power supply unit (e.g. RN221N, RNS221, RMA421, RMA422)




**Electronic versions**

FEI51
Two-wire AC connection

- Load switched directly into the power supply circuit via the thyristor.
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.

FEI52
3-wire direct current version:

- Switch the load via the transistor (PNP) and separate supply voltage connection.
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.

FEI53
3-wire direct current version with 3 to 12 V signal output:

- For separate switching unit, Nivotester FTC325 3–WIRE.
- Point level adjustment directly at the switching unit.

FEI54
Universal current version with relay output:

- Switch the loads via 2 floating changeover contacts (DPDT).
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.

FEI55
Signal transmission 8/16 mA on two-wire cabling:

- SIL2 approval for the hardware
- SIL3 approval for the software
- For separate switching unit (e.g. RN221N, RNS221, RMA421, RMA422).
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.

FEI57S
PFM signal transmission (current pulses are superimposed on the supply current):

- For separate switching unit with PFM signal transmission e.g. FTC325 PFM, FTC625 PFM and FTC470Z/471Z
- Self-test from the switching unit without changing levels.
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.
- Cyclical checking from the switching unit.

FEI58 (NAMUR)
Signal transmission H-L edge 2.2 to 3.5 / 0.6 to 1.0 mA as per IEC 60947-5-6 on two-wire cable:

- For a separate switching unit (e.g. Nivotester FTL325N and FTL375N).
- Point level adjustment directly at the point level switch.
- Test the connection cables and slaves by pressing the button on the electronic insert.

Note!
For additional information see → 11 ff.

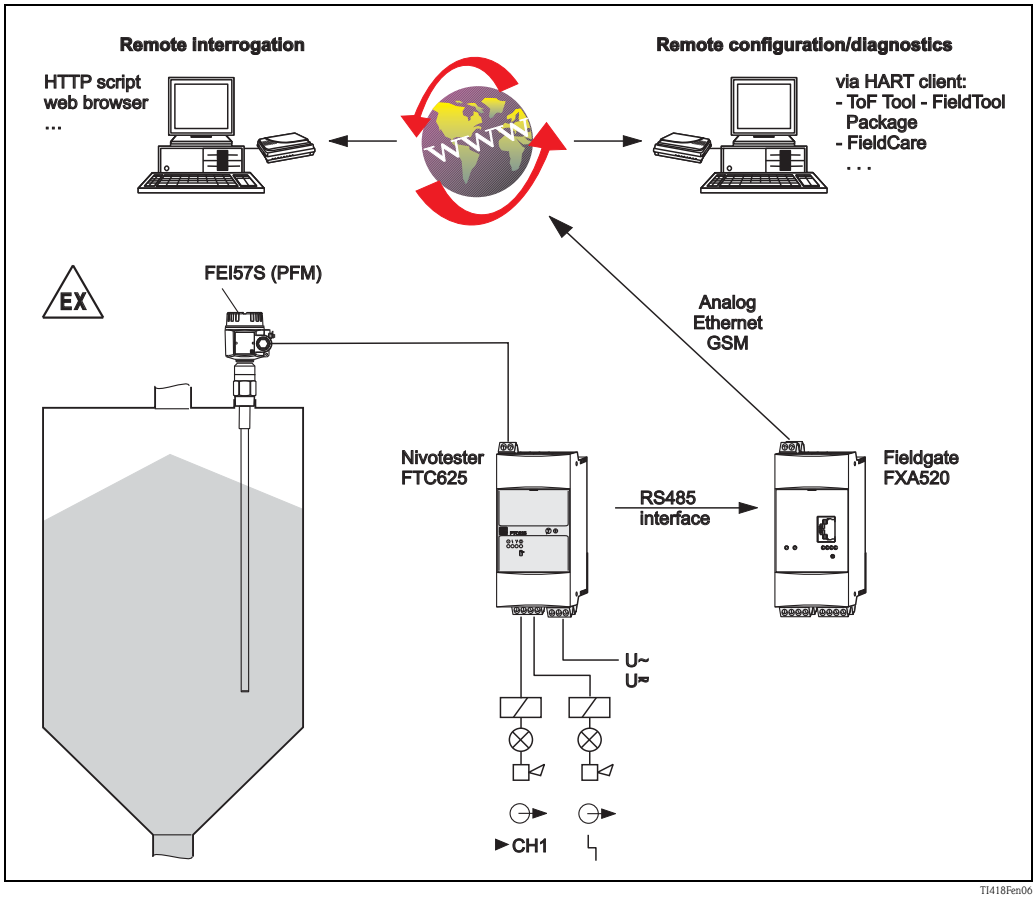
## System integration via Fieldgate

### Vendor managed inventory

The remote interrogation of tank or silo levels via Fieldgate enables suppliers of raw materials to gather information about the current inventories of their regular customers at any time and, for example, to take this into account in their own production planning. The Fieldgate monitors the configured point levels and automatically triggers the next order as required. Here, the range of possibilities ranges from simple requisitioning by e-mail through to fully automatic order processing by incorporating XML data into the planning systems on both sides.

### Remote maintenance of measuring systems

Not only does Fieldgate transmit the current measured values, it also alerts the standby personnel responsible by e-mail or SMS as required. Fieldgate forwards the information transparently. In this way, all options of the operating software in question are available remotely. By using remote diagnosis and remote configuration some onsite service operations can be avoided and all others can at least be planned and prepared better.



# Input

**Measured variable**

Measurement of the change in capacitance between the probe rod and the tank wall, depending on the level of the bulk solids.

**Measuring range (valid for all FEI5x)**

- Measuring frequency:
  500 kHz
- Span:
  $\Delta C$ = 5 to 1600 pF
  $\Delta C$ = 5 to 500 pF (with FEI58)
- Final capacitance:
  $C_E$ = max. 1600 pF
- Adjustable initial capacitance:
  $C_A$ = 5 to 500 pF (range 1 = factory setting)
  $C_A$ = 5 to 1600 pF (range 2; not with FEI58)

**Input signal**

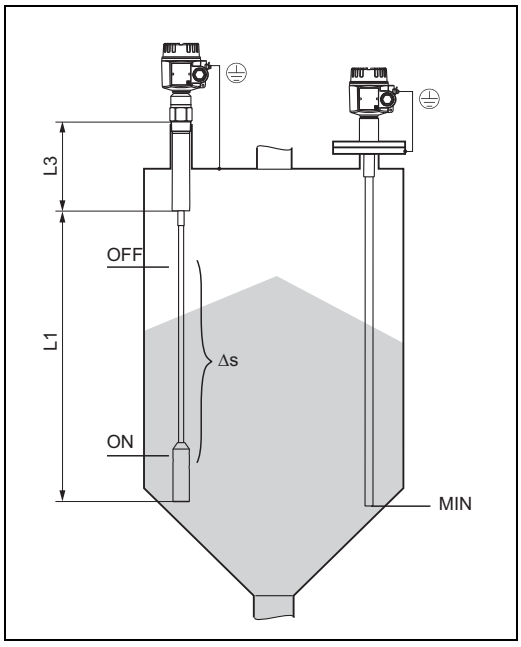
Probe covered => high capacitance
Probe not covered => low capacitance

**Measuring conditions**

When installing in a nozzle, use inactive length (L3).
To control a screw conveyor ($\Delta s$ mode), rod probes and rope probes can be used.
The on-value and off-value are determined by the empty and full calibration;
Partially insulated probes are only suitable for nonconductive bulk solids.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | DK | > 10 | Measuring range up to 4 m |
| 5 < | DK | < 10 | Measuring range up to 12 m |
| 2 < | DK | < 5 | Measuring range up to 20 m |

The minimum capacitance change for point level detection must be ≥ 5 pF.




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**Minimum probe length for nonconductive media (<1µs/cm)**

$l_{min} = \Delta C_{min} / (C_s * [\varepsilon r - 1])$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $l_{min}$ | = | Minimum probe length |
| $\Delta C_{min}$ | = | 5 pF |
| $C_s$ | = | Probe capacitance in air |
| $\varepsilon r$ | = | Dielectric constant e.g. dried grain = 3.0 |

# Output

| | |
|---|---|
| **Galvanic isolation** | FEI51, FEI52<br>between rod probe and power supply<br>FEI54:<br>between rod probe, power supply and load<br>FEI53, FEI55, FEI57S, FEI58<br>see connected switching device (functional galvanic isolation in the electronic insert) |
| **Switch behavior** | Binary or Δs operation (pump control, not with FEI58) |
| **Switch-on behavior** | When the power supply is switched on, the switching status of the outputs corresponds to the signal on alarm. The correct switch condition is reached after max. 3 seconds. |
| **Fail-safe mode** | Minimum/maximum quiescent current safety can be switched at the electronic insert (for FEI53 and FEI57S only at Nivotester FTCxxx)<br>MAX = minimum safety: The output switches safety-oriented when the probe is uncovered (signal on alarm). For use for dry running protection and pump protection for example<br>MAX = maximum safety: The output switches safety-oriented when the probe is covered (signal on alarm). For use with overfill protection for example |
| **Switching delay** | FEI51, FEI52, FEI54, FEI55<br>Can be adjusted incrementally at the electronic insert: 0.3 to 10 s<br>FEI53, FEI57S<br>Depends on the connected Nivotester (transmitter): FTC325, FTC625, FTC470Z or FTC471Z<br>FEI58<br>Can be adjusted alternately at the electronic insert: 1 s / 5 s |

# Electronic insert FEI51 (AC 2-wire)

Connect in series with an external load.

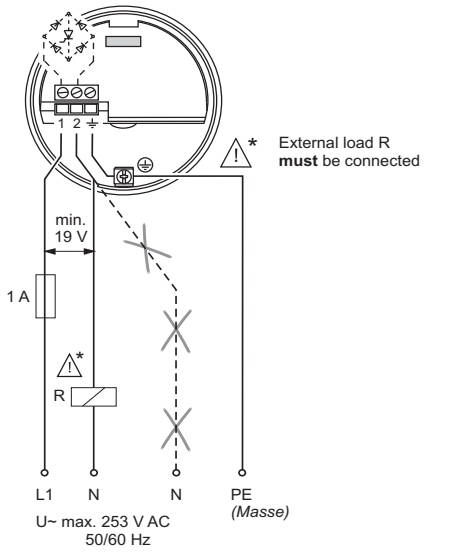
**Power supply**

Supply voltage: 19 to 253 V AC
Power consumption: < 1.5 W
Residual current consumption: < 3.8 mA
Short-circuit protection
FEI51 overvoltage protection: overvoltage category II

**Electrical connection**

Always connect in series with a load!
Check the following:
- the residual current consumption in blocked state.
- that for low voltage:
  - the voltage drop across the load is such that the minimum terminal voltage at the electronic insert (19 V) when blocked is not undershot.
  - the voltage drop across the electronics when switched through is observed (up to 12 V).
- that a relay cannot de-energize with holding power below 1 mA.
  If this is the case, a resistor should be connected parallel to the relay (RC module available on request).

When selecting the relay, pay attention to the holding power / rated power
(see below: "Connectable load").




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**Signal on alarm**

| Safety mode | Level | Output signal | LEDs gn gn rd gn gn ye |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAX | | L+ 1 → $I_L$ → + 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 1 - - - - - - - - > 3 (< 3,8 mA) | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| MIN | | L+ 1 → $I_L$ → + 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 1 - - - - - - - - > 3 (< 3,8 mA) | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| Maintenance required | | 1 - - - - - - - - > 3 ($I_L$ / < 3,8 mA) | ☼ ☼ ● ● ● |
| Instrument failure | | 1 - - - - - - - - > 3 (< 3,8 mA) | ☼ ☼ ● ● ● |

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**Output signal**

Output signal on power failure or in the event of damage to the sensor: < 3.8 mA

**Connectable load**

- For relays with a minimum holding power or rated power > 2.5 VA at 253 V AC (10 mA) or > 0.5 VA at 24 V AC (20 mA)
- Relays with a lower holding power or rated power can be operated by means of an RC module connected in parallel.
- For relays with a maximum holding power or rated power < 89 VA at 253 V AC or < 8.4 VA at 24 V AC
- Voltage drop across FEI51 max. 12 V
- Residual current with blocked thyristor max. 3.8 mA
- Load switched directly into the power supply circuit via the thyristor.

# FEI52 electronic insert (DC PNP)

**Power supply**

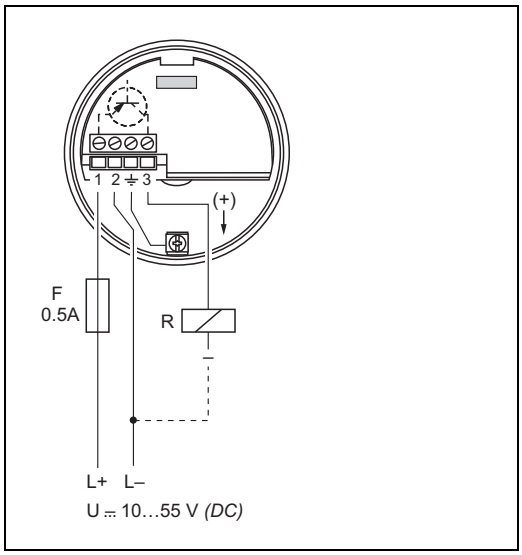
Supply voltage: 10 to 55 V DC
Ripple: max. 1.7 V, 0…400 Hz
Current consumption: < 20 mA
Power consumption without load: max. 0.9 W
Power consumption with full load (350 mA): 1.6 W
Reverse polarity protection: yes
Separation voltage: 3.7 kV
FEI52 overvoltage protection: overvoltage category II

**Electrical connection**

**Three-wire DC connection**

Preferably in conjunction with programmable logic controllers (PLC),
DI modules in accordance with EN 61131-2.

Positive signal present at the switch output of the electronic system (PNP).




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**Output signal**

| Safety mode | Level | Output signal | LEDs gn gn rd gn gn ye |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAX | | L+ 1 → $I_L$ → + 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 1 - - - $I_R$ - - - → 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| MIN | | L+ 1 → $I_L$ → + 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 1 - - - $I_R$ - - - → 3 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| Maintenance required | | 1 - - - $I_L$ / $I_R$ - - - → 3 | ☼ ● ☼ ● ● |
| Instrument failure | | 1 - - - $I_R$ - - - → 3 | ☼ ● ☼ ● ● ● |

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$I_L$ = Load current (switched through)
$I_R$ = Residual current (blocked)

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☼ Flashes
● Unlit

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**Signal on alarm**

Output signal on power failure or in the event of device failure: $I_R$ < 100 µA

**Connectable load**

- Load switched via transistor and separate PNP connection, max. 55 V
- Load current max. 350 mA (cyclical overload and short-circuit protection)
- Residual current < 100 µA (with transistor blocked)
- Capacitance load max. 0.5 µF at 55 V; max. 1.0 µF at 24 V
- Residual voltage < 3 V (for transistor switched through)

# Electronic insert FEI53 (3-wire)

**Power supply**

Supply voltage: 14.5 V DC
Current consumption: < 15 mA
Power consumption: max. 230 mW
Reverse polarity protection: yes
Separation voltage: 0.5 kV

**Electrical connection**

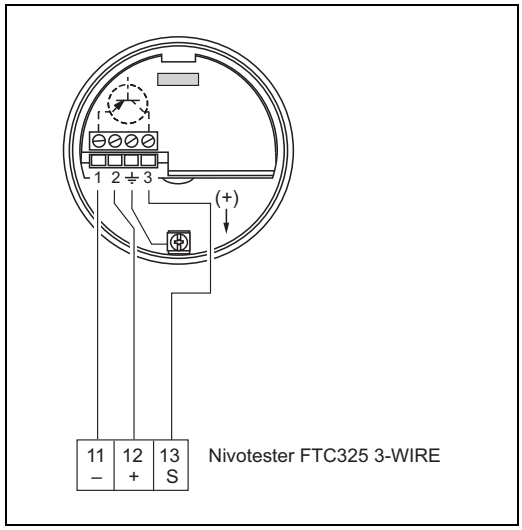
**Three-wire DC connection**

3 to 12 V signal

For connecting to the switching unit, Nivotester FTC325 3–WIRE from Endress+Hauser.

Switching between minimum/maximum Safety in the Nivotester FTC325 3-WIRE.

Point level adjustment directly at the Nivotester.




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**Output signal**

| Mode | Output signal | LEDs green | LEDs red |
|---|---|---|---|
| Normal operation | 3...12 V at terminal 3 | ☼ | ● |
| Maintenance required * | 3...12 V at terminal 3 | ☼ | ☼ |
| Instrument failure | < 2,7 V at terminal 3 | ☼ | ☼ |

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☼ Lit
☼ Flashes
● Unlit

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**Signal on alarm**

Voltage at terminal 3 vis-à-vis terminal 1: < 2.7 V

**Connectable load**

- Floating relay contacts in the connected switching unit Nivotester FTC325 3–WIRE
- For the contact load capacity, refer to the technical data of the switching device.

# FEI54 electronic insert (AC/DC with relay output)

**Power supply**

Supply voltage: 19 to 253 V AC, 50/60 Hz or 19 to 55 V DC
Power consumption: max. 1.6 W
Reverse polarity protection: yes
Separation voltage: 3.7 kV
FEI54 overvoltage protection: overvoltage category II

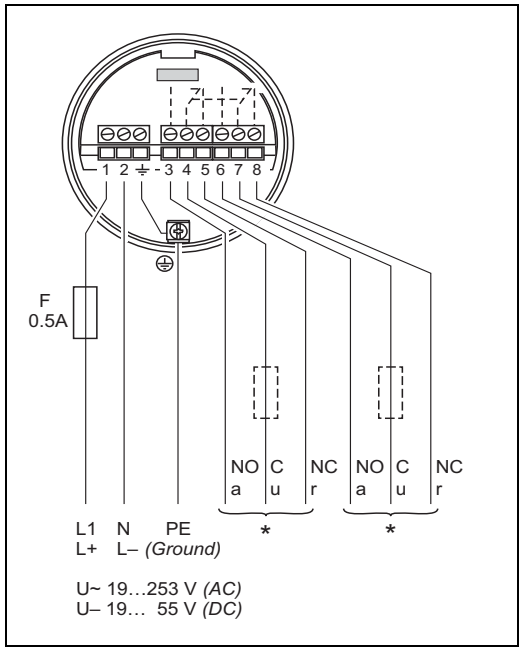
**Electrical connection**

**Universal current connection with relay output (DPDT)**

Power supply:
Please note the different voltage ranges for AC and DC.

Output:
When connecting an instrument with high inductance, provide a spark arrester to protect the relay contact.
A fine-wire fuse (depending on the load connected) protects the relay contact on short-circuiting.
Both relay contacts switch simultaneously.

* See below "Connectable load"




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**Output signal**

| Safety mode | Level | Output signal | LEDs gn gn rd gn gn ye |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAX | | 3 4 5 6 7 8 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 3 4 5 6 7 8 | ● ● ● ● ● ● |
| MIN | | 3 4 5 6 7 8 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | 3 4 5 6 7 8 | ● ● ● ● ● ● |
| Maintenance required | | | ☼ ● ☼ ● ● ● |
| Instrument failure | | 3 4 5 6 7 8 | ● ☼ ● ● ● |

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Relay energized
Relay de-energized
Lit
Flashes
Unlit

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**Signal on alarm**

Output signal on power failure or in the event of device failure: relay de-energized

**Connectable load**

- Loads switched via 2 floating changeover contacts (DPDT)
- I~ max. 6 A, U~ max. 253 V; P~ max. 1500 VA at cos φ = 1, P~ max. 750 VA at cos φ > 0.7
- I– max. 6 A to 30 V, I– max. 0.2 A to 125 V
- The following applies when connecting a functional low-voltage circuit with double isolation as per IEC 1010: Sum of voltages of relay output and power supply max. 300 V

# Electronic insert FEI55 (8/16 mA; SIL2/SIL3)

**Power supply**

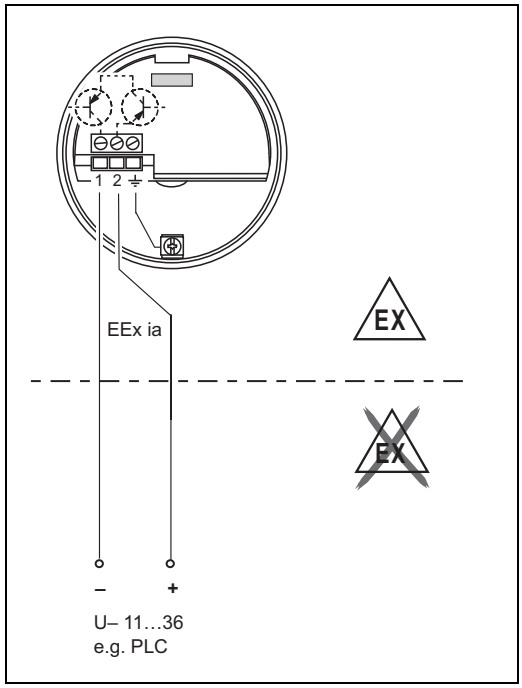
Supply voltage: 11 to 36 V DC
Power consumption: < 600 mW
Reverse polarity protection: yes
Separation voltage: 0.5 kV

**Electrical connection**

**Two-wire connection for separate switching unit**

For connecting to
programmable logic controllers (PLC),
AI modules 4 to 20 mA in accordance with
EN 61131-2.

The point level signal is sent via an output signal jump from 8 mA to 16 mA.




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**Output signal**

| Safety mode | Level | Output signal | LEDs gn gn rd gn gn ye |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAX | | + 2 ~16 mA 1 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | + 2 ~8 mA 1 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| MIN | | + 2 ~16 mA 1 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ☼ |
| | | + 2 ~8 mA 1 | ☼ ● ● ● ● ● |
| Maintenance required * | | + 2 8/16 mA 1 | ☼ ● ☼ ● ● ● |
| Instrument failure | | + 2 < 3.6 mA 1 | ☼ ● ☼ ● ● ● |

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~16 mA = 16 mA ± 5 %
~ 8 mA = 8 mA ± 6 %

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☼ Flashes
● Unlit

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**Signal on alarm**

Output signal on power failure or in the event of device failure: < 3.6 mA

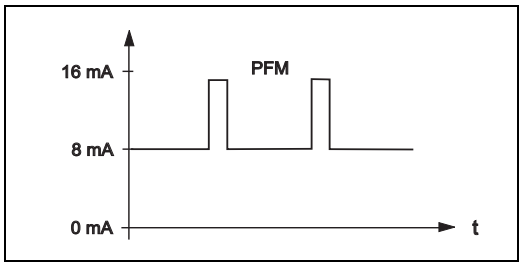
**Connectable load**

- U = Connection DC voltage:
  - 11 to 36 V DC (non-hazardous area and Ex ia)
  - 14.4 to 30 V DC (Ex d)
- $I_{max}$ = 16 mA

# FEI57S electronic insert (PFM)

**Power supply**

Supply voltage:
9.5 to 12.5 VDC
Power consumption: < 150 mW
Reverse polarity protection: yes
Separation voltage: 0.5 kV




*Frequency: 17 to 185 Hz*

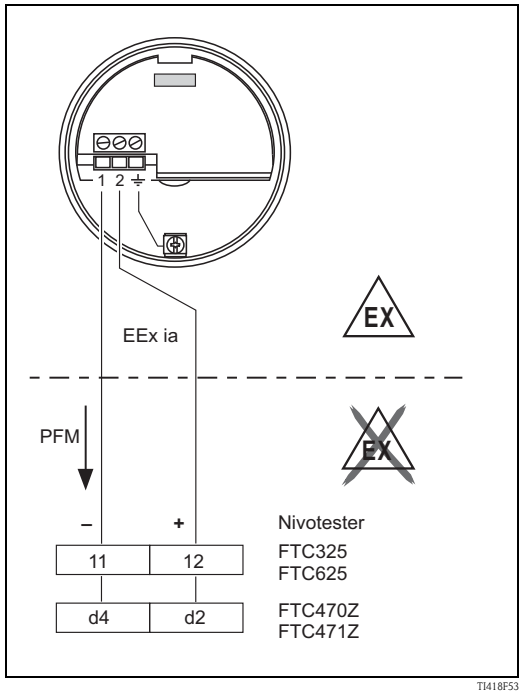
**Electrical connection**

**Two-wire connection for separate switching unit**

For connecting to switching units Nivotester FTC325, FTC625, FTC470Z, FTC471Z from Endress+Hauser.

PFM signal 17 to 185 Hz

Switching between minimum/maximum safety in the Nivotester.




**Output signal**

PFM 60 to 185 Hz (Endress+Hauser)

**Signal on alarm**

| Mode | Output signal | LEDs green | LEDs red |
|---|---|---|---|
| Normal operation | 60...185 Hz 1 ------> 2 | ☼ | ● |
| Maintenance required * | 60...185 Hz 1 ------> 2 | ☼ | ☼ |
| Instrument failure | < 20 Hz 1 ------> 2 | ☼ | ☼ |

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☼ Lit
☼ Flashes
● Unlit

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**Connectable load**

- Floating relay contacts in the connected switching unit Nivotester FTC325, FTC625, FTC470Z, FTC471Z
- For the contact load capacity, refer to the technical data of the switching device.

# Electronic insert FEI58 (NAMUR H-L edge)

**Power supply**

Power consumption: < 6 mW at I < 1 mA; < 38 mW at I = 2.2 to 4 mA
Interface connection data: IEC 60947-5-6

**Electrical connection**

**Two-wire connection for separate switching unit**

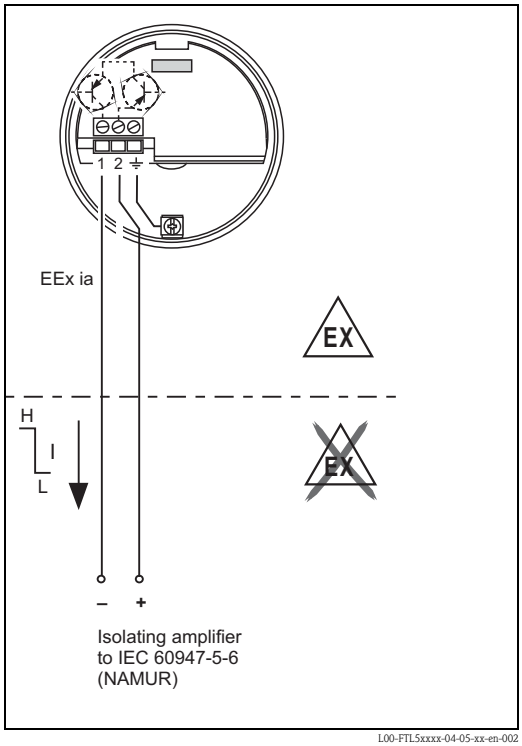
For connecting to isolating amplifiers as per NAMUR (IEC 60947-5-6), e.g. FXN421, FXN422, FTL325N, FTL375N from Endress+Hauser.
Change in output signal from high to low current in event of point level detection.

**(H-L edge)**

Additional function:
Test key on the electronic insert.
Pressing the key interrupts the connection to the isolating amplifier.

Note! In the case of Ex-d operation, the additional function can only be used if the housing is not exposed to an explosive atmosphere.

Connection to Multiplexer: set 3 s as the cycle time at least.




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**Output signal**

= Lit
= Flashes
= Unlit

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| Fail-safe mode | Level | Output signal | LEDs green | LEDs yellow |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Max. | | 2.2 … 3.5 mA | | |
| | | 0.6 … 1.0 mA | | ● |
| Min. | | 2.2 … 3.5 mA | | |
| | | 0.6 … 1.0 mA | | ● |

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**Signal on alarm**

Output signal in the event of damage to the sensor: < 1.0 mA

**Connectable load**

- See the technical data of the connected isolating amplifier as per IEC 60947-5-6 (NAMUR)
- Connection also to isolating amplifiers which have special safety circuits (I > 3.0 mA)

# Power supply

**Electrical connection**

**Connection compartment**

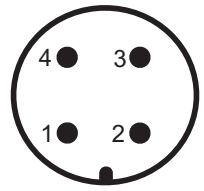
Five housings with the following protection classes are available:

| Housing | Standard | EEx ia | EEx d | Gas-tight process seal |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Polyester housing F16 | X | X | – | – |
| Stainless steel housing F15 | X | X | – | – |
| Aluminum housing F17 | X | X | – | – |
| Aluminum housing F13 | X | X | X | X |
| Aluminum housing T13 (with separate connection compartment) | X | X | X | X |

**Connector**

For the version with a connector M12, the housing does not have to be opened for connecting the signal line.

**PIN assignment for M12 connector**



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| PIN | 2-wire-electronic insert FEI55, FEI57, FEI58, FEI50H, FEI57C | 3-wire-electronic insert FEI52, FEI53 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | + | + |
| 2 | not used | not used |
| 3 | – | – |
| 4 | ground | external load / signal |

**Cable entry**

- Cable gland: M20x1.5 (for EEx d only cable entry M20)
  Two cable glands included in scope of delivery.
- Cable entry: G ½, NPT ½ and NPT ¾

# Performance characteristics

**Reference operating conditions**

- Temperature: +20 °C ±5 °C
- Pressure: 1013 mbar abs. ±20 mbar
- Humidity: 65 % ±20%
- Medium: water from mains (conductivity ≥ 180 µS/cm)

**Switch point**

- Uncertainty as per DIN 61298-2: max ±0.3%
- Non-repeatability (reproducibility) as per DIN 61298-2: max. ±0.1 %

**Ambient temperature effect**

**Electronic insert**
< 0.06 % / 10 K related to the full scale value

**Separate housing**
Capacitance change of connecting cable per meter 0.15 pF/10K

# Installation

All dimensions in mm!

## General notes

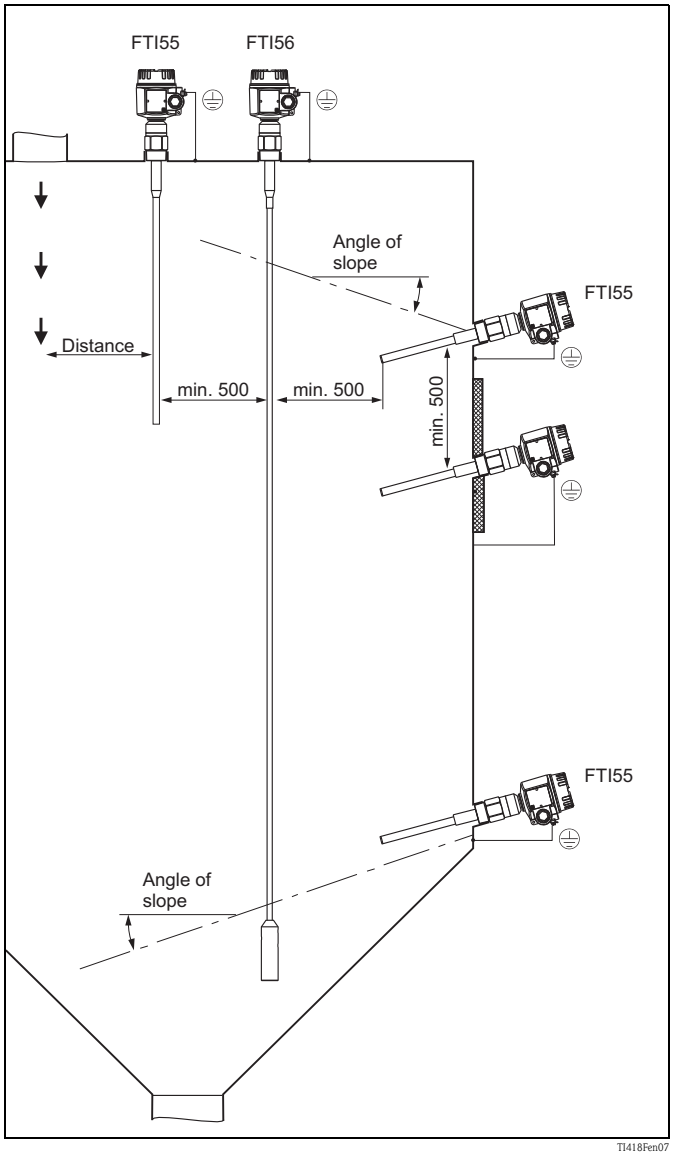
**Filling the silo**
The filling stream should not be directed onto the probe.

**Angle of material flow**
Note the expected angle of the material flow or of the outlet funnel when determining the mounting location or probe length.

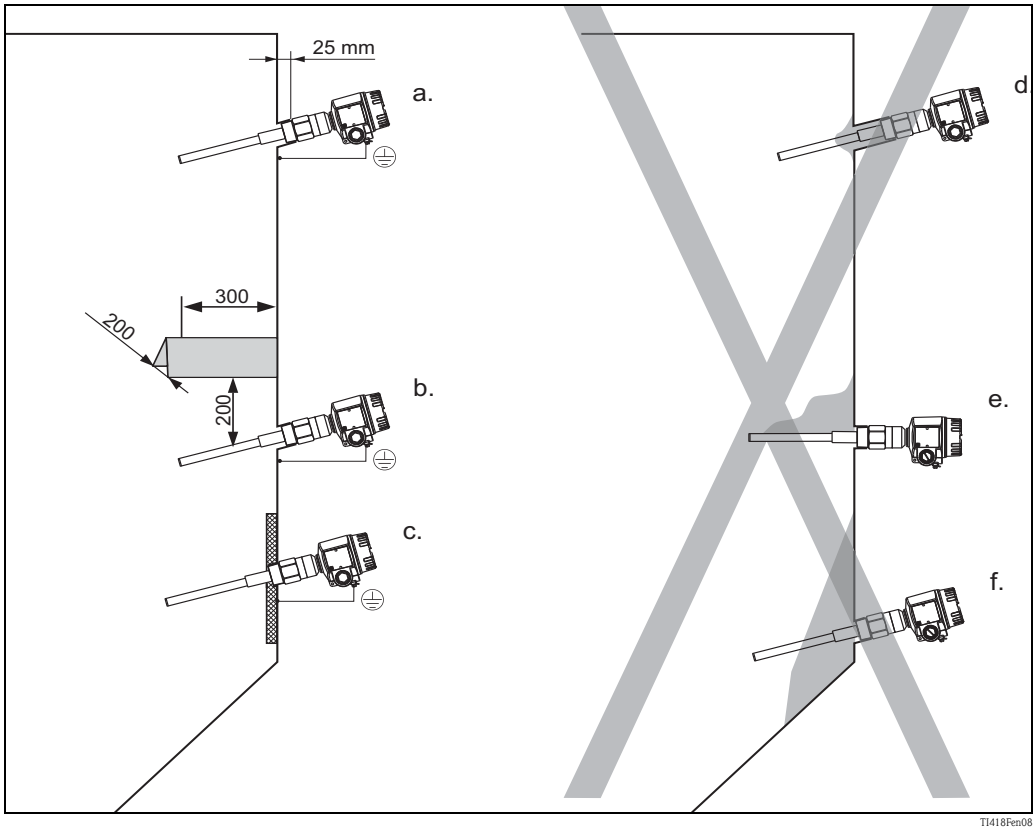
**Distance between probes**
When installing several probes in a silo, a minimum distance of 0.5 m between the probes must be observed.

**Threaded coupling for mounting**
When installing the Solicap M FTI55, FTI56, the threaded coupling should be as short as possible.
Condensation or product residue may occur in a long threaded coupling and interfere with the correct operation of the probe.

**Heat insulation**
In the event of high temperatures in the silo:
Insulate the external silo wall to avoid exceeding the permitted temperature of the Solicap M housing.
Heat insulation also prevents condensation from forming near the threaded boss in the silo.
This reduces buildup and the risk of error switching.



**Preparing to install rod probes FTI55**




**Correct installation**

a. For maximum point level detection, a short threaded coupling is used.

b. For minimum point level detection, a short threaded coupling is used.
The probe tip points slightly downwards so that bulk solids slide off more easily.
The protective cover protects the probe rod from collapsing mounds or mechanical strain at the outflow.

c. In the event of light buildup on the silo wall, the threaded coupling is welded internally.
The probe tip points slightly downwards so that bulk solids slide off more easily.

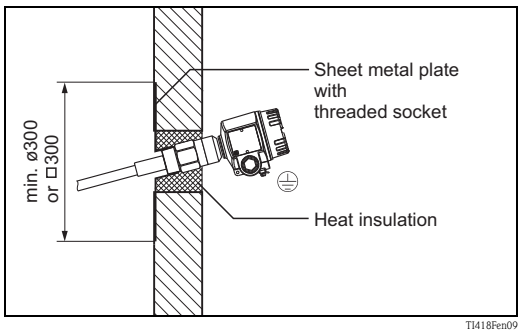
**Incorrect installation**

d. The threaded coupling is too long. This may cause material to settle inside and result in error switching.

e. Horizontal mounting means a risk of error switching in the event of heavy buildup on the silo wall.
In this case, the Solicap M FTI55 (rod probe) with inactive length is recommended.

f. In areas where product buildup occurs, the device cannot detect if the silo is "empty".
In this case, the FTI56 (rope probe) should be installed from above.

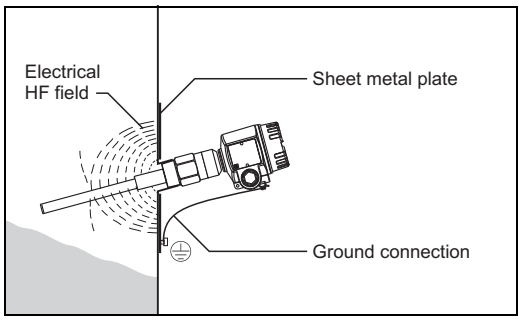
In this example, the grounded steel plate forms the counter electrode.
Heat insulation prevents condensation and therefore buildup on the steel plate.




*In a silo with concrete walls*

When installing in a silo made of plastic, a sheet metal plate must be attached to the exterior of the silo as a counter electrode.
This plate can be either square or round.

– Dimensions in the case of a thin silo wall with a low dielectric constant:
  approx. 0.5 m along each side or ø0.5 m;
– Dimensions in the case of a thicker silo wall or wall with a higher dielectric constant:
  approx. 0.7 m along each side or ø0.7 m.

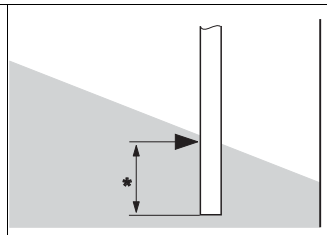



*In a silo with plastic walls*

**Probe length and minimum coverage**

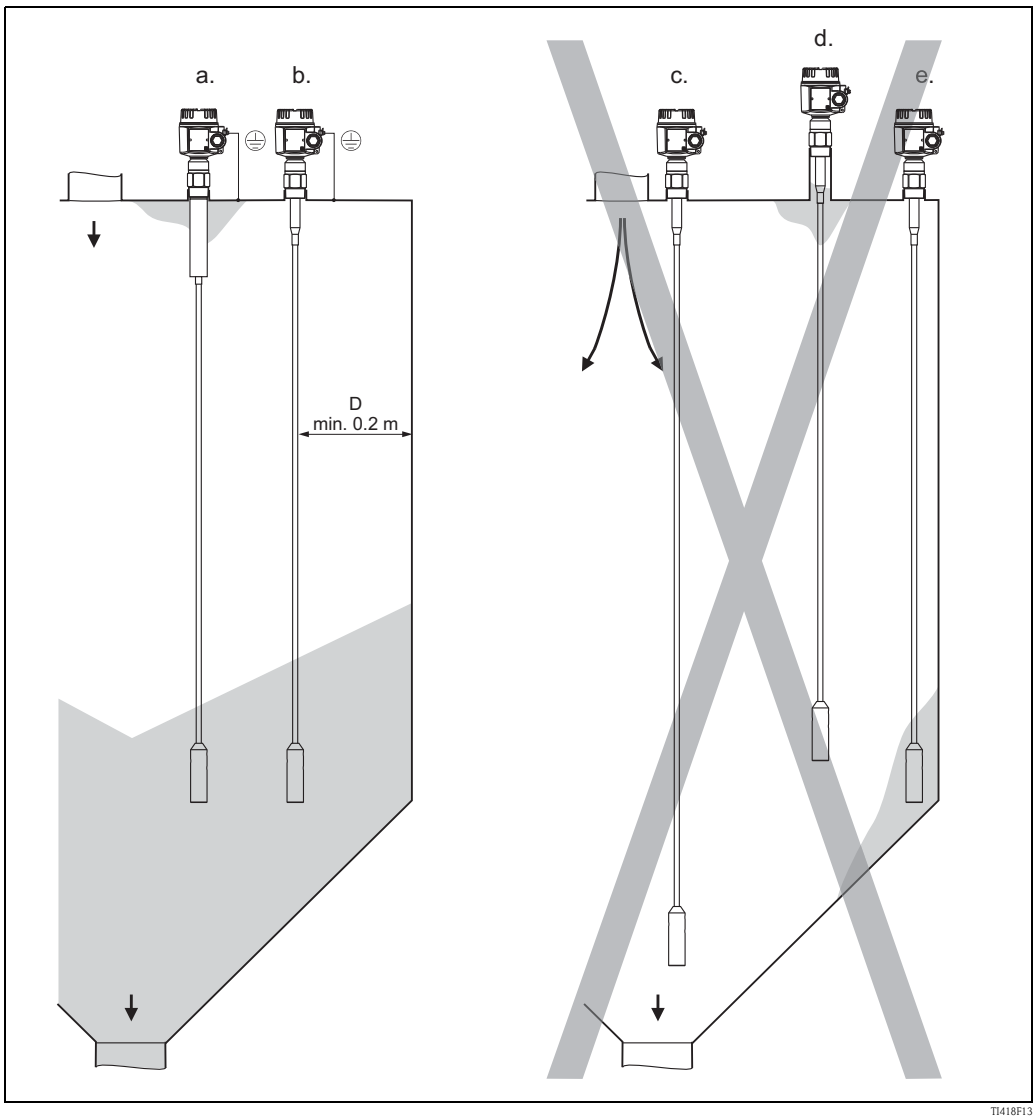
Note!

- When selecting the probe length, pay attention to the dependency between the relative dielectric constant $\varepsilon_r$ and the minimum amount the probe rod needs to be covered (see Table).
- For probe length tolerances see → 📄 36.
- To ensure problem-free operation, it is important that the difference in capacitance between the covered and uncovered parts of the probe is at least 5 pF.
- If you do not know the dielectric constant of the material, contact us for advice.

| Product properties,<br>relative dielectric constant $\varepsilon_r$ | <br>* *Minimum coverage* |
|---|---|
| Electrically conductive | 25 mm |
| Nonconductive | |
| $\varepsilon_r$ > 10 | 100 mm |
| $\varepsilon_r$ > 5 to 10 | 200 mm |
| $\varepsilon_r$ > 2 to 5 | 500 mm |

## Preparing to install rope probes FTI56

**Correct installation** **Incorrect installation**




*In a silo with metal walls*
*Distance D between the probe and the wall approx. 10 to 25 % of the silo diameter*

### Correct installation

a. Solicap M FTI55, FTI56 with inactive length in the event of condensation and material buildup on the silo roof.

b. At the correct distance from the silo wall, the material inlet and the material outlet.
Close to the wall, for reliable switching in the case of a low dielectric constant (not for pneumatic filling).
For pneumatic filling, the distance from the probe to the wall should not be too short, as the probe may swing.

### Incorrect installation

c. If too close to the material inlet, inflowing bulk solids may damage the sensor.
If close to the center of the material outflow, high tensile forces at this point may cause the probe to break off or subject the silo roof to excessive strain.

d. The threaded coupling is too long. This may cause condensation and dust to settle inside which may result in error switching.

e. If too close to the silo wall, the probe may swing slightly against the wall or come in contact with buildup. This can result in error switching.

### Silo roof

Ensure that the silo roof is of a sufficiently stable construction.

High tensile forces may occur when material is being extracted, particularly in the case of heavy and powdery bulk solids which have a tendency to form buildup.

### Coarse-grained bulk solids

In silos with extremely coarse-grained or extremely abrasive bulk solids, the use of a Solicap M FTI55 or FTI56 is recommended only for maximum detection.

### Distance between the rope probes

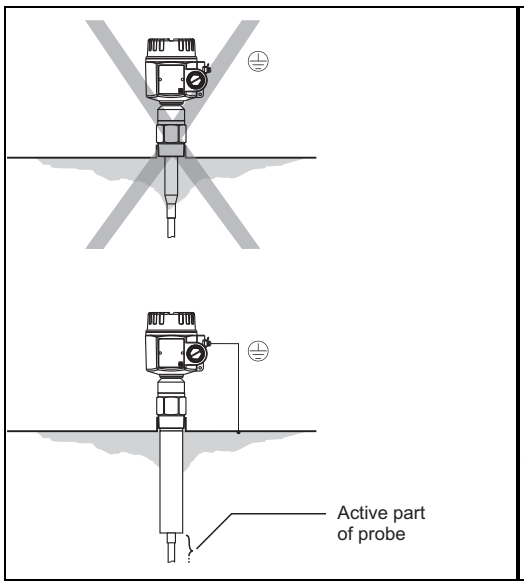
To rule out mutual probe interference, you must maintain a minimum distance of 0.5 m between the rope probes. This also applies if you are installing several Solicap M units in adjacent silos with nonconductive walls.

### In the event of condensation:

Use the Solicap M with inactive length.
The inactive length (**A**) prevents moisture and buildup forming between the active part of the probe and the silo roof.

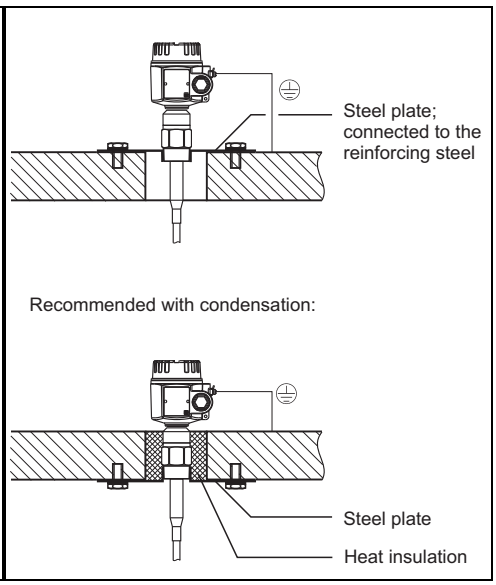
Or:
To reduce the effects of condensation (**B**) and buildup, the threaded coupling (length: max. 25 mm) must project into the silo.
Heat insulation reduces condensation and therefore buildup on the steel plate.

**A**




*Silo with walls that conduct electricity*

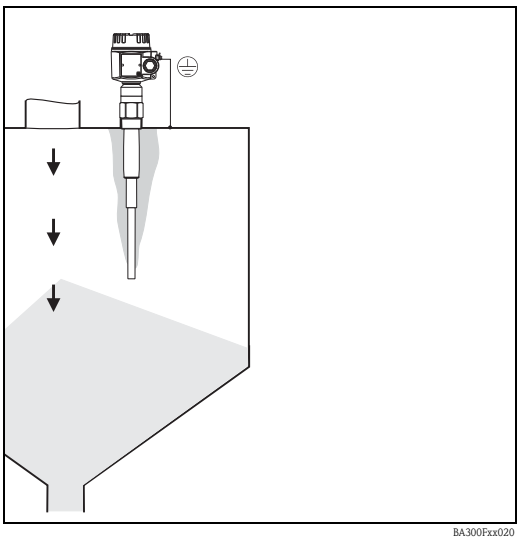
**B**




*Silo with concrete walls*

### Installation in the event of buildup

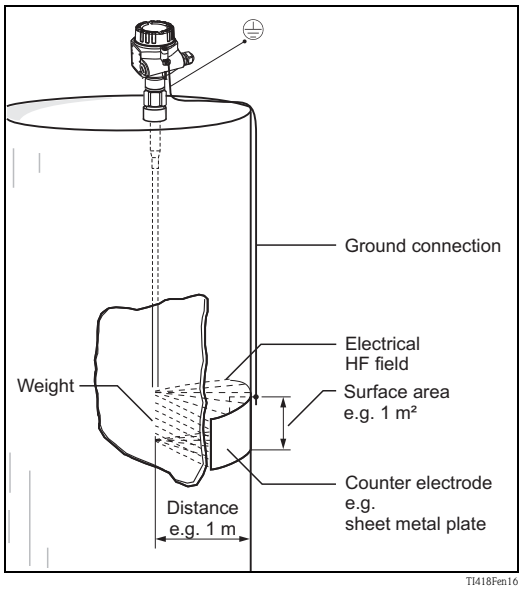
If buildup on the probe rod can be expected when operating the measuring system, the active buildup compensation function prevents the measurement result from becoming distorted. No cleaning work has to be performed on the probe rod.



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### Installation in plastic tanks

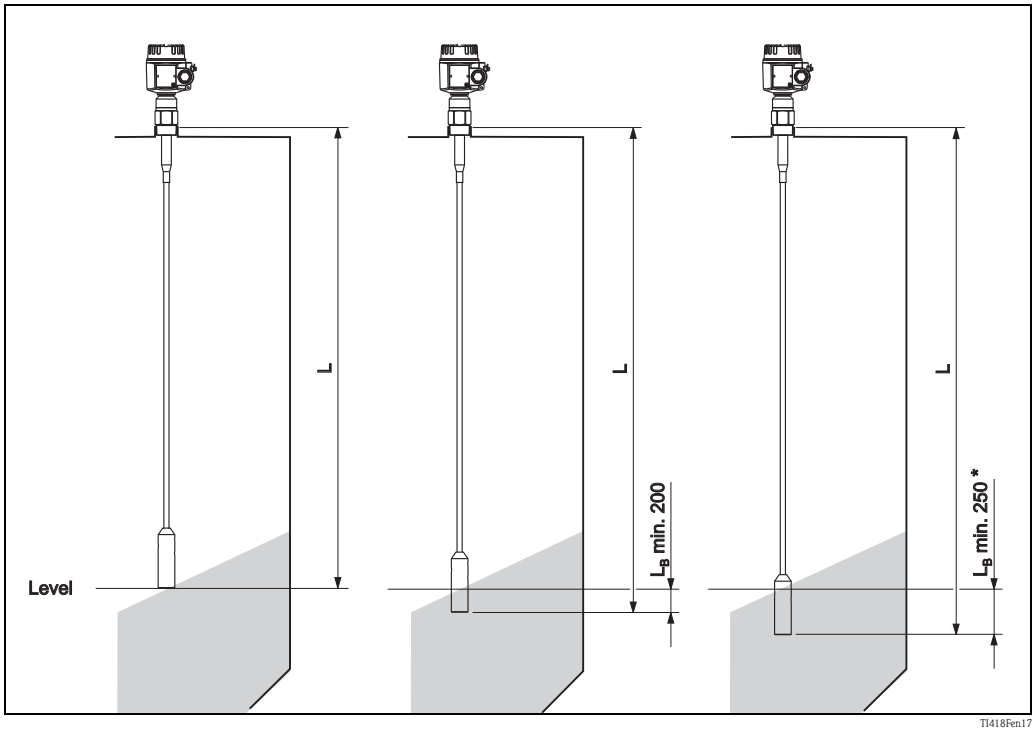
When installing in a silo made of plastic, a counter electrode must be mounted on the silo exterior at the same height as the tensioning weight.
The length of the edge of the counter electrode should be approximately the same length as the distance between the tensioning weight and the silo wall.




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*In a silo with plastic walls*

### Range of sensor lengths




| Electrically conductive bulk solids (e.g. coal) | Bulk solids with high dielectric constant (e.g. rock salt) | Bulk solids with low dielectric constant (e.g. dried grain) |
|---|---|---|

* $L_B$ (covered length):
For nonconductive bulk solids with a low dielectric constant, the rope probe must be approx. 5 % (but no less than 250 mm) longer than the distance between the tank roof and the required point level.

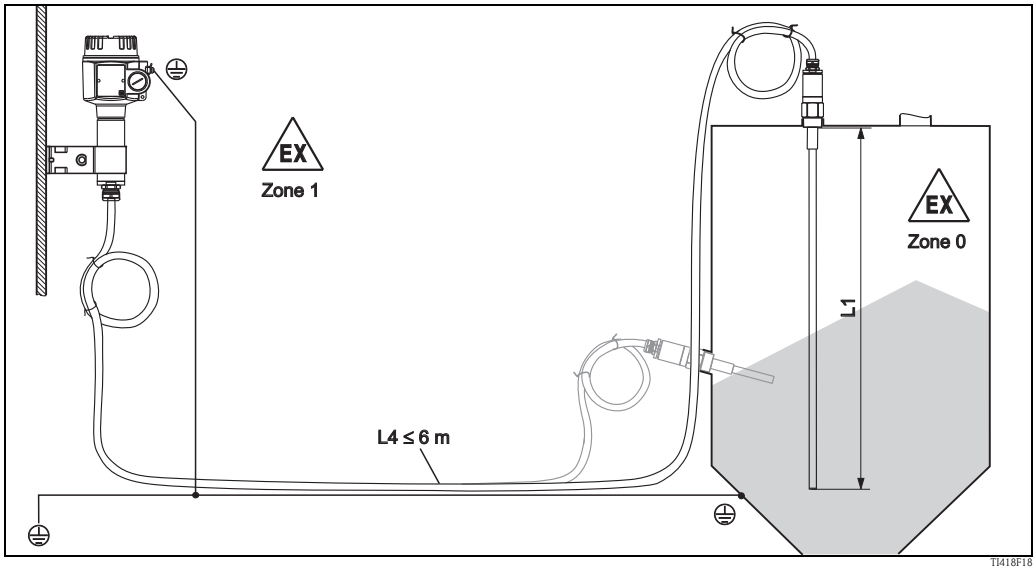
### Shortening the probe

Rod probe:
The partially insulated version can be shortened at a later stage by the user.

Rope probe:
Both versions (partially and fully insulated) may be shortened at a later stage.

**Probe with separate housing**

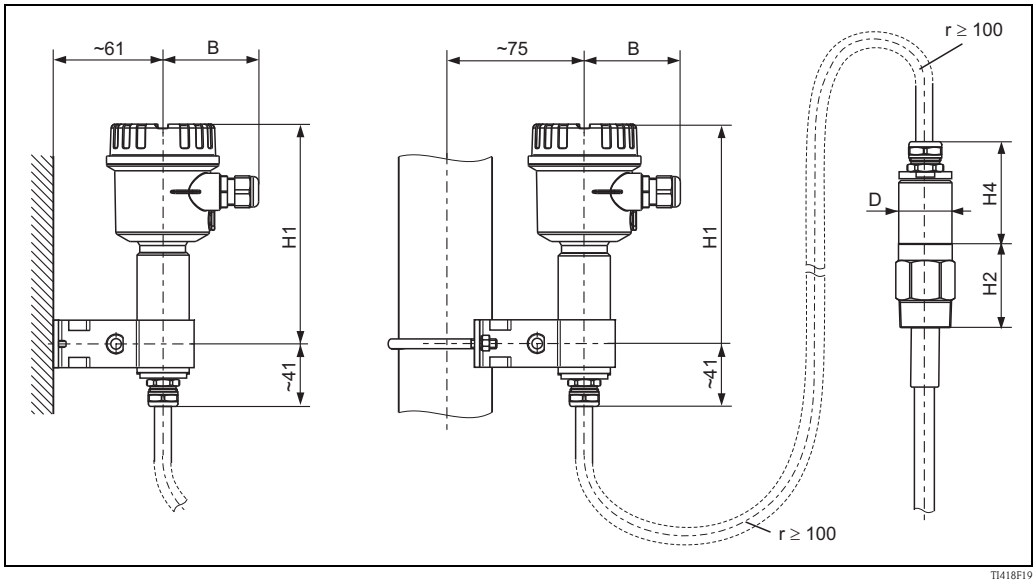
- For information on how to order, see also "Ordering information" from → 📄 42 under "Probe design".
- The maximum connection length between the probe and the separate housing is 6 m (L4). When ordering a Solicap M with a separate housing, the desired length must be specified.
- If the connecting cable is to be shortened or passed through a wall, it must be separated from the process connection. See also → 📄 26 (extension heights).
- The cable has a bending radius of r ≥ 100 mm. This must be observed as a minimum.




*Rod length L1 max. 4 m*
*Rope length L1 max. 19.7 m (the maximum total length of L1 + L4 should not exceed 20 m.)*

**Extension heights**

Housing side: wall mounting | Housing side: pipe mounting | Sensor side

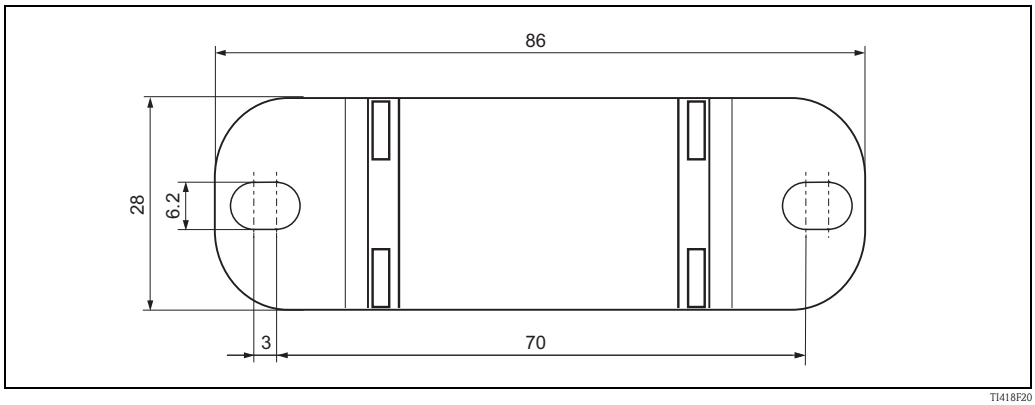



| | | Polyester housing F16 | Stainless steel housing F15 | Aluminum housing F17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | - | 76 | 64 | 65 |
| H1 | - | 172 | 166 | 177 |
| D | 50 | - | - | - |
| H4 | 62 | - | - | - |

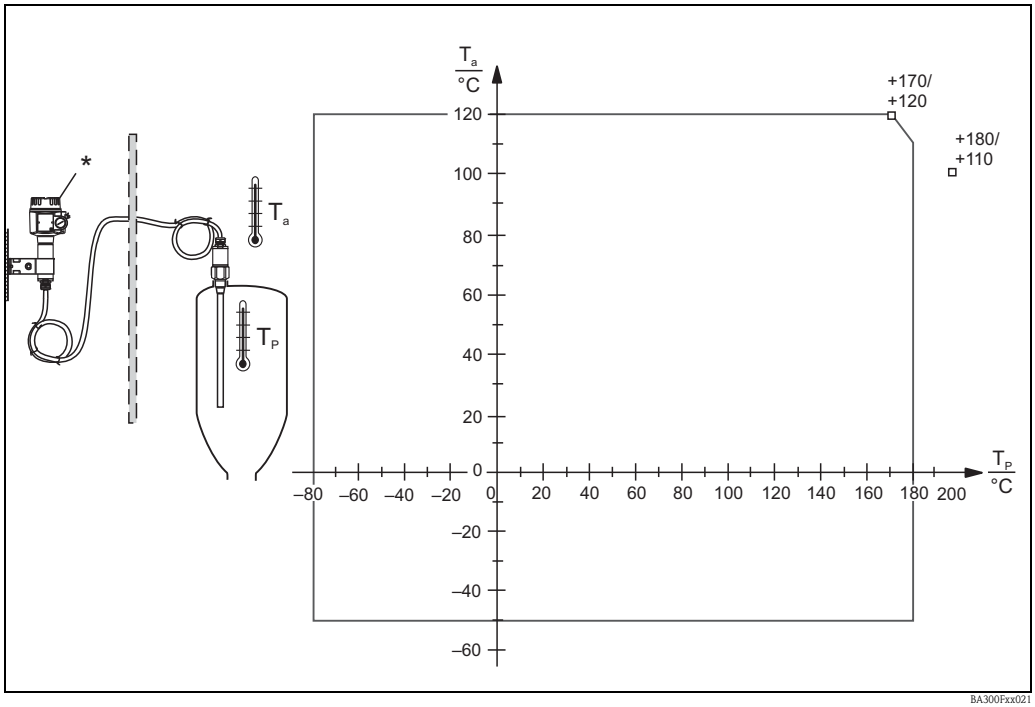
Connecting cable: ø10.5 mm
Outer jacket: silicone, notch-resistant

### Wall holder unit

The wall holder unit is part of the scope of supply.
The wall holder unit has to be screwed to the separate housing before you can use it as a drilling template. The distance between the holes is reduced by screwing it to the separate housing.




### Temperature-derating separate housing




*$T_a$: ambient temperature*
*$T_P$: process temperature*
** temperature at separate housing ≤ 70 °C*

The maximum connection length between the probe and the separate housing is 6 m (L4). When ordering a device with a separate housing, the desired length must be specified.
If the connecting cable is to be shortened or passed through a wall, it must be separated from the process connection. See "Documentation" => "Operating Instructions" on → 47.

# Operating conditions: Environment

**Ambient temperature range**

- Ambient temperature of the transmitter (note derating, see → 📄 29):
  - ❑ –50 to +70 °C
  - ❑ –40 to +70 °C (with F16 housing)
- A weather protection cover should be used when operating outdoors in strong sunlight. For further information on the weather protection cover, see → 📄 46.

**Storage temperature**

–50 to +85 °C

**Climate class**

DIN EN 60068-2-38/IEC 68-2-38: test Z/AD

**Degree of protection**

| | IP66* | IP67* | IP68* | NEMA4X** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Polyester housing F16 | X | X | - | X |
| Stainless steel housing F15 | X | X | - | X |
| Aluminum housing F17 | X | X | - | X |
| Aluminum housing F13 with gas-tight process seal | X | – | X*** | X |
| Aluminum housing T13 with gas-tight process seal and separate connection compartment (EEx d) | X | – | X*** | X |
| Separate housing | X | – | X*** | X |

* As per EN60529
** As per NEMA 250
*** Only with M20 cable entry or G1/2 thread

**Vibration resistance**

DIN EN 60068-2-64/IEC 68-2-64: 20 Hz– 2000 Hz; 0.01 $g^2$/Hz

**Cleaning**

**Housing:**
When cleaning, make sure that the cleaning agent used does not corrode the housing surface or the seals.

**Probe:**
Depending on the application, buildup (contamination and soiling) can form on the probe rod. A high degree of material buildup can affect the measurement result. If the medium tends to create a high degree of buildup, regular cleaning is recommended. When cleaning, it is important to make sure that the insulation of the probe rod is not damaged. If cleaning agents are used make sure the material is resistant to them!

**Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)**

- Interference emission to EN 61326, Electrical Equipment Class B
  Interference immunity in accordance with EN 61326, Appendix A (Industrial) and NAMUR Recommendation NE 21 (EMC)
- A usual commercial instrument cable can be used.

**Shock resistance**

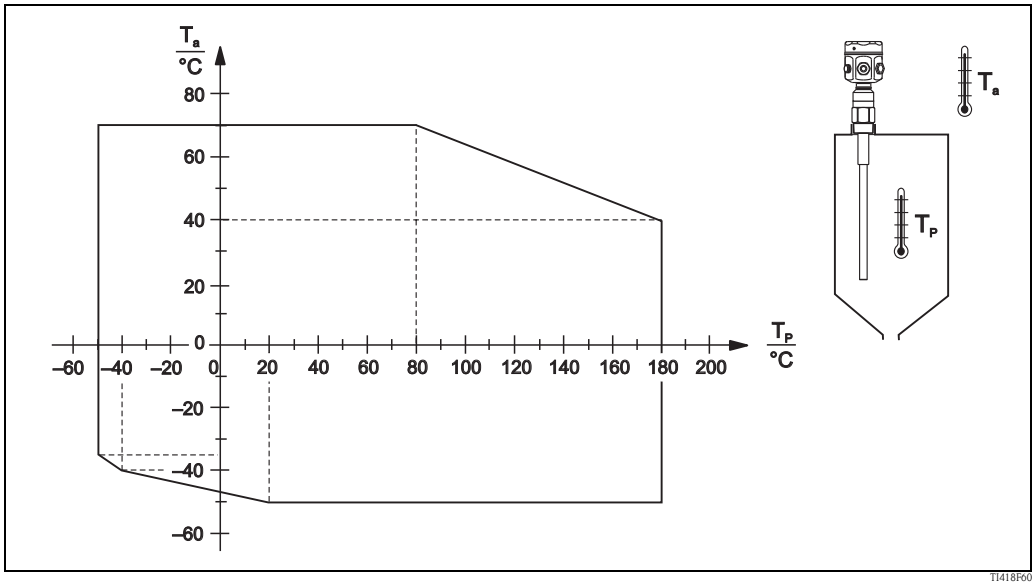
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# Operating conditions: Process

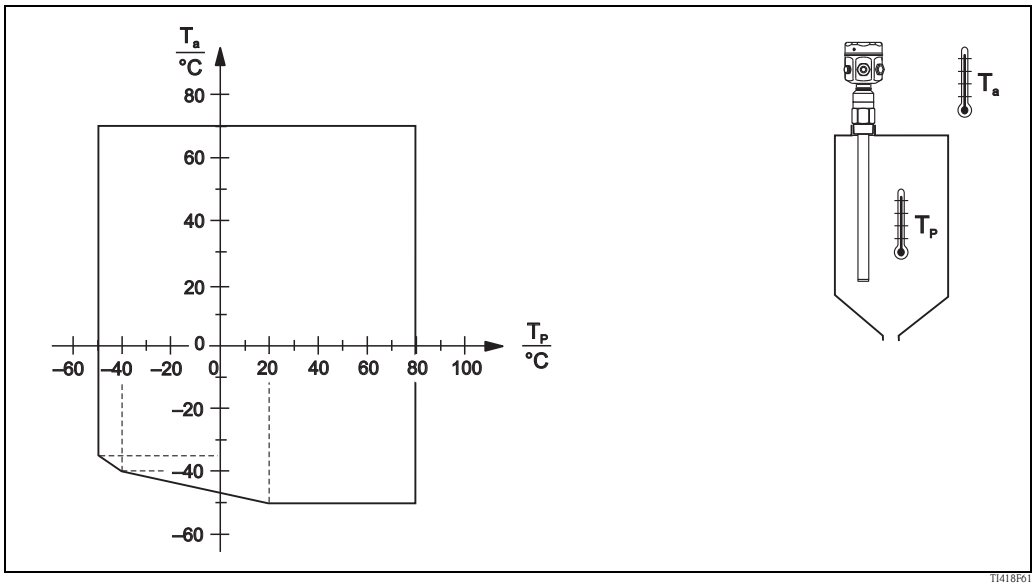
**Process temperature range**

The following process temperature ranges only apply for standard applications outside hazardous areas. Regulations for use in hazardous areas are provided in the Supplementary Documentation XA00389F/00. Permitted ambient temperature $T_a$ at the housing depending on the process temperature $T_p$ in the tank.

**Rod probe FTI55**



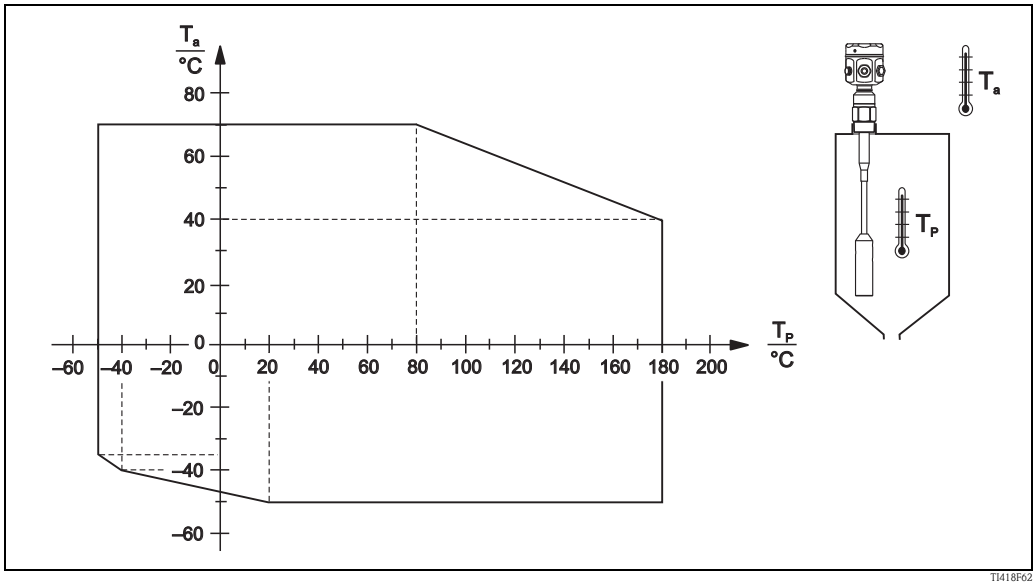

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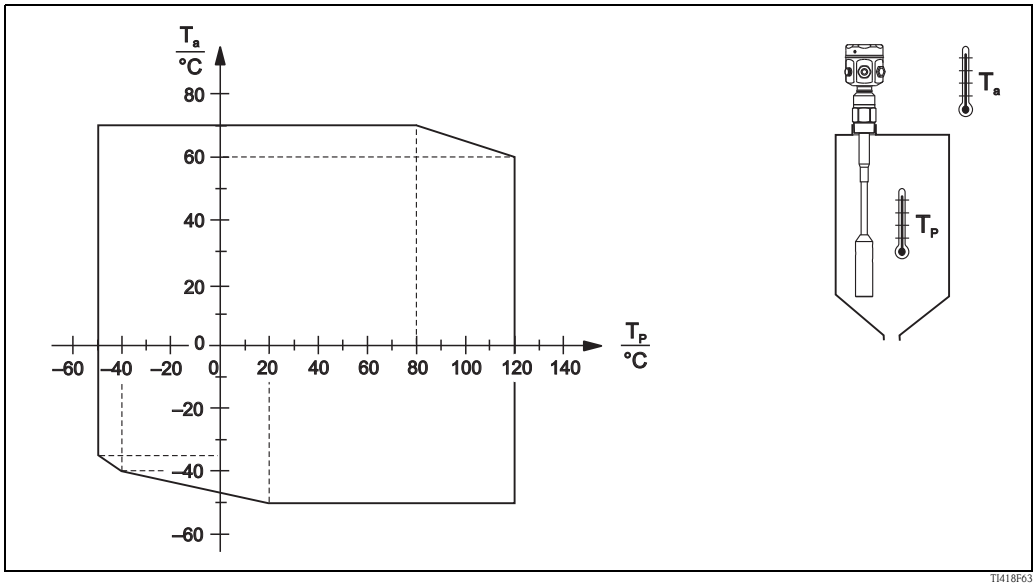

*Fully insulated (PE):*

Note! Restriction to $T_a$ –40 °C for polyester housing F16.

**Rope probe FTI56**




*Partially insulated (PTFE):*

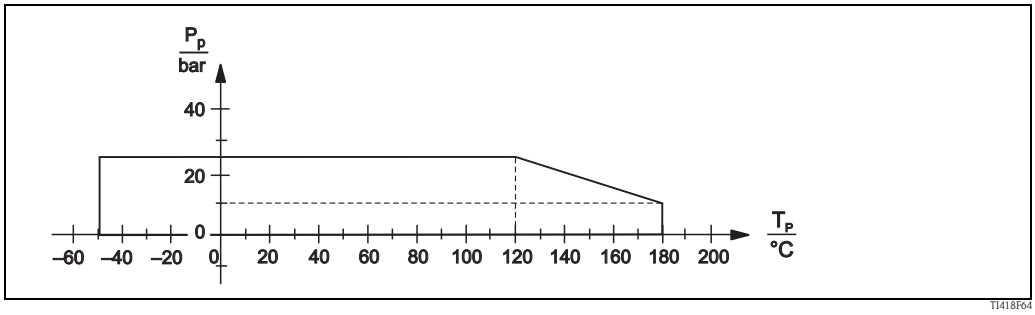



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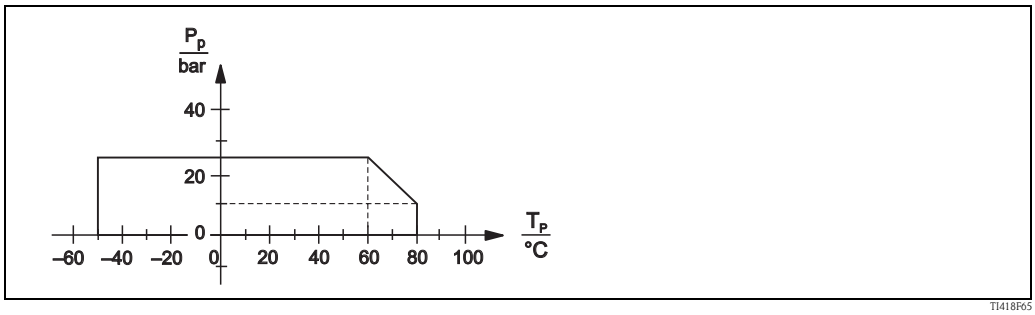
**Process pressure and temperature derating**

The lowest value from the derating curves of the device and the selected flange applies.
In the case of flange process connections, the maximum pressure is limited by the nominal pressure of the flange.
See also "Process connections" on → 35.

### Rod probe FTI55

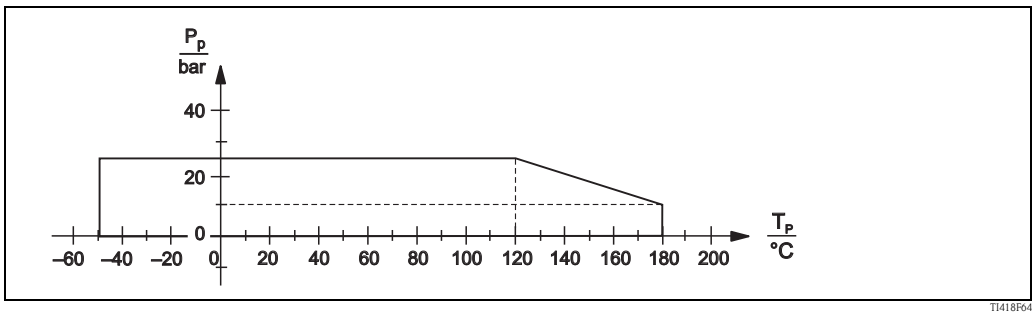



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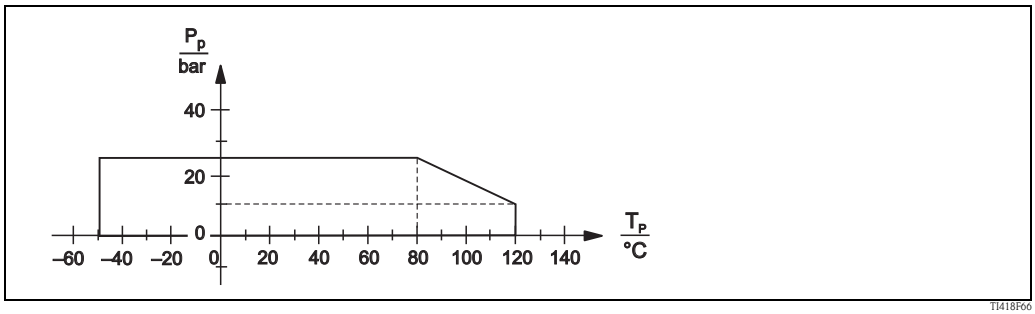



*Fully insulated (PE):*

### Rope probe FTI56




*Partially insulated (PTFE):*




*Fully insulated (PA):*

**Process pressure limits**

–1 to 25 bar
(observe dependencies => process connections from → 35 and operating conditions: process from → 29.)
The lowest value from the derating curves of the device and the selected flange applies.
Please refer to the following standards for the pressure values permitted at higher temperatures:

- pR EN 1092-1: 2005 Table, Appendix G2
  With regard to its resistance/temperature property, the material 1.4435 is identical to 1.4404 (AISI 316L) which is grouped under 13E0 in EN 1092-1 Tab. 18. The chemical makeup of the two materials can be identical.
- ASME B 16.5a - 1998 Tab. 2-2.2 F316
- ASME B 16.5a - 1998 Tab. 2.3.8 N10276
- JIS B 2220

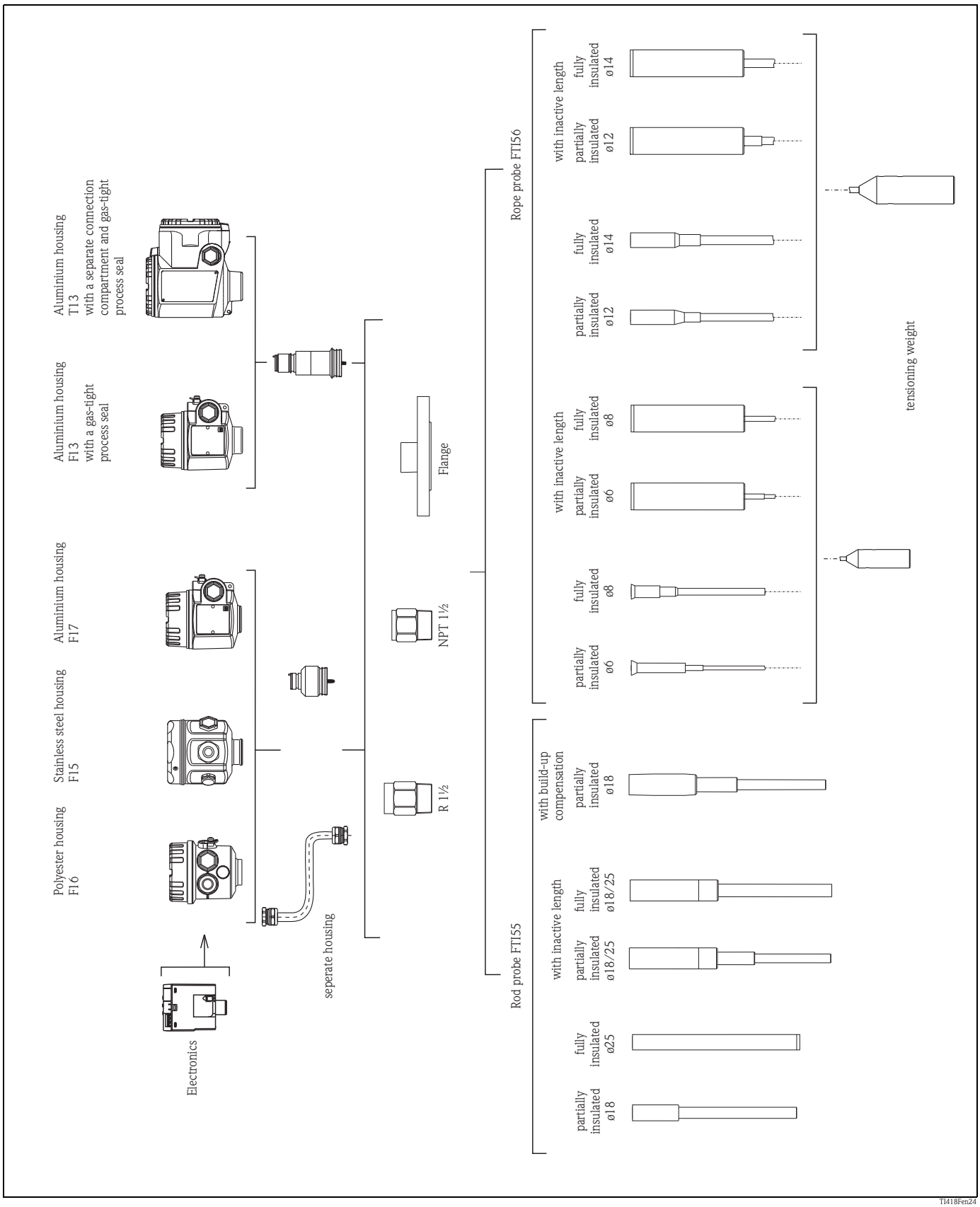
**State of aggregation**

See → 4, "Application examples"

# Mechanical construction

All dimensions in mm!

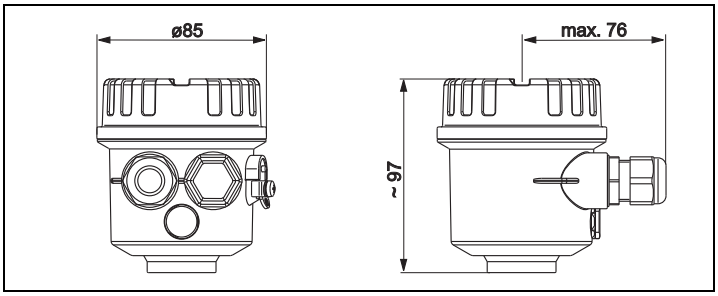
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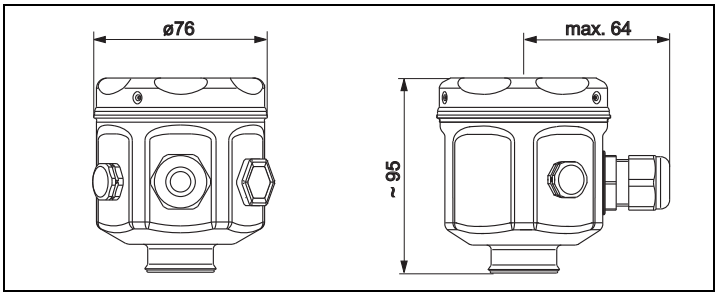

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**Housing**

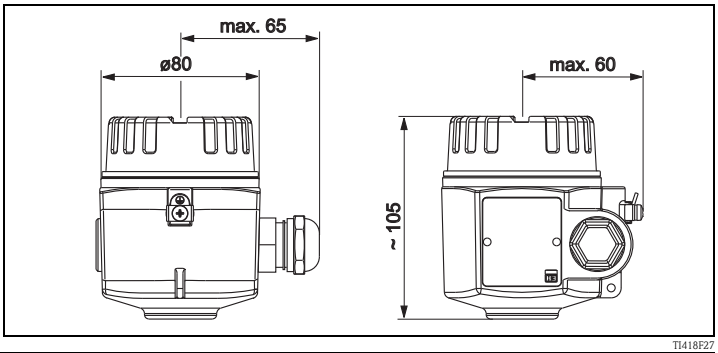
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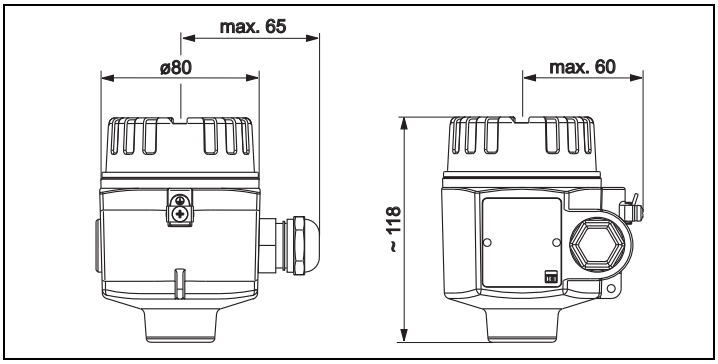

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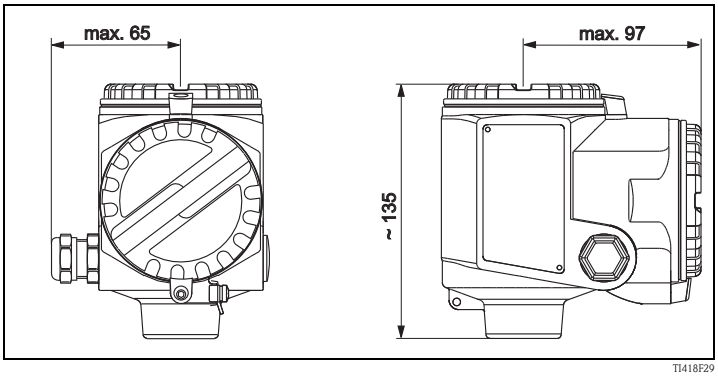

*Aluminum housing F17*



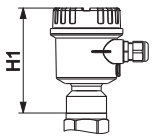
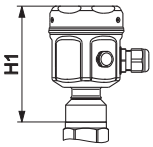
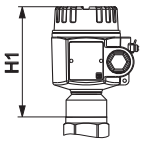
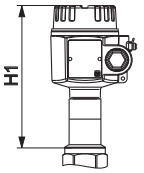
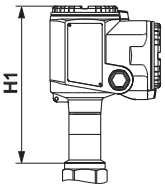

*Aluminum housing F13*
with gas-tight process seal




*Aluminum housing T13*
with separate connection compartment and gas-tight process seal

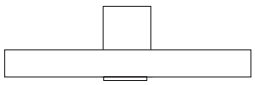


### Housing heights with adapter

| | Polyester housing F16 | Stainless steel housing F15 | Aluminum housing F17 | Aluminum housing F13* | Aluminum housing with separate connection compartment T13* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| |  TI418F30 |  TI418F31 |  TI418F32 |  TI418F33 |  TI418F34 |
| Order code | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **FTI55, FTI56** | | | | | |
| H1 | 125 | 121 | 131 | 177 | 194 |

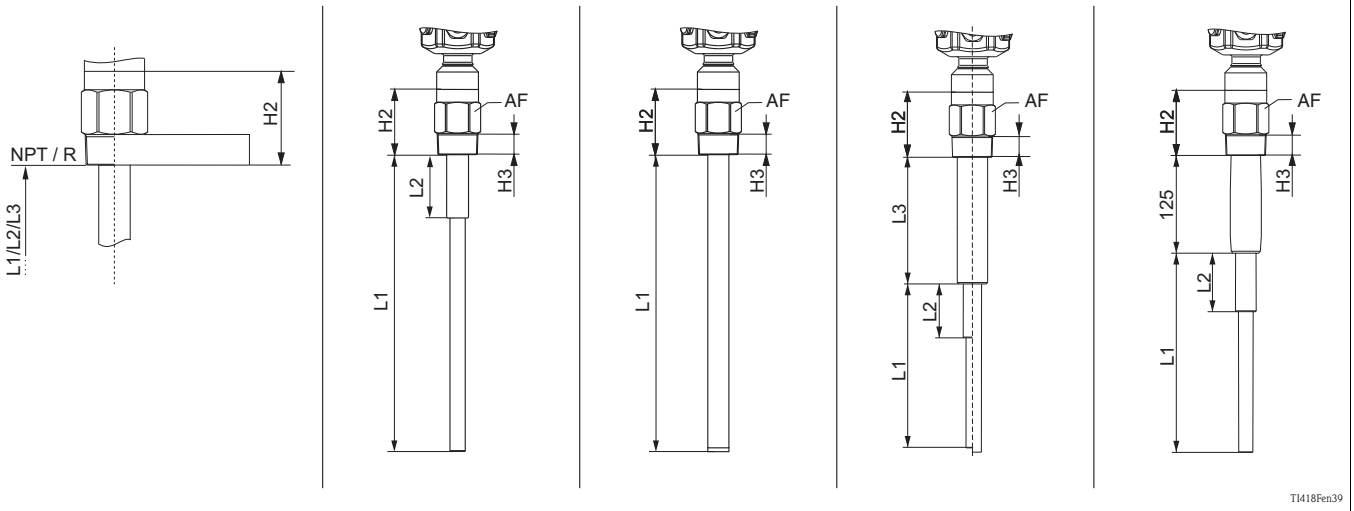
* Housing with gas-tight process seal

### Process connections and flanges

| | Thread: R 1½ | Thread: NPT 1½ | Flanges |
|---|---|---|---|
| |  TI418Fen35 |  TI418Fen36 |  TI418F37 |
| | (DIN EN 10226-1) | (ANSI B 1.20.1) | (EN1092-1)<br>(ANSI B 16.5)<br>(JIS B2220) |
| Order code/material | RVJ / 316L<br>RV1 / steel | RGJ / 316L<br>RG1 / steel | |
| Pressures up to | 25 bars | 25 bars | Depends on flange max. 25 bar |

### Rod probes FTI55

Total length of the probe from the start of the thread: L = L1 + L3
(+ 125 mm with active buildup compensation)

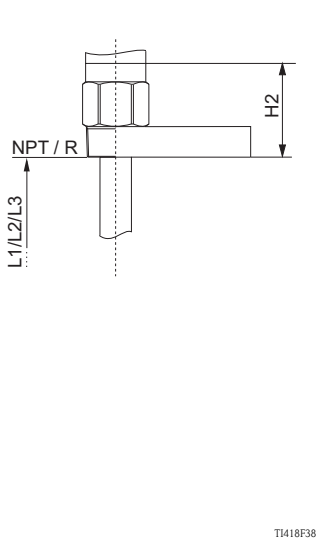
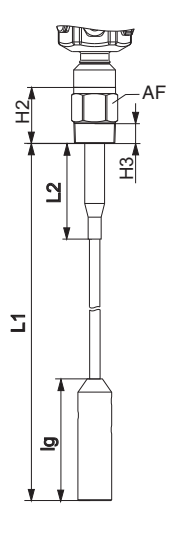
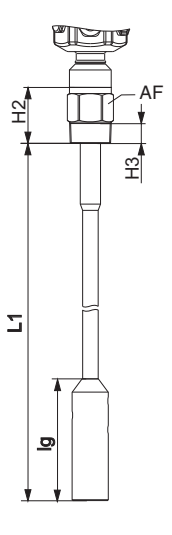
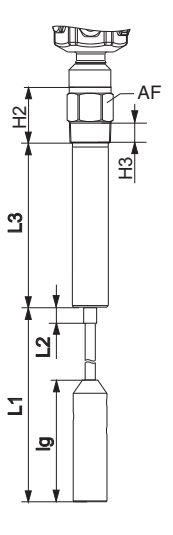
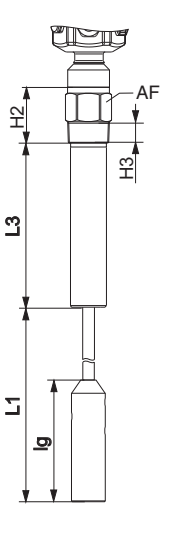
| | Rod probe partially insulated | Rod probe fully insulated | Rod probe with inactive length partially/fully insulated | Rod probe with active buildup compensation partially insulated |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | | | | |
| H2 | 77 | 77 | 66 | 92 |
| H3 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Across flats (AF) | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Total length (L) | 200 to 4000 | 200 to 4000 | 300 to 6000 | 225 to 4000 |
| Active rod length (L1) | 200 to 4000 | 200 to 4000 | 200 to 4000 | 200 to 4000 |
| Inactive rod length (L3) | - | - | 200 to 2000 | - |
| ø Inactive length | - | - | 43 | - |
| Length of partial insulation (L2) | 75 | - | 75 / - | 75 |
| Probe rod diameter (with insulation) | 18 (25) | 18 (25) | 18 (25) | 18 (25) |
| ø Active build-up compensation/ length | - / - | - / - | - / - | 36/ 125 |
| Lateral loading capacity (Nm) at 20 °C | 300 | 300 | 300 | 200 |
| Maximum process temperature (°C) | 180 | 80 | 180/80 | 180 |
| For use in mounting nozzles | - | - | X | - |
| In the event of condensate on tank ceiling | - | - | X | X |

X = recommended

**Length tolerance** up to 1 m: 0 to –5 mm > 1 m to 3 m: 0 to –10 mm > 3 m to 6 m: 0 to –20 mm

### Rope probes FTI56

Total length of probe from start of thread: L = L1 + L3

| | Rod probe<br>Partially insulated rope | | Rod probe<br>Fully insulated rope | | Rope probe with inactive length<br>Partially insulated rope | | Rope probe with inactive length<br>Fully insulated rope | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| H2 | 66 | | 66 | | 66 | | 66 | |
| H3 | 25 | | 25 | | 25 | | 25 | |
| Across flats (AF) | 50 | | 50 | | 50 | | 50 | |
| Total length (L) | 500 to 20000 | | 500 to 20000 | | 700 to 20000 | | 700 to 20000 | |
| Active rope length (L1) | 500 to 20000 | | 500 to 20000 | | 500 to 19800 | | 500 to 19800 | |
| Length of partial insulation (L2)* | 500 | | - | | 500 | | - | |
| Inactive length (L3) | - | | - | | 200 to 2000 | | 200 to 2000 | |
| ø Inactive length | - | | - | | 43 | | 43 | |
| Probe rope diameter<br>(with insulation) | 6<br>(8) | 12<br>(14) | 6<br>(8) | 12<br>(14) | 6<br>(8) | 12<br>(14) | 6<br>(8) | 12<br>(14) |
| ø Tensioning weight** | 30 | 40 | 30 | 40 | 30 | 40 | 30 | 40 |
| Length of tensioning weight (lg) | 150 | 250 | 150 | 250 | 150 | 250 | 150 | 250 |
| Tensile loading capacity (kN) of probe rope at 20 °C | 30 | 60 | 30 | 60 | 30 | 60 | 30 | 60 |
| Maximum process temperature (°C) | 180 | | 120 | | 180 | | 120 | |
| For use in mounting nozzles | - | | - | | X | | X | |
| In the event of condensate on tank ceiling | - | | - | | X | | X | |

X = recommended
* The length of the partial insulation extends, at maximum, to the tensioning weight.
** The tensioning weight is always uninsulated.

**Length tolerance** up to 1 m: 0 to –10 mm > 1 m to 3 m: 0 to –20 mm > 3 m to 6 m: 0 to –30 mm > 6 m to 20 m: 0 to –40 mm

**Material**

**Housing**

- Aluminum housing F17, F13, T13: GD–Al Si 10 Mg, DIN 1725, with plastic coating (blue/gray)
- Polyester housing F16: PBT–FR fiberglass reinforced polyester (blue/gray)
- Stainless steel housing F15: corrosion-resistant steel 316L (14404), uninsulated

**Housing cover and seals**

- Aluminum housing F17, F13, T13: EN-AC-AlSi10Mg, plastic-coated cover seal: EPDM
- Polyester housing F16: Cover made of PBT-FR or cover with sight glass made of PA12
  Cover seal: EPDM
- Stainless steel housing F15: AISI 316L Cover seal: silicone

**Probe material**

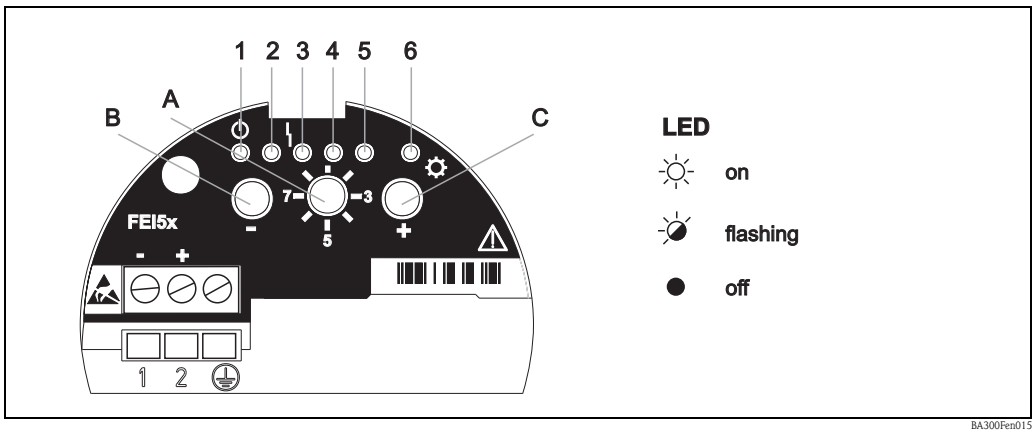
- Process connection, tensioning weight for rope probe: 1.4404 (316L) or steel
- Inactive length: 1.4404 (316L)
- Probe rope partially insulated: PTFE, 1.4401 (AISI 316)
- Probe rope fully insulated: PA, galvanized steel
- Probe rod partially insulated: PPS, 1.4404 (316L)
- Probe rod fully insulated: PE, galvanized steel

**Weight**

- with F15, F16, F17 or F13 housing approx. 4.0 kg
  + flange weight or process connection
  + probe rod 2.0 kg/m (for ø18 mm probe rod) or
  + probe rope 0.180 kg/m (for ø6 mm rope probes) or
  + probe rope 0.550 kg/m (for ø12 mm rope probes)
- with T13 housing approx. 4.5 kg
  + flange weight or process connection
  + probe rod 2.0 kg/m (for ø18 mm probe rod) or
  + probe rope 0.180 kg/m (for ø6 mm rope probes) or
  + probe rope 0.550 kg/m (for ø12 mm rope probes)

# Human interface

**Electronic inserts** **FEI51, FEI52, FEI54, FEI55**



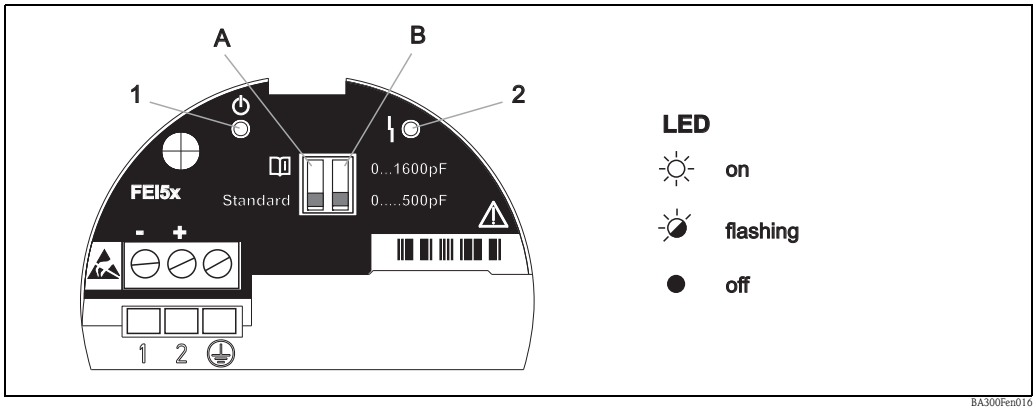

*Green LED 1 (⏻ ready for operation), red LED 3 ( ϟ error indicated), yellow LED 6 (✲ switching state)*

| Function switch position | Function | – key | + key | Light emitting diodes (LED signals) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | ⏻ | | ϟ | | | ✲ |
| | | | | 1 (green) | 2 (green) | 3 (red) | 4 (green) | 5 (green) | 6 (yellow) |
| 1 | Operation | | | **Flashes** Operational LED | **On** (MIN-SIL) | **Flashes** (warning/ alarm) | **On** (MAX-SIL) | | **On/off/ flashes** |
| | Restore factory setting | Press both keys for approx. 20 s | | **On** | –> | –> | –> | –> | On/off/ flashes |
| 2 | Empty calibration | Press | | **On** (present) | | | | | On/off/ flashes |
| | Full calibration | | Press | | | | | **On** (present) | On/off/ flashes |
| | Reset: Calibration and switchpoint adjustment | Press both keys for approx. 10 s | | **On** | –> | –> | –> | –> | On/off/ flashes |
| 3 | Switch point shift | Press for < | Press for > | **On** (2 pF) | **Off** (4 pF) | **Off** (8 pF) | **Off** (16 pF) | **Off** (32 pF) | On/off/ flashes |
| 4 | Measuring range | Press for < | | **On** (500 pF) | **Off** (1600 pF) | | | | On/off/ flashes |
| | Two-point control Δs | | Press once | | | | | **On** | On/off/ flashes |
| | Buildup mode | | Press twice | | | | On | **On** | On/off/ flashes |
| 5 | Switching delay | Press for < | Press for > | **Off** (0.3 s) | **On** (1.5 s) | **Off** (5 s) | **Off** (10 s) | | On/off/ flashes |
| 6 | Self-test (function test) | Press both keys | | **Off** (inactive) | | | | **Flashes** (active) | On/off/ flashes |
| 7 | MIN-/MAX Fail-safe mode | Press for MIN | Press for MAX | **Off** (MIN) | | | | **On** (MAX) | On/off/ flashes |
| | SIL mode* lock/unlock | Press both keys | | | **On** (MIN-SIL) | | **On** (MAX-SIL) | | On/off/ flashes |
| 8 | Upload/download sensor DAT (EEPROM) | Press for download | Press for upload | **Flashes** (download) | | | | **Flashes** (upload) | On/off/ flashes |

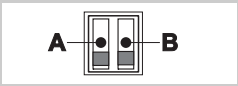
* Only in conjunction with FEI55 electronic insert (SIL).

**Electronic inserts**

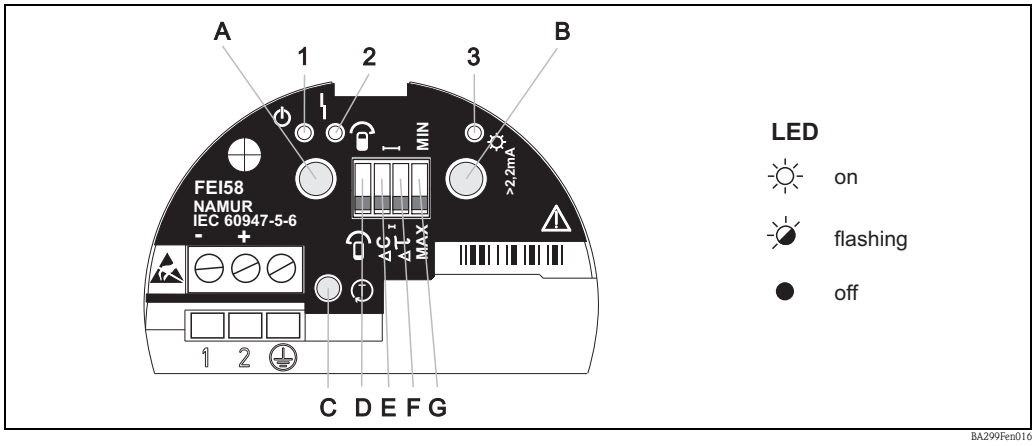
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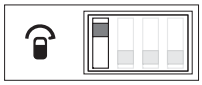
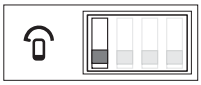
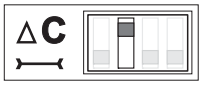
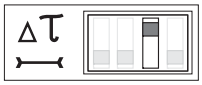
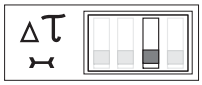

*Green LED (⏻ ready for operation), red LED ( ϟ error indicated)*

| DIP switch  | Function |
|---|---|
| A Standard  | Standard[1]: If the measuring range is exceeded **no** alarm is output. |
| A  | 🕮: If the measuring range is exceeded **an** alarm is output. |
| B  0.....500pF | Measuring range: The measuring range is between 0 and 500 pF<br>Span: The span is between 5 and 500 pF. |
| B  0...1600pF | Measuring range: The measuring range is between 0 and 1600 pF<br>Span: The span is between 5 and 1600 pF. |

**Electronic insert** **FEI58**




*Green LED 1 (⏻ ready for operation), red LED 2 ( ϟ error indicated), yellow LED 3 (✲ switching state)*

| DIP switches (C, D, E, F) | | Function |
|---|---|---|
| D |  | The probe is covered during calibration. |
| D |  | The probe is uncovered during calibration. |
| E |  | Switchpoint adjustment: 10 pF |
| E |  | Switchpoint adjustment: 2 pF |
| F |  | Switching delay: 5 s |
| F |  | Switching delay: 1 s |
| G |  | Fail-safe mode: MIN<br>The output switches safety-oriented when the probe is uncovered (signal on alarm). For use for dry running protection and pump protection for example |
| G |  | Fail-safe mode: MAX<br>The output switches safety-oriented when the probe is covered (signal on alarm). For use with overfill protection for example |

| Key | | | Function |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | |
| X | | | Display diagnostic code |
| | X | | Display calibration situation |
| X | X | | Perform calibration (during operation) |
| X | X | | Delete calibration points (during startup) |
| | | X | Test key Ⓣ, (disconnects the transmitter from the switching unit) |

# Certificates and approvals

**CE approval**

The devices are designed to meet state-of-the-art safety requirements, have been tested and left the factory in a condition in which they are safe to operate. The devices comply with the applicable standards and regulations that are listed in the EC Declaration of Conformity and thus meet the legal requirements of the EC Directives. Endress+Hauser confirms the conformity and successful testing of the device by affixing the CE mark.

**Additional certification**

- See also "Ordering information" → 🖹 42
- AD2000
  The wetted material (316L) corresponds to AD2000 – W0/W2

**Other standards and guidelines**

**EN 60529**
Degrees of protection by housing (IP code)

**EN 61010**
Protection measures for electrical equipment for measurement, control, regulation and laboratory procedures

**EN 61326**
Interference emission (Class B equipment), interference immunity (Appendix A – Industrial).

**NAMUR**
Association for Standards for Control and Regulation in the Chemical Industry

**IEC 61508**
Functional safety

**IEC 60947-5-6**
Low-voltage switchgear and control gear; DC interface for proximity sensors and switching amplifiers (NAMUR)

# Ordering information

Note! In this list, versions which are mutually exclusive are not marked.

**Solicap M FTI55**

| 10 | Approval: | |
|---|---|---|
| | A | Non-hazardous areas |
| | B | ATEX II 1/3 D |
| | C | ATEX II 1/2 D |
| | F | ATEX II 1 D, 1/2 D, 1/3 D EEx ia D |
| | L | CSA/FM IS Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. A-G |
| | M | CSA/FM XP Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. A-G |
| | N | CSA/FM DIP Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. E-G |
| | S | TIIS Ex ia IIC T3 |
| | T | TIIS Ex d IIC T3 |
| | 3 | NEPSI DIP A20 |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified |

| 20 | | Inactive length L3: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | A | Not selected | |
| | B | Not selected + 125 mm/5 inch Active buildup compensation | 316L |
| | 1 | .... mm | 316L |
| | 5 | .... inch | 316L |
| | 9 | Special version | |

| 30 | | | Active length L1: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | A | .... mm, | steel |
| | | B | 325 mm, | steel |
| | | C | .... mm, | 316L |
| | | D | 325 mm, | 316L |
| | | E | 600 mm, | steel |
| | | H | .... inch, | steel |
| | | K | 13 inch, | steel |
| | | M | .... inch, | 316L |

| 30 | Active length L1: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| N | 13 inch, | 316L | |
| P | 24 inch, | steel | |
| Y | Special version, to be specified | | |

| 40 | Insulation: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | fully insulated PE, | max. 80 °C |
| 2 | 75 mm L2, | partially insulated PPS, | max. 180 °C |
| 3 | 3 inch L2, | partially insulated PPS, | max. 180 °C |
| 9 | Special version, to be specified | | |

| 50 | Process connection: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AFJ | 2", | 150 lbs RF | 316/316L | |
| AGJ | 3", | 150 lbs RF | 316/316L | |
| AHJ | 4", | 150 lbs RF | 316/316L | |
| BSJ | DN80, | PN10/16 A | 316L | EN1092-1 (DIN2527 B) |
| BTJ | DN100, | PN10/16 A | 316L | EN1092-1 (DIN2527 B) |
| B3J | DN50, | PN25/40 A | 316L | EN1092-1 (DIN2527 B) |
| KFJ | 10K 50, | RF | 316L | JIS B2220 |
| KGJ | 10K 80, | RF | 316L | JIS B2220 |
| KHJ | 10K 100, | RF | 316L | JIS B2220 |
| RGJ | NPT 1½, | | 316L | thread ANSI |
| RG1 | NPT 1½, | | steel | thread ANSI |
| RVJ | R 1½, | | 316L | thread DIN2999 |
| RV1 | R 1½, | | steel | thread DIN2999 |
| YY9 | Special version, to be specified | | | |

| 60 | Electronics; output: | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | FEI51; 2-wire | 19 to 253VAC |
| 2 | FEI52; 3-wire PNP, | 10 to 55VDC |
| 3 | FEI53; 3-wire, | 3 to 12 V signal |
| 4 | FEI54; relay DPDT, | 19 to 253VAC, 19 to 55VDC |
| 5 | FEI55; 8/16 mA, | 11 to 36VDC |
| 7 | FEI57S;2–wire PFM | |
| 8 | FEI58; NAMUR+test key (H-L signal) | |
| W | Prepared for FEI5x | |
| Y | Special version, to be specified | |

| 70 | Housing: | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | F15 316L | IP66, NEMA4X |
| 2 | F16 polyester | IP66, NEMA4X |
| 3 | F17 aluminum | IP66, NEMA4X |
| 4 | F13 Alu + gas-tight probe seal | IP66, NEMA4X |
| 5 | T13 Alu + gas-tight probe seal + separate connection compartment | IP66, NEMA4X |
| 9 | Special version, to be specified | |

| 80 | Cable entry: |
|---|---|
| A | M20 Threaded joint |
| B | Thread G ½ |
| C | Thread NPT ½ |
| D | Thread NPT ¾ |
| G | Thread M20 |
| E | M12 connector |
| Y | Special version, to be specified |

| 90 | Probe design: | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Compact | |
| 2 | 2000 mm L4 cable | > separate housing |
| 3 | .... mm L4 cable | > separate housing |
| 4 | 80 inch L4 cable | > separate housing |
| 5 | .... inch L4 cable | > separate housing |
| 9 | Special version, to be specified | |

| 100 | Additional equipment: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | A | Basic version | |
| | D | EN10204-3.1 material (316L wetted), | Inspection certificate |
| | E | EN10204-3.1 material (316L wetted), NACE MR0175 | Inspection certificate |
| | F | SIL Declaration of Conformity | |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified | |

| FTI55 | Product designation |
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| 10 | Approval: | |
|---|---|---|
| | A | Non-hazardous areas |
| | B | ATEX II 1/3 D |
| | C | ATEX II 1/2 D |
| | F | ATEX II 1 D, 1/2 D, 1/3 D EEx ia D |
| | L | CSA/FM IS Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. A-G |
| | M | CSA/FM XP Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. A-G |
| | N | CSA/FM DIP Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1+2, Gr. E-G |
| | S | TIIS Ex ia IIC T3 |
| | T | TIIS Ex d IIC T3 |
| | 3 | NEPSI DIP A20 |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified |

| 20 | Inactive length L3: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | A | Not selected | |
| | 1 | .... mm | 316L |
| | 5 | .... inch | 316L |
| | 9 | Special version | |

| 30 | Active length L1; tensioning weight: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A | .... mm, 6 mm rope | 316L; | 316L |
| | B | .... mm, 12 mm rope | 316L; | 316L |
| | C | .... mm, 8 mm rope | galvanized steel; | steel |
| | D | .... mm, 14 mm rope | galvanized steel; | steel |
| | H | .... inch, 0.2" rope | 316L; | 316L |
| | K | .... inch, 0.5" rope | 316L, | 316L |
| | M | .... inch, 0.3" rope | galvanized steel; | steel |
| | N | .... inch, 0.6" rope | galvanized steel; | steel |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified | | |

| 40 | Insulation: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | fully insulated PA, | max. 120 °C |
| | 2 | 500 mm L2, partially insulated PTFE, | max. 180 °C |
| | 9 | Special version, to be specified | |

| 50 | Process connection: | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AFJ | 2", | 150 lbs RF | 316/316L | |
| | AGJ | 3", | 150 lbs RF | 316/316L | |
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| | BSJ | DN80, | PN10/16 A | 316L | EN1092-1 (DIN2527 B) |
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| | RGJ | NPT 1½ | | 316L | thread ANSI |
| | RG1 | NPT 1½, | | steel | thread ANSI |
| | RVJ | R 1½, | | 316L | thread DIN2999 |
| | RV1 | R 1½, | | steel | thread DIN2999 |
| | YY9 | Special version, to be specified | | | |

| 60 | Electronics; output: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | FEI51; 2-wire | 19 to 253VAC |
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| | 5 | FEI55; 8/16 mA, 11 to 36VDC |
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| | 8 | FEI58; NAMUR+test key (H-L signal) |
| | W | Prepared for FEI5x |
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| 70 | Housing: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | 2 | F16 polyester | IP66, NEMA4X |
| | 3 | F17 aluminum | IP66, NEMA4X |
| | 4 | F13 Alu + gas-tight probe seal | IP66, NEMA4X |
| | 5 | T13 Alu + gas-tight probe seal + separate connection compartment | IP66, NEMA4X |
| | 9 | Special version, to be specified | |

| 80 | Cable entry: | |
|---|---|---|
| | A | M20 Threaded joint |
| | B | Thread G ½ |
| | C | Thread NPT ½ |
| | D | Thread NPT ¾ |
| | G | Thread M20 |
| | E | M12 connector |
| | F | 7/8" connector |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified |

| 90 | Probe design: | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1 | Compact |
| | 2 | 2000 mm L4 cable > separate housing |
| | 3 | .... mm L4 cable > separate housing |
| | 4 | 80 inch L4 cable > separate housing |
| | 5 | .... inch L4 cable > separate housing |
| | 9 | Special version, to be specified |

| 100 | Additional equipment: | |
|---|---|---|
| | A | Basic version |
| | F | SIL Declaration of Conformity |
| | Y | Special version, to be specified |

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| **FTI56** | Product designation |

# Accessories

**Weather protection cover**

For F13 and F17 housing
Order number: 71040497

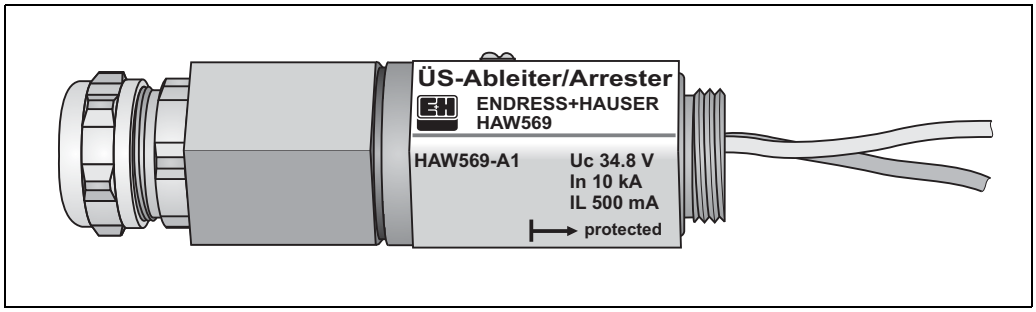
**Overvoltage protection HAW56x**

**Overvoltage protection (housing)**

- HAW569–A11A (non-hazardous)
- HAW569–B11A (hazardous area)

Note! These two versions can be screwed directly into the housing (M20x1.5).

Surge arrester for limiting overvoltage in signal lines and components.




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**Overvoltage protection (cabinet)**

- HAW562Z (hazardous area)

The HAW562Z module can be used if installing in cabinets.

**Spare parts**

**Electronic inserts**

| Electronic insert | Parts number |
|---|---|
| FEI51 | 71042887 |
| FEI52 | 71025819 |
| FEI53 | 71025820 |
| FEI54 | 71025814 |
| FEI55 | 71025815 |
| FEI57S | 71025816 |
| FEI58 | 71100895 |

You can order spare parts directly from your E+H service organization by quoting the order number (see below).
Before ordering, please note that all ordered spare parts must correspond with the indications on your nameplate. Otherwise, the indications on the nameplate will no longer correspond with the instrument version.

**Housing cover**

| Cover | Parts number |
|---|---|
| For aluminum housing F13: gray with sealing ring | 52002698 |
| For stainless steel housing F15: with sealing ring | 52027000 |
| For stainless steel housing F15: with clasp and sealing ring | 52028268 |
| For polyester housing F16, flat: gray with sealing ring | 52025606 |
| For aluminum housing F17, flat: with sealing ring | 52002699 |
| For aluminum housing T13, flat: gray with sealing ring/electronics compartment | 52006903 |
| For aluminum housing T13, flat: gray with sealing ring/connection compartment | 52007103 |

**Seal set for stainless steel housing**

- Seal set for stainless steel housing F15: with 5 sealing rings
  52028179

# Documentation

This documentation is available on the product pages at www.endress.com

**Technical Information**

- Nivotester FTL325N
  TI00353F/00/en
- Nivotester FTL375N
  TI00361F/00/en
- EMC test procedures
  TI00241F/00/en

**Operating Instructions**

- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  BA00300F/00/en

**Certificates**

**Safety information (ATEX)**

- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  ATEX II 1 D Ex tD A20 IP65 T 90 °C,
  ATEX II 1/2 D Ex tD A20/A21 IP65 T 100 °C
  XA00389F/00/a3
- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  DIP A21 $T_A$, T 100°C IP65
  NEPSI GYJ071369
  XA00426F/00/a3

**Control Drawings (for FM and CSA)**

- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  FM ZD00222F/00/en
- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  CSA ZD00225F/00/en

Functional safety (SIL2/SIL3)

- Solicap M FTI55, FTI56
  SIL
  SD00278F/00/en

**CRN registration**

- CRN 0F12978.5

**Other**

- AD2000
  The wetted material (316L) corresponds to AD2000 – W0/W2

**Patents**

This product is protected by at least one of the patents listed below.
Further patents are under development.

- DE 103 22 279,
  WO 2004 102 133,
  US 2005 003 9528
- DE 203 13 695,
  WO 2005 025 015

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