Vortex flowmeter

Equipment protection level EPL Gb
Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"
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1.1 General notes

This additional instruction applies to explosion-protected versions of vortex flowmeters with protection type intrinsic safety “i”, equipment protection level EPL Gb. It completes the standard manual for the non-explosion protected versions.

The information given in this instruction contains only the data relevant to explosion protection. The technical details given in the manual for the non-explosion protected versions remain unchanged unless they will be excluded or replaced by this instruction.

1.2 TR CU conformity

Conformity of the vortex flowmeter for use in hazardous areas was tested in accordance with the Custom Union Technical Regulation TR CU 012/2011.

The number of the certificate is:

TC RU C-DE.AA87.B.01095

1.3 Approval according to the IECEx scheme

Conformity of the vortex flowmeter for use in hazardous areas with gas was tested in accordance with the “IECEx Certification Scheme for Explosive Atmospheres” according to IEC 60079-0 and IEC 60079-11.

The number of the IEC certificate is:

IECEx KIWA 15.0003X

The “X” after the certificate number refers to special conditions for safe use of the device, which have been listed in these instructions. If needed, the IECEx certificate can be downloaded from the manufacturer’s website.
1.4 Safety instructions

If these instructions are not followed, there is a risk of explosion.

Assembly, installation, start-up and maintenance may only be performed by personnel trained in explosion protection!

**CAUTION!**
The operator or his agent is responsible for observing any additional standards, directives or laws if required due to operating conditions or place of installation.
This applies in particular to the use of easily detachable process connections when measuring flammable media.
2.1 Device description

Vortex flowmeters measure and display the flow of flammable and non-flammable gases and liquids. The signal converter includes either a 4...20 mA signal output with optional HART® communication or a bus connection. There are bus connections available according to the FISCO model for connecting to the Foundation Fieldbus or Profibus PA. Signal converters with signal output have a separate binary output and a separate current input.

2.2 Type code

The safety description code consists of the following elements*:

**Figure 2-1: Safety description code for the compact version**

1. Product designation
2. Type series
3. Compact version
4. Electrical signal output
   - free - current output 4...20 mA with optional HART® communication
   - FF - Foundation Fieldbus bus connection
   - PA - Profibus PA bus connection
5. Intrinsically safe supply
6. Ex - explosion-protected version

**Figure 2-2: Safety description code for the signal converter of the remote version**

1. Product designation
2. Type series
3. Remote version
4. Electrical signal output
   - free - current output 4...20 mA with optional HART® communication
   - FF - Foundation Fieldbus bus connection
   - PA - Profibus PA bus connection
5. Intrinsically safe supply
6. Sensor electronics VFC 020
7. Ex - explosion-protected version
**OPTISWIRL 4000 F**

Figure 2-3: Safety description code for the flow sensor of the remote version

1. Product designation
2. Type series of flow sensor
3. Remote version

* positions which are not needed are omitted (no blank positions)

The remote version consisting of the flow sensor OPTISWIRL 4000 F and the signal converter VFC 200 F 020 is called the OPTISWIRL 4200 F.

### 2.3 Marking

The marking of the devices in accordance with the description code is shown on the nameplates below. On both the compact devices and the remote versions, the main plate is located on the signal converter housing. On the remote versions there is an additional marking on the flow sensor.

Compact versions with two signal converters for dual measurement (dual version) are each marked with a nameplate, which is attached to each of the signal converter housings. The details relevant to explosion protection are identical on both nameplates.

Figure 2-4: Example of a nameplate for the compact version

1. Device version OPTISWIRL 4200 C
2. Production order number
3. Serial number
4. Year of manufacture
5. Ex data according to notified body
6. Pressure and temperature data
7. Maximum values intrinsically safe circuits
8. Safety instructions, disposal and data matrix
9. Symbol for region (e.g. Russia)
Figure 2-5: Example of the nameplates for the remote version

1. Device version VFC 200 F...020 / OPTISWIRL 4000 F
2. Production order number
3. Serial number
4. Year of manufacture
5. Ex data according to notified body
6. Pressure and temperature data
7. Maximum values intrinsically safe circuits
8. Safety instructions, disposal and data matrix
9. Symbol for region (e.g. Russia)
2.4 Flammable products

**Atmospheric conditions:**
The standard atmospheric conditions under which it may be assumed that Ex equipment can be operated are:

- Temperature: -20...+60°C / -4...+140°F
- Pressure: 80...110 kPa (0.8...1.1 bar) / 11.6...15.9 psi
- Air with normal oxygen content, typically 21%v/v

Ex equipment operating outside the standard temperature range must be tested and certified (e.g. for ambient temperature range -40...+65°C / -40...+149°F).
Ex equipment operating outside the standard atmospheric pressure range and standard oxygen content is not permitted.

**Operating conditions:**
Vortex flowmeters operate outside the standard atmospheric pressure range, which means that explosion protection, regardless of the zone assignment, is fundamentally not applicable for the measuring unit (piping).

**CAUTION!**
Operation with flammable products is only permitted as long as no explosive fuel/air mixture builds up inside of the piping at the same time the atmospheric conditions are exceeded.

The operator is responsible to ensure that the flowmeter is operated safely in terms of the temperature and pressure of the products used. In case of operation with flammable products the measuring units must be included in the periodic pressure tests of the piping.

2.5 Types of protection

The flowmeter is designed with protection type intrinsic safety “i” according to GOST 31610.11-2014 / IEC 60079-11:2011.

The marking for equipment EPL Gb is:

1Ex ia IIC T6...T2 Gb X
(compact version, flow sensor in remote version)

or

1Ex ia IIC T6 Gb X
(signal converter in remote version)
The marking contains the following information:

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<td>Ex ia</td>
<td>Intrinsically safe, level of protection “ia”</td>
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<td>IIC</td>
<td>Gas group, suitable for gas groups IIC, IIB and IIA</td>
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<td>Temperature class range (compact version, flow sensor in remote version)</td>
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<td>T6</td>
<td>Temperature class (signal converter in remote version)</td>
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<td>Gb</td>
<td>EPL, suitable for zone 1 and zone 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>Indication of special conditions for safe use</td>
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Table 2-1: Description of the marking

**INFORMATION!**
For the equipment EPL Gb, connection to an intrinsically safe circuit with protection level “ib” is required.
When connecting the flowmeter to an intrinsically safe circuit with protection level “ia”, a higher protection level is given.

**INFORMATION!**
Operation is possible in all classified areas of temperature classes T1...T6.

### 2.6 Ambient temperature / temperature classes

Because of the influence of the temperature of the product, no fixed temperature class is assigned to vortex flowmeters. The temperature class of these devices is rather a function of the product temperature and ambient temperature that is present and the specific device version. The classification is outlined in the following tables.

The tables take into account the following parameters:
- Ambient temperature $T_{amb}$
- Product temperature $T_m$
- Nominal size DN
- Heat resistance of the connecting cable
**INFORMATION!**

The maximum permissible product temperatures listed in the tables are valid under the following conditions:

- The measuring device is installed and operated in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.
- It must be ensured that the flowmeter is not heated by the effects of additional heat radiation (sunshine, neighbouring system components) and thus operated above the permissible ambient temperature range.

- Insulation must be limited to the piping. Unobstructed ventilation of the signal converter must be ensured.

The permitted ambient temperature range is indicated on the nameplate; depending on the device version it is $T_{\text{amb}} = -40...+65^\circ C / -40...+149^\circ F$.

The minimum product temperature is $-40^\circ C / -40^\circ F$. 
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures with signal converter or connection box mounted above the flow sensor

![Signal converter above the flow sensor](image)

Table 2-2: Temperature class in °C

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Table 2-3: Temperature class in °F

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Table 2-2: Temperature class in °C

1. Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 80°C

Table 2-3: Temperature class in °F

1. Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures with signal converter or connection box mounted at side or underneath the flow sensor

![Signal converter at side of the flow sensor](image)

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*Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 80°C*

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*Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F*
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures for devices with painted flow sensors / signal converters or connection box mounted above the flow sensor

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Table 2-6: Temperature class in °C

1. Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 80°C

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Table 2-7: Temperature class in °F

1. Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures for devices with painted flow sensors / signal converters or connection box mounted at side or underneath the flow sensor

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**Nominal size**

| DN15...25        | 85    | 65    | 120   | 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1) |
| DN40...50        | 70    | 65    | 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1) |
| DN80...100       | 70    | 65    | 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1) |
| DN150...300      | 75    | 65    | 120   | 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1)| 120(1) |

**Table 2-8: Temperature class in °C**

① Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 80°C

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**Nominal size**

| DN15...25        | 185   | 149   | 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1)| 248(1)| 248   | 248(1) |
| DN40...50        | 158   | 149   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1) |
| DN80...100       | 158   | 149   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248(1) |
| DN150...300      | 167   | 149   | 248   | 248(1)| 248   | 248   | 248   | 248   | 248(1) |

**Table 2-9: Temperature class in °F**

① Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures with signal converter in stainless steel (bright) or connection box in stainless steel (bright) mounted above the flow sensor

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| Nominal size       | DN15...25 | 70 | 60 | 135 | 135  | 200 | 180  | 155  | 225 | 180  | 155 |
|                   | DN40...50 | 65 | 60 | 135  | 135  | 200 | 160  | 140  | 235 | 160  | 140 |
|                   | DN80...100 | 60 | 60 | 135  | 125  | 200 | 140  | 125  | 220 | 140  | 125 |
|                   | DN150...300 | 65 | 60 | 135  | 135  | 200 | 165  | 145  | 220 | 165  | 145 |

Table 2-10: Temperature class in °C

① Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 80°C

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| Nominal size       | DN15...25 | 158 | 140 | 275 | 275  | 392 | 356  | 311  | 437 | 356  | 311 |
|                   | DN40...50 | 149 | 140 | 275  | 275  | 392 | 320  | 284  | 455 | 320  | 284 |
|                   | DN80...100 | 140 | 140 | 275  | 257  | 392 | 281  | 257  | 392 | 281  | 257 |
|                   | DN150...300 | 149 | 140 | 275  | 275  | 392 | 329  | 293  | 428 | 329  | 293 |

Table 2-11: Temperature class in °F

① Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F
Max. permissible product and ambient temperatures with signal converter in stainless steel (bright) or connection box in stainless steel (bright) mounted at side or underneath the flow sensor

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Table 2-12: Temperature class in °C

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Table 2-13: Temperature class in °F

① Permanent service temperature of connecting cable and cable entry min. 176°F
2.7 Electrical data

**Signal circuits**

The vortex flowmeter signal circuits may only be connected to separate, certified, intrinsically safe isolating amplifiers or Zener barriers connected to separate, intrinsically safe circuits with the following maximum values per circuit:

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Table 2-14: Maximum values for signal circuits

**Flow sensor circuits**

For the compact versions, the intrinsically safe flow sensor circuits are designed as internal circuits.

For the remote versions, the intrinsically safe flow sensor circuits are led through. The maximum permissible safety values of the flow sensor circuits are listed below:

**Remote signal converter, flow sensor circuit (terminal 1 to 7, colour-coded)**

\[
U_o = 6.65 \text{ V; } I_o = 1107 \text{ mA; } P_o = 650 \text{ mW; } C_o = 1.5 \text{ μF; } L_o = 73 \text{ μH}
\]

**Remote flow sensor (terminal 1 to 7, colour-coded)**

\[
U_i = 7 \text{ V; } I_i = 1107 \text{ mA; } P_i = 650 \text{ mW; } C_i = 0; \ L_i = 0
\]

**INFORMATION!**

The verification of intrinsic safety for the interconnection between the flow sensor and the signal converter is not necessary, if the cable length does not exceed 50 m / 164 ft and the supplied cable is used.
3.1 Mounting

Mounting and setup must be carried out according to the applicable installation standards [e.g. IEC 60079-14] by qualified personnel trained in explosion protection. The information given in the manual and these instructions must always be observed.

**Vortex flowmeters must be installed in such a way that**
- no external forces are affecting the indication unit.
- the device is accessible for any necessary visual inspections and can be viewed from all sides.
- the nameplate is clearly visible.
- it can be operated from a location with secure footing.

**CAUTION!**
The manufacturer is not liable for any damage resulting from improper use or use other than the intended purpose. This applies in particular to hazards due to insufficient corrosion resistance and suitability of the materials in contact with product.

**Aligning the signal converter**
The signal converter and the connection box for the remote versions may be aligned on the base or the wall bracket up to a maximum of ± 180°. For this reason, the M4 hexagon socket screw connecting the base and the signal converter or the connection box must be loosened. Once the signal converter or the connection box has been turned, it must be screwed back on to the base again (tightening torque 2 Nm).

- De-energise the signal converter.
- Loosen the hexagon socket screw ①.
- Turn the signal converter or the connection box.
- Screw signal converter or connection box back to the base again.
3.2 Special conditions

Electrostatics
If the installation takes place in hazardous areas of group IIC, the instructions for electrostatics must be observed. For further information refer to Electrostatic charge on page 24.

Thermal and electrical data
Observe the maximum ambient and product temperatures and electrical data. For further information refer to Ambient temperature / temperature classes on page 9 and refer to Electrical data on page 17.
4 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

4.1 General notes

The separate intrinsically safe signal circuits are electrically connected in the terminal compartment of the signal converter. The circuits are designed in protection type “intrinsically safe” and galvanically isolated from ground (test voltage \( \geq 500 \text{ V}_{\text{eff}} \)).

The intrinsically safe flow sensor circuits are connected in the connection boxes on the wall bracket and on the flow sensor.

The connecting cables should be selected according to the applicable installation standards and the maximum operating temperature.

The connecting cable between the flow sensor and the wall bracket for remote versions is part of the supply.

- The connecting cables must be fixed and laid so they are sufficiently protected against damage.
- All cores that are not used must be securely connected to the ground potential of the hazardous area or carefully insulated against each other and against ground (test voltage \( \geq 500 \text{ V}_{\text{eff}} \)).
- Lay cables so as to ensure that there is sufficient distance between surfaces of the flow sensor and the connecting cable.
- If the blind plugs / cable entries supplied separately on customer request, the influence of the components on the IP protection class of the housing or the thermal data must be validated.

Recommendation:
- IP protection class: \( \geq \text{IP66/67} \) according to IEC 60529
- Temperature range: \(-40\ldots+80^\circ\text{C} / -40\ldots+176^\circ\text{F}\)

- Before connecting or loosening the equipotential bonding cable, ensure there are no differences in potential.
- Any existing cable shields should be connected to ground according to applicable installation regulations. A terminal in the terminal compartment permits a short way grounding of the cable shields.
- The outer diameter of the connecting cable must be within the sealing range of the cable entry [6...12 mm / 0.24...0.47”].
- Unused cable entries are to be closed.

Ensure that the gaskets and incised gasket ring are tight.

4.2 Power supply

Vortex flowmeters do not require a separate power supply.

The required supply for the built-in electronics is provided via the 4...20 mA current output or the bus connection.
4.3 Inputs / Outputs

The terminal assignment is described in the manual. The signal circuits of the vortex flowmeters may only be connected to certified intrinsically safe slave units or circuits. For more information refer to chapter “Electrical data”.

The current output, the current input and the binary output are designed for connection to a certified, intrinsically safe circuit in protection type “intrinsic safety Ex ia IIC or Ex ib IIC”.

The bus connections are designed for connection to a certified, intrinsically safe circuit in protection type “intrinsic safety Ex ia IIC or Ex ib IIC” according to the FISCO model or according to the entity concept.

The current output, the current input and the binary output are reliably separated up to a peak voltage of 60 V. All signal circuits are electrically isolated from the ground.

4.4 Grounding and equipotential bonding

CAUTION!

Equipotential bonding

Vortex signal converters and flow sensors must be included in the on-site equipotential bonding system according to EN 60079-14! They are connected to the PA terminals.

For compact versions and measuring devices with flange connections, the flow sensor is conductively connected to the pipeline.

For compact versions and measuring device of the type “sandwich”, a separate conductor connected either to the internal or external PA terminal must be provided to connect to the equipotential bonding.

Figure 4-1: Ground connection of the compact version

1 Electrical grounding connection on connection piece between the flow sensor and the signal converter
2 Electrical grounding terminal in the housing
For remote versions with pressure sensor, the connection of the flow sensor can either be made via the PA connection in the signal converter terminal compartment or via the external PA connection.

Figure 4-2: Ground connection of the remote version

1. Electrical grounding connection on the flow sensor
2. Electrical grounding connection on the housing of the signal converter
4.5 Flow sensor circuits (remote version only)

Observe the following points when connecting the flow sensor to the signal converter:

- Use only the supplied connecting cable (max. length 50 m / 164 ft).
- Before connecting or loosening the equipotential bonding cable, ensure there are no differences in potential.
- Connect the connecting cable shield to the equipotential bonding of the hazardous area in the wall bracket. On the flow sensor side, the shield must be carefully isolated from the earth (test voltage 500 V_{eff}) and connected via the terminal end to the corresponding connector on the terminal block.
- The terminal compartments of the flow sensor circuits are supplied with a bridge between the internal PA connection and the terminal with the designation “gnye”. This connection must not be separated.

![Figure 4-3: Connection of remote version](image)

1. Connection terminal flow sensor
2. Connection terminal signal converter
3. Connection shielding flow sensor
4. Shielding (drain wire and overall shield)
5. Connection shielding signal converter
6. Heat shrink tubing

The flow sensor circuit is designed in protection type “intrinsic safety Ex ia IIC”.
5.1 Start-up

Start-up is only permitted when the measuring device:

- is correctly installed in the system and connected.
- has been checked for the proper state with regard to its installation and connection requirements.

The operator of the system has to check prior to start-up, if the start-up was in compliance with the national regulations for checks.

5.2 Operation

Vortex flowmeters must be operated in such a way that they remain within the maximum and minimum permissible temperatures and pressures and the electrical limit values.

Vortex flowmeters may only be operated if the equipment parts necessary for safety are effective in the long run, and are not rendered inoperable during operation.

In case of operation with flammable products the measuring units must be included in the periodic pressure tests of the system.

Operating the converter insert during operation is permitted. To do so, remove the housing cover. Close the housing cover immediately after adjustment of the converter insert.

Terminal compartments (protection type “intrinsic safety”) may be opened even in an energised state in hazardous area.

Work on electrical connections (e.g. configuration via the HART® interface) is also permitted in an energised state. Terminal compartments must be closed immediately upon completion of the work.

5.3 Electrostatic charge

In order to avoid ignition hazards due to electrostatic charge, vortex flowmeters may not be used in areas with:

- processes that generate strong charges,
- mechanical friction and cutting processes,
- spraying of electrons (e.g. in the vicinity of electrostatic painting systems) or
- pneumatically conveyed dust is exposed.

! **CAUTION!**

_Electrostatic charging of the housing surface by friction must be avoided._

_The devices must not be dry cleaned._
6.1 Maintenance

Maintenance work of a safety-relevant nature within the meaning of explosion protection may only be carried out by the manufacturer, his authorised representative or under the supervision of authorised inspectors.

Treat cover threads as necessary with the lubricating paint UNIMOLY C220®.

For systems in hazardous areas, regular tests are required in order to maintain the proper condition.

The following checks are recommended:
- Check the housing, the cable entries and the feed lines for corrosion and/or damage.
- Checking the measuring unit and the piping connections for leakage.
- Check the measuring unit and the indicator for dust deposits.
- Including the flowmeter in the regular pressure test of the process line.

6.2 Dismantling

Exchanging the built-in equipment
The dismantling and installation is within the responsibility of the operator.

Due to the modular design of the vortex flowmeters, from a safety perspective, the electrical equipment built into the display can be replaced with identical spare parts. To do so, remove the housing cover. Close the housing cover immediately after the spare parts are exchanged. Ensure that the cover seal is tight.

General notes
Exchanging and dismantling should take place in a de-energised state, if at all possible. If that is not possible, the basic conditions for intrinsic safety [e.g. no grounding or connection of different intrinsically safe circuits to one another] must be observed during dismantling.

Display
The display can be rotated in 90° increments. It is connected to the connector as shown in the following figure.

Exchanging the converter insert
It is permitted to replace the entire VFC 200 converter insert with a brand-new version identical in type.
Take special note of the following figure and:

- ensure that the converter insert type is the same by checking the nameplates.
- the connecting cable of the flow sensor circuits is to be laid in the cutout provided between the converter insert and housing. Avoid damage such as that caused by crushing.
- proper connection of the flow sensor (5) and the display connector (1).
- tighten the mounting screws M4 (7) evenly.

Exchanging the entire device
The dismantling and installation is within the responsibility of the operator.

Before disconnecting the electric connecting cable of the device, make sure that all cables leading to the indication unit are isolated from the ground of the hazardous area. This also applies to functional earthing conductors (FE) and equipotential bonding conductors (PA).

**CAUTION!**
- Pressurised pipes have to be depressurised before removing the measuring unit.
- In the case of environmentally critical or hazardous products, appropriate safety precautions must be taken with regard to residual liquids in the measuring unit.
- New gaskets have to be used when re-installing the device in the piping.
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