

Yo-Yo sensing level measurement **LF20**

continuous level indication for bulk solids

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MOLLET measures filling level

ATEX option

1.B **Dust**  II 1/2D Ex ta/tb IIIC T99 °C

Application (intended use)

MOLOSbob typ LF20 used for

continuous level measurement
in **silos, bunker and vessels.**

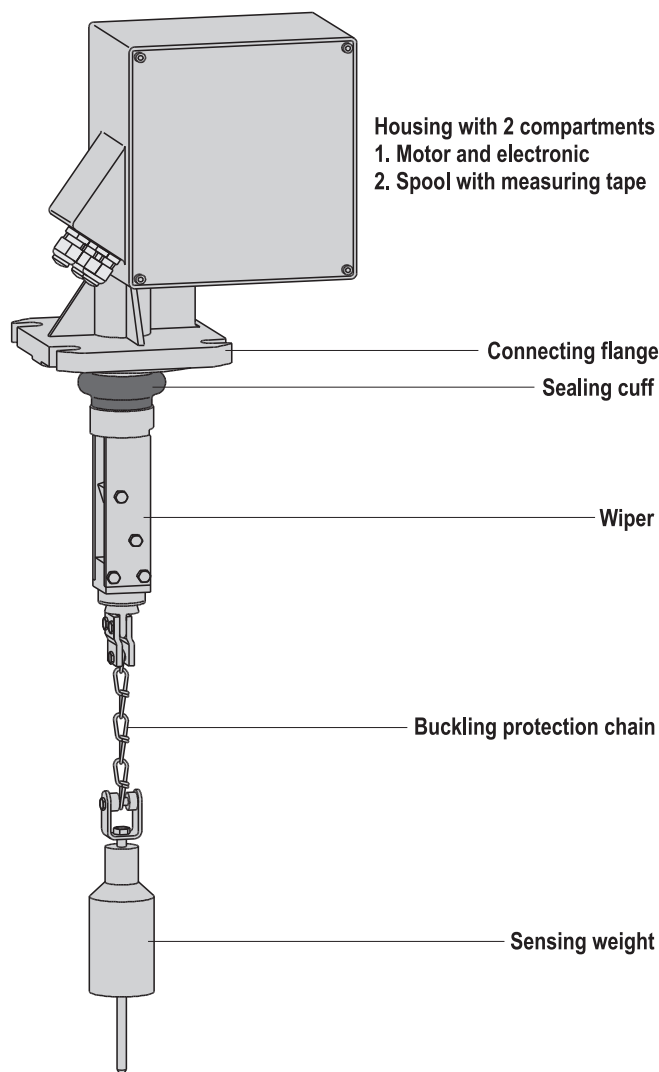
For all bulk goods with a minimum density of

0.02 t/m³.

Application in

all industry sectors processing bulk goods.

Construction



Sensing weight has to be suitable for the chemical characteristics of the bulk good and the process temperature within the bunker or silo.

Special designs for specific applications on request.

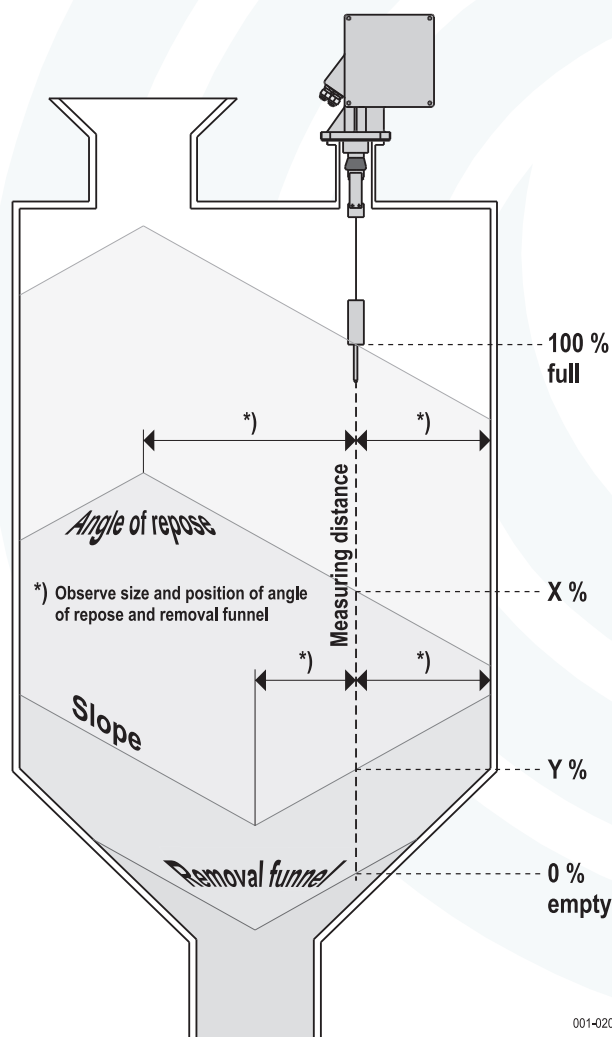
Function

A sensing weight is driven down into the silo or hopper with a stainless-steel tape. A 0/4-20 mA current output signal is given proportional to the measured distance from the top to the bulk good surface. This measured value corresponds to the filling height and is retained until the next measurement cycle starts.

Single measurements or periodic measurement procedures are possible. The measuring cycle can be started with an external contact (e.g. manual start button or PLC) or by the programmed function at the LF20.

As soon as the weight touches the surface, the tensile force on the tape decreases. This reduced tensile force is detected by the electronic of the MOLOSbob LF20, the lowering of the weight is stopped immediately and the sensing weight returns to the end position.

The sensing weight may not sink into the bulk good and not slide at the slope of the angle of repose or of the removal funnel.



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During the up and down movement of the sensing weight the relay output of the LF20 can additionally emit pulses according to the length of the rolled out measuring tape. These pulses can be recorded by a process control system or an electro mechanical counter.

Technical data

Materials	Housing	Aluminum die casting, coated RAL 7001
	Housing lid	Aluminum AlMgSi1
Process connection	Aluminum die casting	
	Tape	Stainless steel 301, modified
Wiper or	Aluminum/Steel	
	Stainless steel 304	
Sensing weights		
Normal weight 9.B	Steel	
Normal weight 9.C	Stainless steel 316Ti	
Umbrella 9.D	Polyester and steel	
Umbrella 9.E	Polyester and stainless steel 316Ti	
Medium bag 9.G	Polyester and stainless steel 316Ti	
Plastics weight 9.N	Plastics and steel ¹⁾	

Weight	w/o sensing weight	10 kg
	with sensing weight	11.5 kg

Dimensions	300 x 260 x 225 (HxBxD)
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Angle of inclination	max. 2°
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Protection type	IP IP67
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Maintenance	approx. after 45,000 measuring cycles
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¹⁾ not available for use in potentially explosive atmospheres

Application data

Ambient temperature	7.D	-20 °C ... +60 °C (Standard)	T_{amb}
	with heater 7.E	-40 °C ... +60 °C ¹⁾	
	ATEX-device with heater 7.E	-35 °C ... +60 °C	
Process temperature	8.1	-20 °C ... +70 °C (Standard)	T_(Process)
	8.2	-20 °C ... +150 °C ¹⁾	
	with heater 7.E	-40 °C ... +70 °C ¹⁾	
	ATEX-device with heater 7.E	-35 °C ... +70 °C	
Process pressure		- 0.5 bar ... 1 bar	p_(Process)


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Technical measuring data

Tape length	3.4	15 m
	3.5	32 m
	3.8	42 m
Tensile force		max. 150 N
Tape run-off speed		0.16 ... 0.25 m/s
Measuring accuracy		± 2.5 cm or ± 1 Impuls (independent of selected measuring distance)
Highest measurable point		Calculated from the block distance plus a minimum run-out length of 20 cm

Note The individual value of the block distance is preset when delivered and has only to be adjusted when the sensing weight is replaced.


Elektrical data


Supply voltage	5.1	90 ... 253 V (AC) 50-60 Hz	supply 
	or 5.3	20 ... 28 V (DC)	

Power consumption		AC = 150 VA	DC = 150 W
	with heater 7.E	AC = 170 VA	DC = 170 W

Terminal clamps	max. 2.5 mm²
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Cable entry	3x screwing M20x1.5 (6 ... 13 mm)
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Signal inputs		2 available for external start or lock measurement
	active	Input voltage range of an external control 12 ... 24 V DC
	passive	Connection of an external command unit, e.g. switch, key, relay contact (Start pulse length: min. 200 ms)

Signal output	 active	0/4 ... 20 mA current output, working resistance max. 600 Ω
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Relay outputs		2 relay outputs (Standard)
	optional 6.C	2 additional relay outputs

Selectable relay functions

Counting pulse Pulses according tape length rolled out

Reset pulse Pulse before every new measurement
e.g. to reset an external counter

Gating of counting pulse Pulse during running up the sensing
weight, e.g. to hide counting pulses


Measurement active Pulse during active measuring cycle,
e.g. to lock a filling device in order to
protect the sensing weight from being
covered by medium

End of measurement Pulse when sensing weight reached
upper end position

Alarm Output of fault states

Service interval Information on required maintenance

Contact load		250 VAC, 6 A Silver-cadmium-oxid contacts, gold plated
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Optocoupler output		for counting pulse (optional when 4 relay are selected)
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Loading capacity	U max. 30 V DC, I max. 10 mA
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Break down information	recallable via following interfaces
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Local display Error symbol
Error code with plain text display

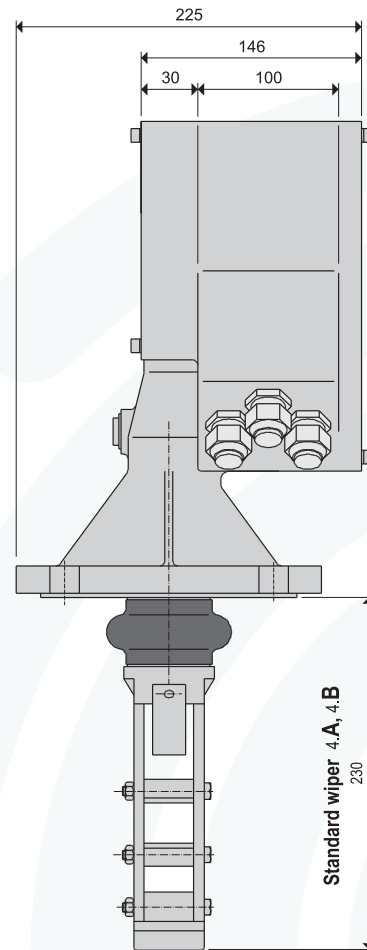
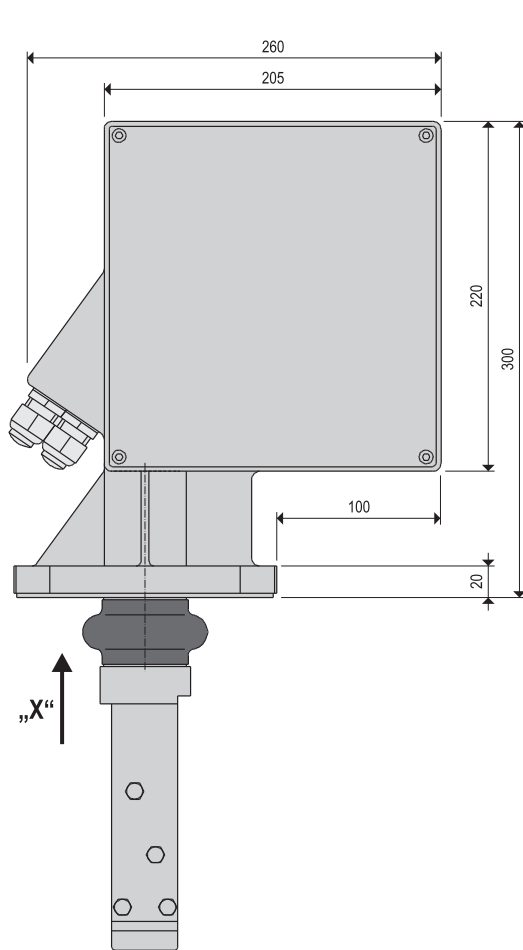
Current output State programmable:

Minimum
Current value ≤ 3.6 mA (4 - 20 mA) or
Current value 0 mA (0 - 20 mA)

Maximum
max. current value +10% (=22 mA)

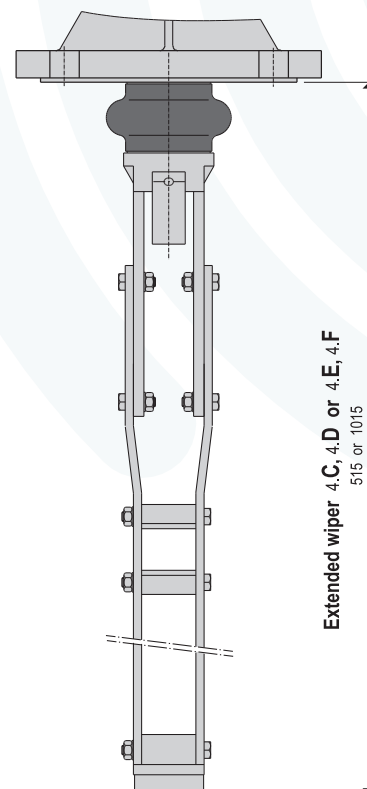
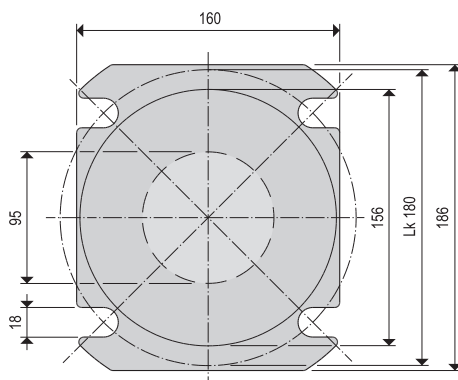
Relay output Alarm function

Dimensions



Process connection flange

View „X“



Sensing weights

9.B/9.C Normal sensing weight Steel/stainless steel for temperatures up to +150 °C

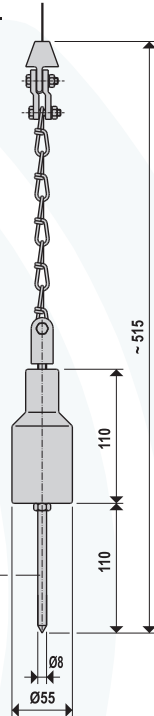
For granulates and compacted bulk solids.

Bulk density >0.3 t/m³

Angle of repose steep with spike
flat w/o spike

The spike avoids slipping or tilting of the sensor weight on a steep bulk surface.

Spike (screw-off)



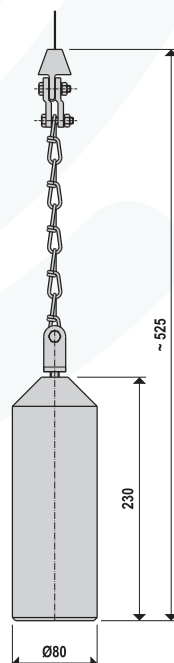
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9.N Plastic sensing weight PVC and steel for temperatures up to +70 °C

For granulates and compacted bulk solids.

Bulk density >0.3 t/m³

Angle of repose flat



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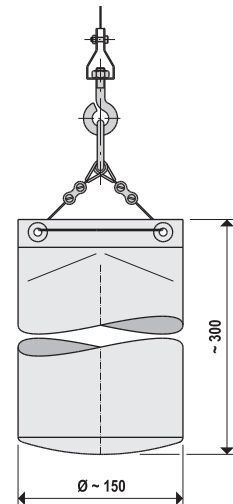
9.G Bag sensing weight Polyester and stainless steel for temperatures up to +150 °C

For granulates and compacted bulk solids.

Bulk density >0.2 t/m³

Angle of repose flat

Avoids damage of outlet devices.



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The bag is filled with the respective medium stored in the bunker or silo.

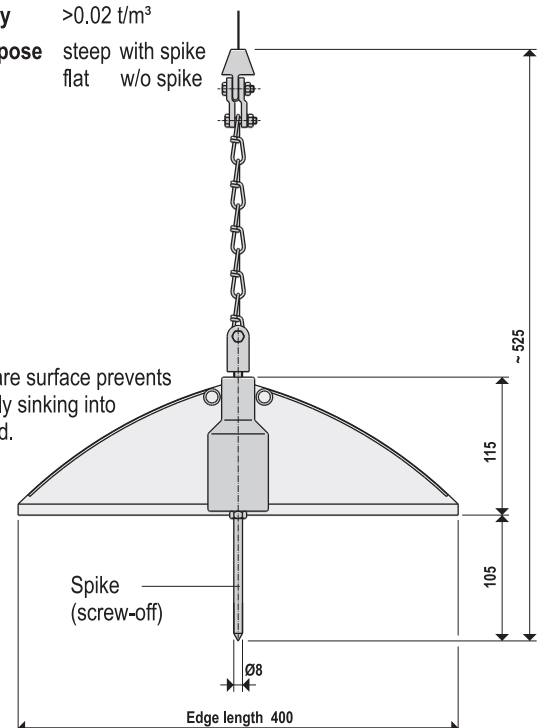
9.D/9.E Polyester umbrella with steel or stainless steel weight for temperatures up to +150 °C

For very light and loose bulk solids.

Bulk density >0.02 t/m³

Angle of repose steep with spike
flat w/o spike

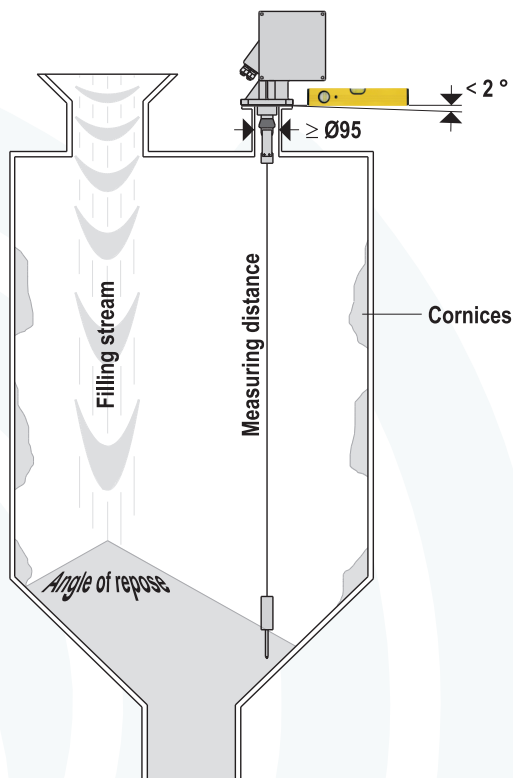
A large square surface prevents it from deeply sinking into the bulk solid.



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Installation



Select the mounting location on the bunker or silo roof in such a way that falling product during filling or collapsing cornices cannot spill the sensing weight and cannot damage the measuring tape. If necessary the measuring procedure should be locked during filling process.

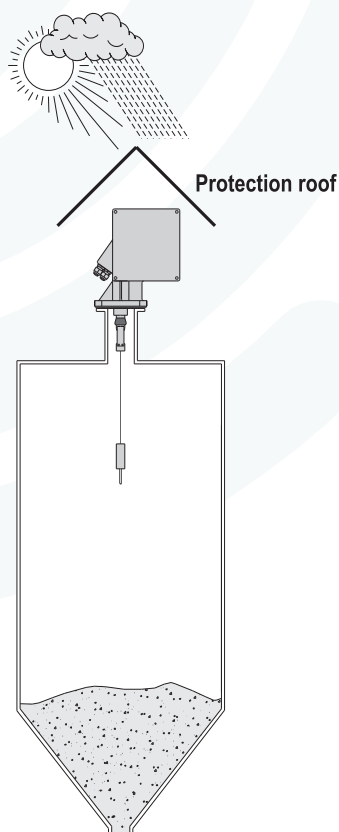
Install the device on a horizontal flange

DN100, Ø220, Lk180, 4x18.

Normal weights, plastic weights and umbrella weights can be passed into the bunker or silo via the DN100 flange. In case of using larger weights like a filled medium bag a constructional possibility at the bunker or silo (e.g. access hatch) has to be available in order to install these ones.

The measurement section should not run too close to internals and struts, so that the measuring tape does not touch them when sensing weight is swinging.

For use in bunkers/silos with severe dust emission a pressure air connector with an internal thread 1/4 is available in order to generate a slight over pressure at the tape roll chamber.



For use in external areas being exposed to climatic conditions we recommend the weather protection hood or an additional protection roof.

For ambient- and process temperatures from -20 °C ... -40 °C

use **option 7.E** „self-adjusting heating“

For tropical environments

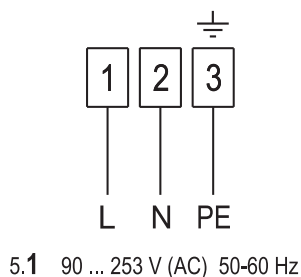
use **option 7.F** „extended climate resistance“

Electrical connection

For connection a basic installation cable is sufficient.

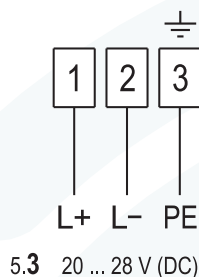
Supply voltage AC

Circuit diagram - Terminal 1



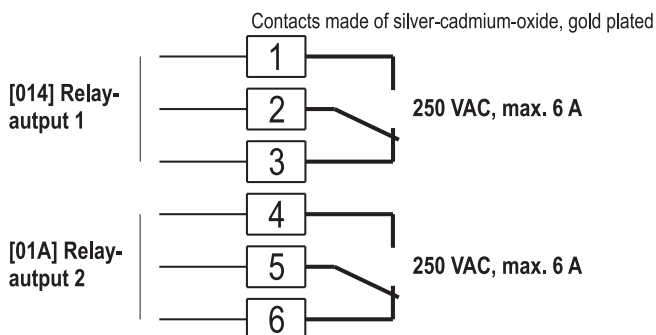
Supply voltage DC

Circuit diagram - Terminal 1



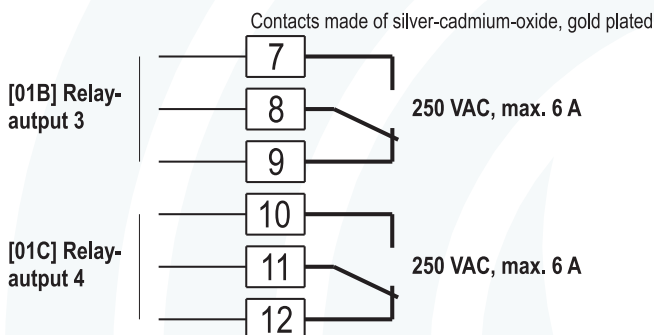
Relay output

Circuit diagram - Terminal 2.1



Relay output optional 6.C

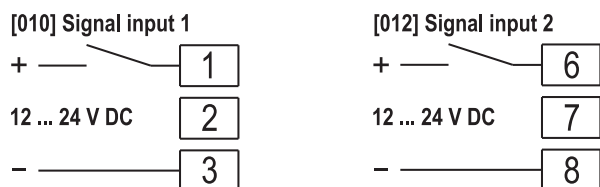
Circuit diagram - Terminal 2.2



The rest position matches with the position of the relays without power supply.
This represents the alert condition in case the function "alarm" is selected.

Signal inputs active Pulse lenght ≥ 200 ms

Circuit diagram - Terminal 3.1 and 3.2



Signal inputs passive Pulse lenght ≥ 200 ms

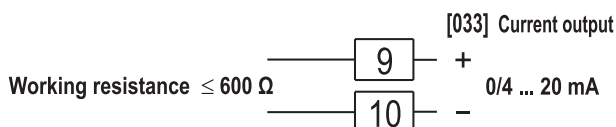
Circuit diagram - Terminal 3.1 and 3.2



The **signal inputs active** or **passive** can only be used alternatively.
A double connection from active and passive can not be used!

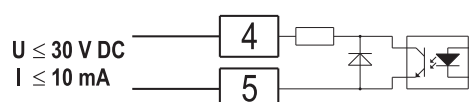
Current output

Circuit diagram - Terminal 3.2



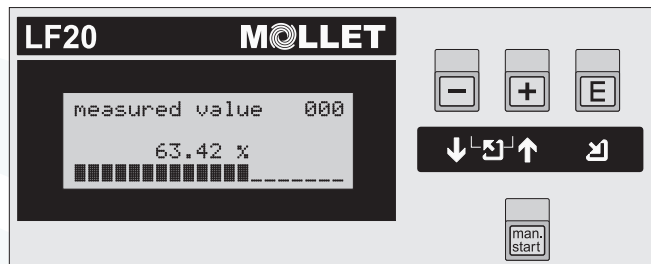
Optocoupler output optional 6.C

Circuit diagram - Terminal 3.1



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Display - Programming - Operation



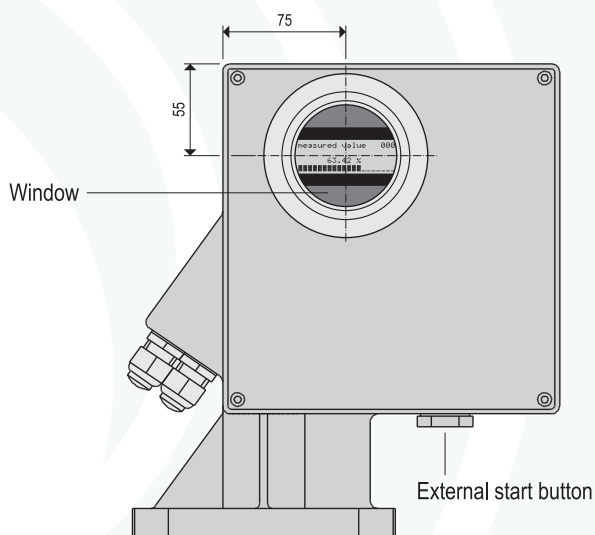
Display

During operation the actual measuring values are shown on the display.

Display

LCD 4-line display
20 characters per line
Contrast adjustable

optional 10.2 Window in housing lid enables external reading of measured values



Programming

Using the menu-guided display all factory set parameters can be adjusted with the three programming keys.

The menu comprises parameter groups and parameters.

Application parameters can be displayed and set in the different parameter groups.

The setting of all parameters is possible.

Programming keys



Operation

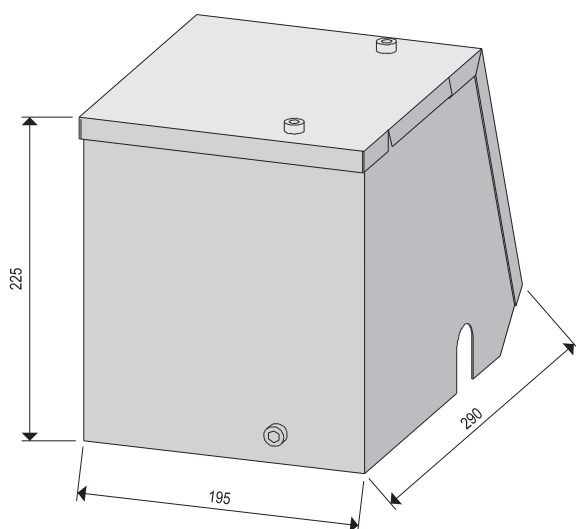
Start-button

Manuel start



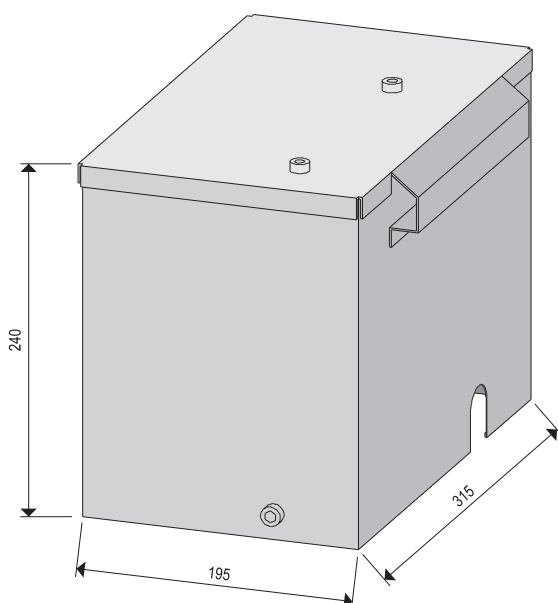
optional 10.2 external start button at the housing

Aluminum weather protection hood



Material	Aluminum AlMgSi1, eloxadized
Weight	0,7 kg
Shipment	incl. installation screws

Stainless steel weather protection hood



Material	Stainless steel 1.4301 (304)
Weight	4,2 kg
Shipment	incl. installation screws

Special sensing weights

9.T Interface measurement weight Stainless steel 1.4571
for process temperatures up to +150 °C

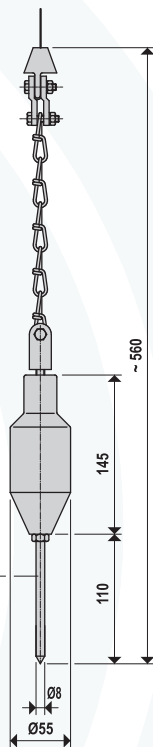
For interface measurement of bulk solids and liquids.

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Spike (screw-off)

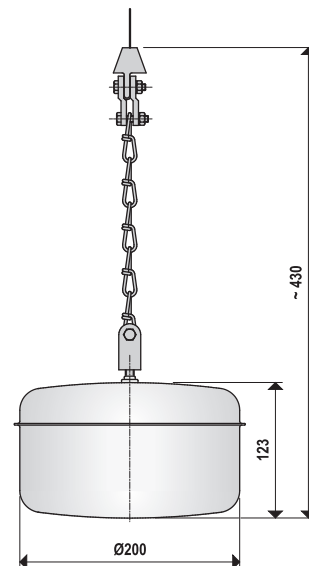


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9.X Float made of stainless steel 1.4571
for process temperatures up to +150 °C

For liquids.

Weight ~1,5 kg



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