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NIVOCONT

VIBRATING ROD LEVEL SWITCHES

USER'S MANUAL

APPROVALS:	
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Thank you for choosing a NIVELCO instrument.
We are sure that you will be satisfied throughout its use.

1. INTRODUCTION

The **NIVOCONT** vibrating rod level switches are suitable for low and high level indication of granules and powders with a min. 0.05 kg/dm^3 density such as cement, lime, sand, grain, feed, sugar, etc. Dust Ex versions are available for using the instrument in explosion-proof environment.

2. ORDER CODES

NIVOCONT R ☐ ☐ - ☐ ☐ ☐ - ☐ *

VERSION	CODE
Standard	K
Standard polished	S
High temp.	H(4)
High temp. polished	T(4)

HOUSING	CODE
Alu cast	5
Plastic	6

SUPPLY / OUTPUT / Ex	CODE
20-255 V AC/DC / Relay	1
20-255 V AC/DC / Electronic	3
20-250 V AC vagy 20-50V DC / Relay / Ex	5

PROCESS. CONN.	CODE EXTENSION			
	Standard	Pipe	Cable	Custom
1 ½ " BSP	H	R	K	E
1 ½ " NPT	N	L	C	F

PROBE LENGTH	CODE EXTENSION			
	Standard	Pipe	Cable	Custom
207 mm	02	—	—	
0,3 … 3 m	—	03…30	—	
1 … 20 m	—	—	01…20	
0,2…2m				02

(4) only for standard and pipe extended versions
** The order code of an Ex version should end in „Ex"*

2.1 Accessories

- User's manual
- Warranty Card
- Declaration of Conformity
- 2 pcs. 3-pole terminal blocks
- 1 ½ " sealing, for BSP only

3. TECHNICAL DATA

3.1 General specification

VERSION		STANDARD	PIPE EXTENDED	CABLE EXTENDED	CUSTOM EXTENDED
Probe length		207 mm [8.15 in]	0,3 – 3 m [0.98 – 9.84 ft]	1 – 20 m [3.28 – 65.62 ft]	0,2 – 2m [0.66 – 6.56 ft]
Material of wetted parts		1.4571		rezgő rész: 1.4571 PE bevonatú kötél	1.4571
Housing material		Aluminium: Powder paint coated **(R-500 series)** Plastic: PBT fibre-glass reinforced, flame-retardant **(R-600 series)**			
Process connection		**R□H, R□R, R□K, R□E:** 1½" BSP; **R□N, R□L, R□C, R□F:** 1½" NPT			
Temperature ranges		See Figure 2.			
Max. pressure (absolute)		25 bar (2,5 MPa) [362.6 psi]		6 bar (0,6 MPa) [87 psi]	See section 6!
Minimum medium density (1)		0.05 kg/dm³ [3.12 lb/ft³] (max. granular size: 10 mm [0.39 in])			
Response time (selectable)	Not vibrating (covered)	< 1.8 sec or 5±1.5 sec			
	Vibrating (free)	< 2 sec or 5 ±1.5 sec			
Supply voltage (universal)		normal type: 20 – 255 V AC/DC			
Power consumption		≤2.5 VA / 2 W			
Electrical connections		2 pcs. plastic glands for cable Ø 6 – 12 mm [Ø 0.24 in – Ø 0.47 in], 2 pcs. plug-in type terminal blocks for max 1.5 mm² [15 AWG] wire cross section internal thread for 2x ½" NPT cable protective pipe			
Ingress protection		Housing: IP67			See section 6!
Electrical protection		Class I. (to be grounded!)			
Mass	plastic housing	1,5 kg	1,5 kg (+1,4 kg/m)	1,5 kg (+0,6 kg/m)	1,5 kg
	aluminium housing	1,88 kg	1,88 kg (+1,4 kg/m)	1,88 kg (+0,6 kg/m)	1,88 kg

(1) Depend on friction and granular size of the medium

OUTPUT DATA	RELAY	SOLID STATE
Output type	SPDT (potential free)	SPST (electronic)
Output rating	250 V AC, 8 A, AC 1	50 V, 350 mA
Output protection	–	Overvoltage, overcurrent and overload
Voltage drop (switched on)	–	< 2.7 V @ 350 mA
Residual current (switched off)	–	<10 μA

TEMPERATURE DIAGRAM

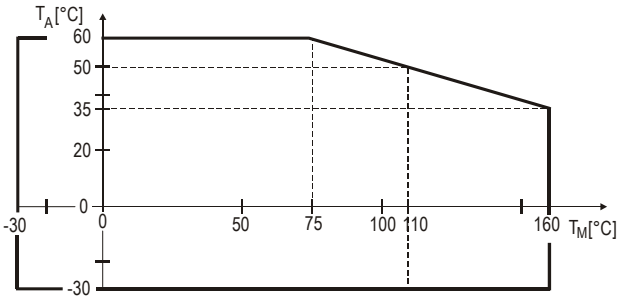
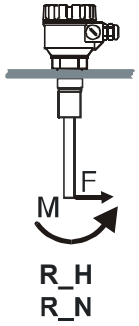
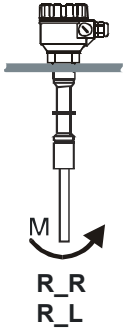


Figure 2.
Ambient temperature (T_A) versus medium temperature (T_M)



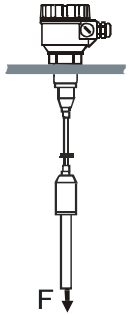
R_H
R_N

F = 500 N
M = 100 Nm



R_R
R_L

M = 100 Nm



R_K
R_C

F = 45 kN

3.2 Dimensions

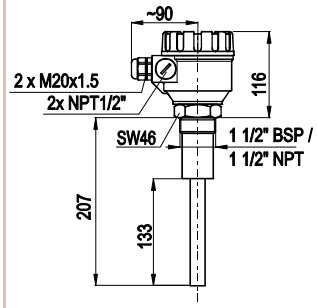
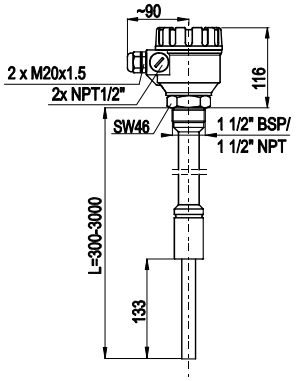
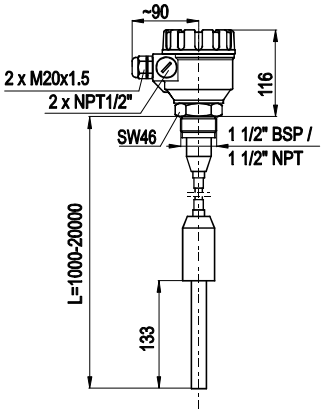
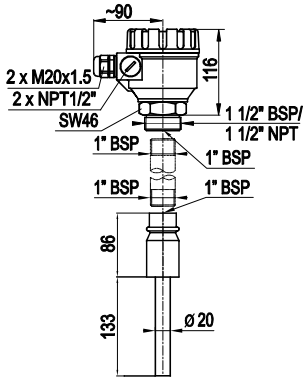
STANDARD	PIPE EXTENDED	CABLE EXTENDED	CUSTOM EXTENDED
			

Figure 3.

3.3 Additional data for explosion-proof devices

3.3.1 ATEX Approval, No. BKI16ATEX0005

TYPE	RK□-5□□-5EX, RH□-5□□-5EX, RS□-5□□-5EX, RT□-5□□-5EX
Ex marking	⟨Ex⟩ II1/2 D Ex ta/tb IIIC T90 °C…T170 °C Da/Db
Supply voltage (universal)	20 – 250 V AC (50 / 60 Hz) or 20 – 50 V DC
Electrical connections	2 pcs. M20x1.5 cable glands with Ex ta IIIC protection type, 2 pcs. plug-in type terminal blocks for max. 1.5 mm² wire cross section

TEMPERATURE DATA	CABLE EXTENDED VERSION			STANDARD AND PIPE EXTENDED VERSION				
	R□K-5□□-5Ex R□C-5□□-5Ex			RK□-5□□-5Ex, RS□-5□□-5Ex with the exception of the cable extended version				HIGH TEMPERATURE RH□-5□□-5Ex, RT□-5□□-5Ex
Medium temperature min.: -30 °C … max.: [3]	+60 °C	+70 °C	+80 °C[2]	+60 °C	+70 °C	+95 °C	+110 °C	+160 °C
Ambient temperature range min.: -30 °C …max.: [3]		+50 °C	+60 °C		+50 °C	+60 °C	+50 °C	+35 °C
Max. surface temperature of process connection	+85 °C		+95 °C	85 °C		+95 °C		+135 °C
Max. surface temperature						+95 °C	+110 °C	+160 °C
Temperature class	T90 °C		T100 °C	T90 °C		T100 °C	T115 °C	T170 °C

[2] Medium temperature for max.1 hour + 95 °C
[3] To operate the level switch with the maximum values of the related temperature data the applied cable should permanently withstand up to +90 °C temperature.

3.3.2 IECEx Approval No. IECEX BKI 13.0001 X

TYPE	RK□-5□□-5Ex, RH□-5□□-5Ex, RS□-5□□-5Ex, RT□-5□□-5Ex
Ex MARKING	Ex t IIIC T* Da/Db IP67 *(see Temperature data table)
Supply voltage (universal)	20 – 250 V AC (50 / 60 Hz) or 20 – 50V DC
Electrical connections	2 pcs. M20x1.5 cable glands with Ex ta IIIC protection type, 2 pcs. plug-in type terminal blocks for max. 1.5 mm² wire cross section

TEMPERATURE DATA	CABLE EXTENDED VERSION R□K-5□□-5Ex R□C-5□□-5Ex			STANDARD AND PIPE EXTENDED VERSION RK□-5□□-5Ex, RS□-5□□-5Ex with the exception of the cable extended version				HIGH TEMPERATURE RH□-5□□-5Ex, RT□-5□□-5Ex
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3.4 Special conditions for safe use

The enclosure shall be not opened while it is energized!
The IECEx certified apparatus may be used only in explosive dust atmospheres where the temperature class of the selected type of the apparatus does not exceed two-third parts of the minimum ignition temperature of the dust/air mixture.
The IECEx certified equipment must be assembled with cable glands certified according to protection Ex t IIIC IP67, size M20x1.5
In hazardous atmosphere environment the unit can be only powered on after properly closing the housing cover and fixing the screws of the safety locking bolt.

4. MOUNTING

Prior to installation, it is advised to check the switching function for proper adjustment on a sample quantity of material (see: Installation).
The unit may not work with mediums within the specified density range but having very large size of granules or extremely little friction.

WARNING! *Handle the device with great care, especially the sensing probe. Any impact on the sensing probe may ruin its resonance system. A protective shield should be installed (see Figure 6) if the probe is exposed to falling material or excessive mechanical load.*

Screw in the device by its hexagon neck. After screwing tight the process connection, the housing can be rotated (max. 300°), to adjust the cable gland to the required position.
It might be necessary to install the device at an offset level position relative to the switching level actually required taking into account caving or arching of the material in the silo (see Figure 4).

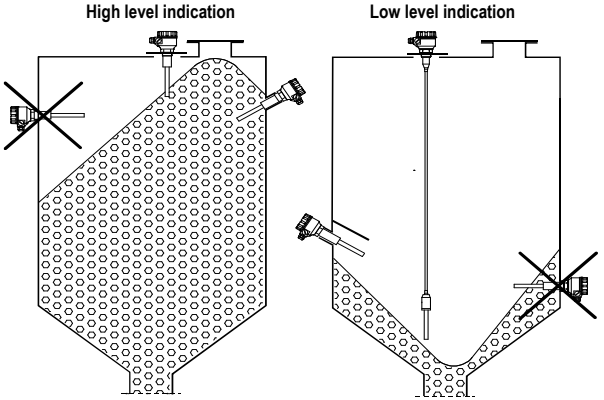
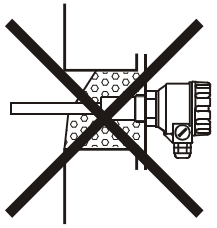


Figure 4.

With powder level detection device should be installed at an inclination exceeding the angle of repose (or, in case of high level detection vertically), to prevent powder deposition on vibrating rod that might substantially reduce the self-cleaning effect. Also avoid mounting the rod in a recess (see Figure 5).



In case of tanks that are likely to be exposed to intense vibrations, necessary provisions shall be made for damping the vibrations acting on the device (e.g. vibration damping inserts made of rubber have to be applied).

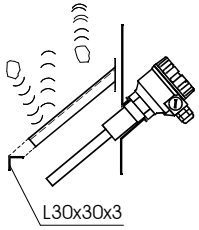


Figure 5. *Figure 6.*

5. INSTALLATION, PUTTING INTO OPERATION

Remove the top cover of the housing to access the connection terminals and adjusting switches. In case of Dust Ex instruments the housing cover can be only opened after the removal of the socket cap screw fixed safety locking bolt. Do not remove the wire form terminal pin 1 (Figure 7) because it is an internal connection. For grounding the unit use the PE (Protective Earth) grounding screw.
After proper installation and the electrical connection, established the device is ready for operation.
The switched-on state is indicated by the lighting of the LED.

The DENSITY (switch **A**) switch is to be set in accordance with the density of the material:

- LOW position, recommended for loose and light materials with **density** below 0.1 kg/dm^3 represents **small energy** and **amplitude** of vibration as well as **great sensitivity** of detection**.**
- HIGH position, recommended for (thick and heavy) materials with **density** over 0.1 kg/dm^3 represents vibration with **great energy** and **amplitude** and **small sensitivity** of detection

The instrument may not switch correctly in mediums with density less than 0.05 kg/dm^3 or with very small internal friction.

To obtain FAIL SAFE alarm (switch **C**), use the de-energised or open state of the output as an alarm, thus a power breakdown will also be considered as alarm (see 6.1 Operation diagram Table). The delay (switch **B**) is to be selected to comply with requirements of the process control technology the units are used for.

ATTENTION! *The instrument may be damaged via switches by electrostatic discharge (ESD), thus the precautions commonly used to avoid ESD is to be applied.*

6. WIRING

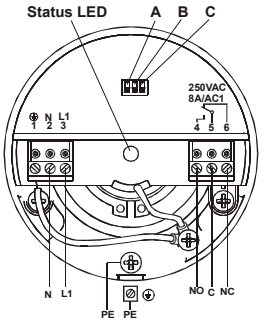


Figure 7.
Wiring of relay output version

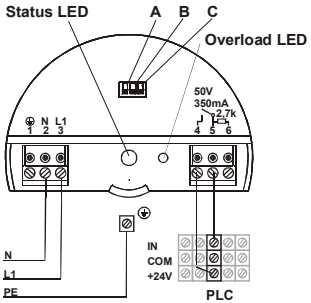


Figure 8.
Wiring of optocoupled sink input to solid state ouput version supplied from a AC line

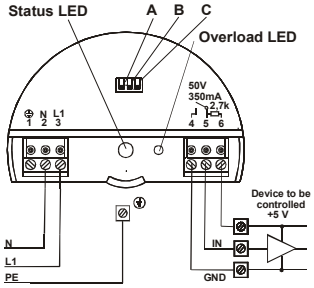


Figure 9.
Wiring of a logical voltage input to a solid state output version supplied from a AC line

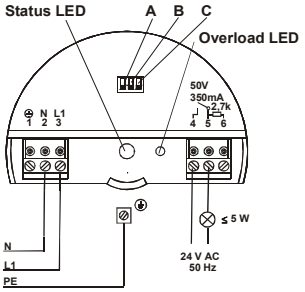
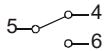
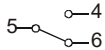
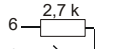
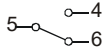
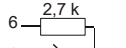
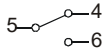
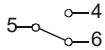
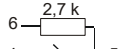


Figure 10.
Wiring of a load to a solid state output version supplied from a AC line

6.1 Operation diagram

POWER	PROBE	FAIL-SAFE MODE	LED	RELAY	SOLID STATE OUTPUT
ON	NOT VIBRATING (COVERED)	 LOW	GREEN	 ENERGISED	 ON
		 HIGH	RED	 DE-ENERGISED	 OFF
	VIBRATING (FREE)	 LOW	RED	 DE-ENERGISED	 OFF
		 HIGH	GREEN	 ENERGISED	 ON
FAILS		LOW or HIGH	NOT LIT	 DE-ENERGISED	 OFF

7. MOUNTING OF CUSTOM EXTENDED TYPE

Attention! The device must not be installed with the temporary (plastic) extension pipe!

- Remove the temporary (plastic) extension pipe.
- Cut a 1" inch stainless steel (1.4571) extension pipe to the desired length. (Not part of the package.)
- Cut 20 mm long 1" BSP thread at both ends of the pipe.
- Connect the wires of the lower and upper half correctly by colour using the supplied cable set. The wires must be led through the pipe.
- Use the grounding screw terminal (see Figure11.) for grounding the extension pipe. Important! Life protection ground, 25 A class ground connection must be guaranteed to suit Class I. electrical protection.
- Lubricate the extension pipe threads smoothly and seamlessly with sealing-fixing adhesive. For this use LOCTITE 620 retaining compound or a corresponding adhesive. (Not part of the package.)
- Screw the threaded connections between the lower and upper units all the way up to their limits.

Only the correct mounting, ensures the desired IP67 protection, 6 bar (0.6 MPa) maximum tank pressure and Class I. electrical protection. The user has to ensure these under their own authority!
The manufacturer declines liability for any damages or any issue due to non-conformity related to the above described installations performed by the customer.

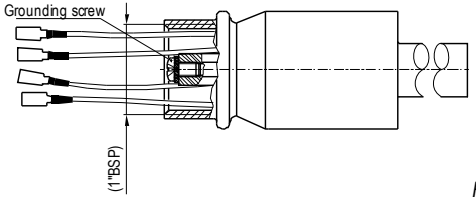


Figure 11.

8. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The devices do not require maintenance on a regular basis. In some instances, however, the vibrating section may need a cleaning from deposited material.

This must be carried out gently, without harming the vibrating section of the vibrating rod.

Repairs during or after the warranty period are effected at the Manufacturers. The equipment sent back for repairs should be cleaned or neutralised (desinfected) by the User.

9. STORAGE CONDITIONS

Ambient temperature: -35 °C … +60 °C
Relative humidity: max. 98%

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