Technical Information
Liquipoint FTW33

Conductive and capacitance point level measurement



Point level switch for liquid and pasty media in the food and beverage industry

Application

The Liquipoint FTW33 is a point level switch for liquid and pasty media.

It is used preferably in storage tanks, mixing vessels and pipes. Developed and built for the food and beverage industry, the Liquipoint FTW33 meets international hygienic requirements.

It is particularly suited to applications where flush-mounting is necessary.

The Liquipoint FTW33 can be used permanently in process temperatures up to 100 °C (212 °F) and for 60 minutes in cleaning and sterilization processes up to 150 °C (302 °F).

The Liquipoint FTW33 can also be used for detecting the foam that commonly occurs within the food and beverage industry.

Your benefits

- Flush-mounted installation, pipes remain piggable
- For water- and oil-based media with a dielectric constant ≥ 2
- No adjustment to the medium in question is required
- Reliable switching function due to compensation even in the case of heavy buildup
- Easy installation thanks to compact design - even in tight conditions or where access is restricted
- Wide range of process connections for installation in new or existing systems
- Robust stainless steel housing, optionally available with M12x1 connector with IP69K protection
- Onsite function check via LED indication
- Can be cleaned and sterilized in place (CIP/SIP)
- 3-A and EHEDG certificates
- Meets the requirements of EU 1935/2004, 10/2011 as well as 2023/2006 and FDA 21 CFR 177.2415

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Document information

Document conventions

Symbols for certain types of information or in graphics

Symbol	Meaning
	**Permitted** Indicates procedures, processes or actions that are allowed.
	**Preferred** Indicates procedures, processes or actions that are preferred.
	**Tip** Indicates additional information.
	**Forbidden** Indicates procedures, processes or actions that are forbidden.
	**Reference to page** Refers to the corresponding page number.

Symbols for graphics

Symbol	Meaning
1, 2, 3 ...	Item numbers
A, B, C, ...	Views

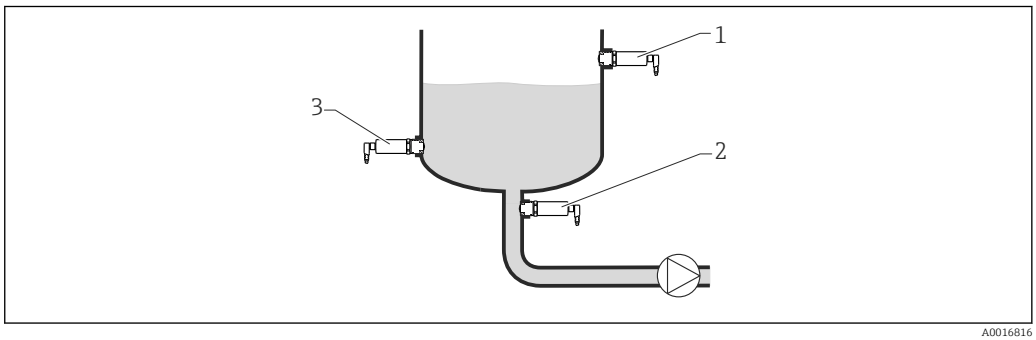
Function and system design

Measuring principle

A low, galvanically isolated AC voltage is applied at the electrode in contact with the process. If liquid or pasty media come in contact with the electrode, a measurable current flows and the Liquipoint FTW33 switches. Active buildup compensation ensures reliable switching of the measuring device even if buildup occurs on the sensor.

Measuring system

The measuring system consists of a Liquipoint FTW33 point level switch, e.g. for connection to programmable logic controllers (PLC).



1 Application examples

1 Overfill protection or upper level detection (MAX)
2 Pump dry running protection (MIN)
3 Lower level detection (MIN)

Input

Measured variable

Covered by medium at the electrode in contact with the process

Measuring range

Independent of electrical conductivity.
- Standard: Water- or alcohol-based media, Dielectric constant ≥ 10
- Extended: Oil-based media 2 < DC < 10 or media that form heavy buildup

More information on the "Standard" and "Extended" settings → 🖹 9

Output

DC-PNP switch output

- Function: positive voltage signal at the switch output of the electronics
- Switching behavior: ON/OFF
- Connectable load: 200 mA (short-circuit proof)
- Safety-oriented switching: MIN or MAX point level
  The electrical switch opens if the point level is reached or if faults or a power outage occur.
  - Maximum point level detection (MAX): e.g. as overfill protection
    The device keeps the electrical switch closed as long as the sensor is not yet covered by liquid.
  - Minimum point level detection (MIN) e.g. for dry-running protection in pumps
    The device keeps the electrical switch closed as long as the sensor is covered by liquid.
- Residual voltage: < 3 V
- Residual current: < 100 µA

Power supply

Supply voltage

10 to 30 V DC

Power consumption

< 1 W (at max. load: 200 mA)

Current consumption

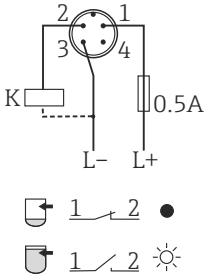
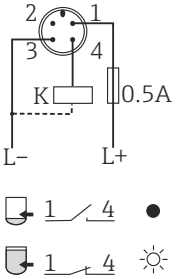
< 15 mA

Electrical connection

Voltage source: non-hazardous contact voltage or Class 2 circuit (North America). The device must be operated with a fine-wire fuse 500 mA (slow-blow).

M12 connector

Depending on the evaluation of the switch outputs, the device works in MAX (maximum point level detection) or MIN (minimum point level detection) mode.

Electrical connection	Mode	
	MAX	MIN
 A0022901		

Symbols	Description
☼	Yellow LED (ye) lit
•	Yellow LED (ye) not lit
K	external load

Function monitoring, M12 connector

With two-channel evaluation, functional monitoring of the sensor is also possible in addition to level monitoring.

When both outputs are connected, the MIN and MAX outputs assume opposite states when the device is operating fault-free (XOR). In the event of an alarm condition or a line break, both outputs are deenergized.

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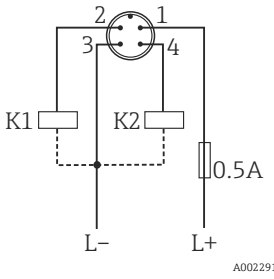
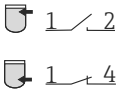
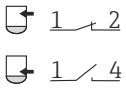
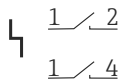
 A0022917	**Sensor covered** 	☼	•
	Sensor uncovered 	•	•
	Fault 	•	☼

Symbols	Description
☼	LED lit
•	LED not lit || ↳	Fault or warning
K1 / K2	external load

Valve plug, cable

Depending on the assignment of the connector or the wiring of the cable, the device works in either the MAX or MIN operating mode.

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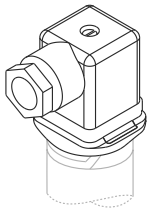
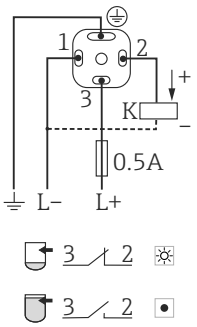
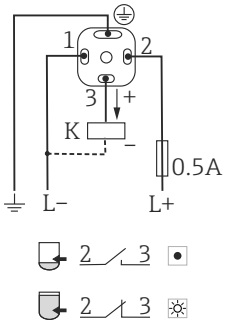
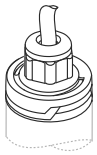
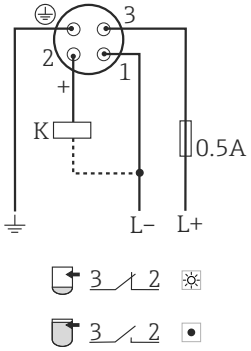
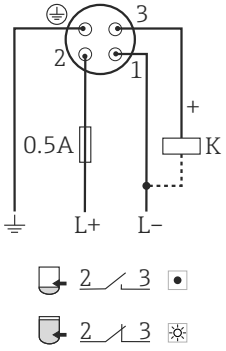
	MAX	MIN
Valve plug  A0022900		
Cable (cannot be dismantled)  A0022902 Core colors: 1 = BK (black) 2 = GR (gray) 3 = BN (brown) Ground = GNYE (green-yellow)		

Symbols	Description
⊡	Yellow LED (ye) not lit
☼	Yellow LED (ye) lit
K	external load

Cable specification

- M12 connector: IEC 60947-5-2
- Valve plug
  - Cable cross-section: max. 1.5 mm² (16 AWG)
  - Ø 3.5 to 6.5 mm (0.14 to 0.26 in)
- Cable (3LPE)
  - Cable cross-section: 0.75 mm² (20 AWG)
  - Φ6 to 8 mm (0.24 to 0.31 in)
  - Material: PUR

Connecting cable length

max. 25 Ω/core, total capacitance< 100 nF

Overvoltage protection

Overvoltage category II

Performance characteristics

Reference operating conditions	Horizontal orientation: ▪ Ambient temperature: 20 °C (68 °F) ±5 °C ▪ Medium temperature: 20 °C (68 °F) ±5 °C ▪ Process pressure:1 bar (14.5 psi) ▪ Medium: water ▪ Conductivity: approx.200 µS/cm
Measured error	±1 mm (0.04 in) in accordance with DIN 61298-2
Hysteresis	max. 1 mm (0.04 in)
Non-repeatability	±0.5 mm (0.02 in) in accordance with DIN 61298-2
Switching delay	▪ 0.5 s when sensor is covered; ▪ 1.0 s when sensor is uncovered ▪ Optional: 0.3 s; 1.5 s or 5 s when sensor is covered and uncovered, see product structure, order code for "Service", option HS "switching delay"
Switch-on delay	< 1 s (no defined switching status before this)

Installation

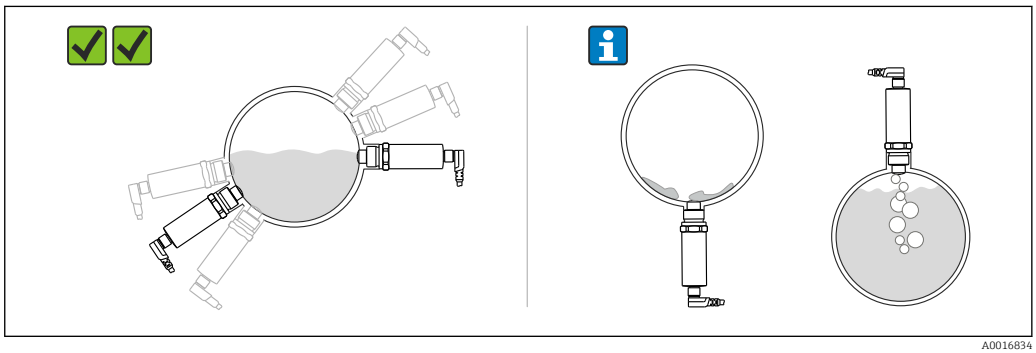
Orientation

The measuring device can be installed in any position. Using a socket wrench, the measuring device can also be installed at measuring points that are difficult to access.

The socket wrench can be ordered either together with the device or separately as an accessory, see "Accessories" section → 14.

In horizontal pipes:

Vertical orientation can affect the measurement. It can be influenced by the fact that the sensor is not completely covered with liquid or by air bubbles at the sensor.



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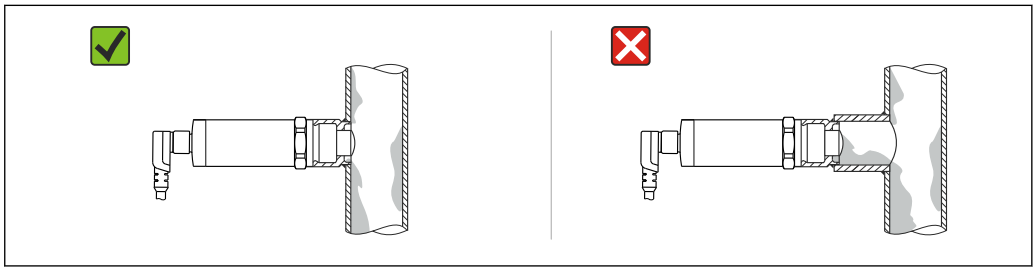
2 *Installation in horizontal pipes*



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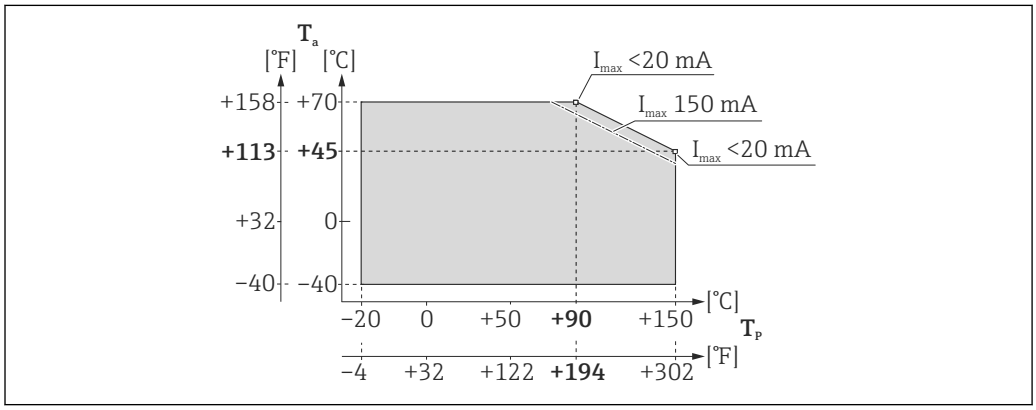
Environment

Ambient temperature range

−40 to +70 °C (−40 to +158 °F), see the following derating diagram:

Derating curve



Ta Ambient temperature
Tp Process temperature

Storage temperature

−40 to +85 °C (−40 to +185 °F)

Climate class

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

Altitude

Up to 2 000 m (6 600 ft) above sea level

Degree of protection

- IP65 (valve plug)
- IP65/67 NEMA type 4X enclosure (M12 connector for plastic housing cover)
- IP66/68/69K NEMA type 4X/6P enclosure (M12 connector for metal housing cover)
- IP66/68 NEMA Type 4X/6P Enclosure (cable)

Shock resistance

In accordance with test Ea, prEN 60068-2-27:2007: a = 300 m/s ^{2} = 30 g, 3 planes x 2 directions x 3 shocks x 18 ms

Vibration resistance

In accordance with test Fh, EN 60068-2-64:2008: a(RMS) = 50 m/s^2, f = 5 to 2000 Hz, t = 3 planes x 2 h

Cleaning

Resistant to typical cleaning agents from the outside, in accordance with Ecolab test.

Electromagnetic compatibility

Electromagnetic compatibility in accordance with all of the relevant requirements outlined in the EN 61326 series and NAMUR Recommendation EMC (NE 21). For details, refer to the Declaration of Conformity.

Reverse polarity protection

Integrated; no damage in the event of reverse polarity or short-circuit

Short-circuit protection

Overload protection/short-circuit protection at I > 250 mA; the sensor is not destroyed.

Intelligent monitoring: Testing for overload at intervals of approx. 1.5 s; normal operation resumes once the overload/short-circuit has been rectified

Process

Process temperature range

−20 to +100 °C (−4 to +212 °F)

- For 1 hour: +150 °C (+302 °F)
- For 1 hour for M24 process adapter with EPDM process seal:+130 °C (+266 °F)

Process pressure range

−1 to +25 bar (−14.5 to +362.5 psi)

State of aggregation

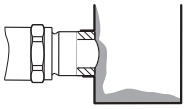
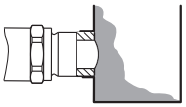
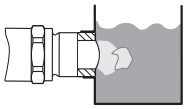
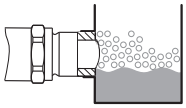
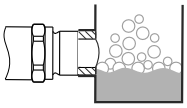
Liquid

Standard and Extended

For reliable point level detection, the Liquipoint FTW33 can be adapted to the process conditions in question. The following settings can be made on the device using the test magnet:

- **Standard:** For water- or alcohol-based media (Dielectric constant ≥ 10), which generate little or no buildup, select the "Standard" setting (e.g. water, milk and various dairy products, soft drinks, beer).
- **Extended:** For oil-based media (2 < DC < 10) or media which generate heavy buildup, select the "Extended" setting (e.g. oils, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, honey, nougat spread).

For dielectric constants (DC values) of many media commonly used in various industries refer to:
- the Endress+Hauser DC manual (CP01076F)
- the Endress+Hauser "DC Values App" (available for Android and iOS)

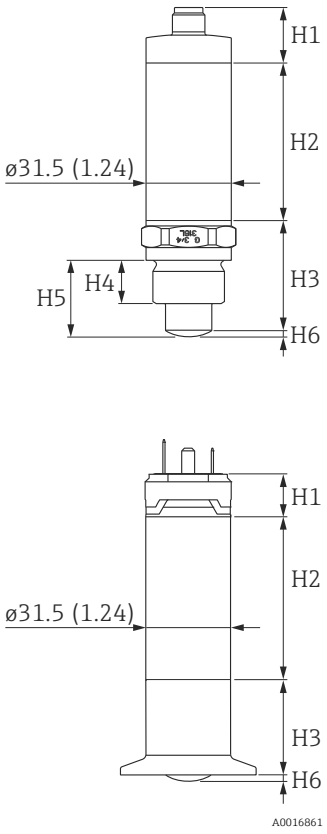
Settings	Process conditions				
	Adhesive and viscous media			Foaming media	
	Light buildup	Heavy buildup	Surface drying	Fine-pored	Coarsely pored
	 A0016835	 A0016836	 A0016837	 A0016838	 A0016839
Standard	☑☑	☒	☑☑	Sensor signal "covered" if foam present	Sensor signal "free" if foam present [1]
Extended	[2]	☑	[2]	Sensor signal "free" if foam present	Sensor signal "free" if foam present

1) Very coarsely pored foam can no longer be detected by the sensor.
2) Surface drying or insulating, non-homogeneous layers can cause the sensor to signal "free" and should therefore be avoided or eliminated, particularly in MAX safety mode (overflow). The Standard setting is preferable in this type of application.

Default value: The measuring device is shipped with "Standard" as the default setting. Optionally, it can be ordered with "Extended" as the default setting. See the product structure, order code for "Service", option HD "Preset: Extended".

Mechanical construction

Engineering unit mm (in)



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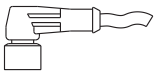
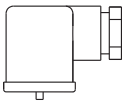
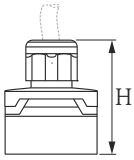
		 A0016840		 A0016842	 A0024600			
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		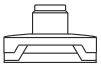 A0016846	 A0016845	 A0016847				
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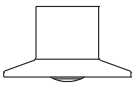
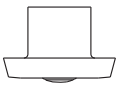
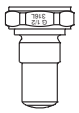
	Housing							
		 A0016848						
	H2	58 (2,28)						
	Process connection							
	[2]	3CJ	3EJ	1AJ	1CJ	W5J	WSJ	X2J	WVJ
		Clamp		Milk pipe		Thread			
		DN25-38 1...1½"	DN40 2"	DN25 PN40	DN40 PN40	G ¾"	G 1"	M24x1.5	G ½" Hygiene adapter
		 A0016849	 A0016850	 A0016851	 A0016852	 A0016853	 A0016776	 A0016854	 A0016855
	H3	36 (1,42)				41 (1,61)	43 (1,69)	41 (1,61)	50 (1,97)
	H4	-				16 (0,63)	19 (0,75)	13 (0,51)	15 (0,59)
	H5	-				28 (1,1)	32 (1,3)	19 (0,8)	37 (1,5)
	H6	2 (0,08)							

1) Cable and housing cover are welded at time of delivery and cannot be removed
2) For a description of the options, see the product structure, order code for "Process connection"

Weight approx. 300 g (10.58 oz)

Materials

Material specifications in accordance with AISI and DIN EN.

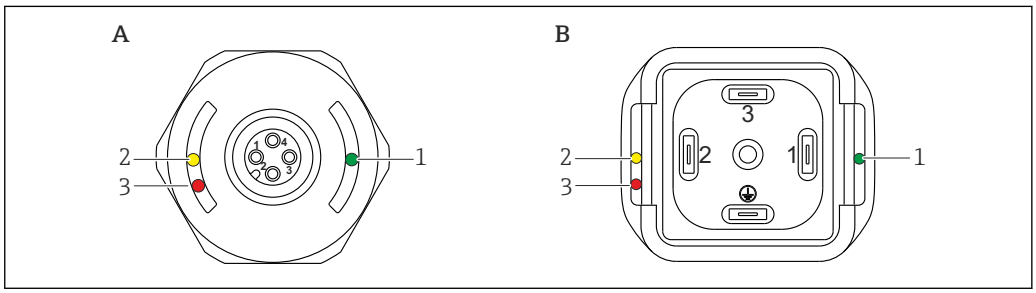
Materials in contact with process	Materials not in contact with process
Sensor: 316L (1.4404), PEEK The material PEEK meets the requirements of EU 1935/2004, 10/2011 as well as 2023/2006 and FDA 21 CFR 177.2415	Housing covers: ▪ M12 metal: 316L (1.4404) ▪ M12 plastic: PPSU Design ring: PBT/PC ▪ Valve connector, plastic: PPSU ▪ Plastic cable: PPSU
Process connection: 316L (1.4404/1.4435)	Housing: 316L (1.4404)
	Nameplate: lasered onto housing

Metallic surface in contact with process: Ra ≤0.76 µm (30 µin)

Endress+Hauser supplies DIN/EN process connections with threaded connection in stainless steel in accordance with AISI 316L (DIN/EN material number 1.4404 or 14435). With regard to their stability-temperature property, the materials 1.4404 and 1.4435 are grouped together under 13E0 in EN 1092-1, Tab. 18. The chemical composition of the two materials can be identical.

Operability

Light signals (LED)



4 *Position of LEDs on housing cover*

A M12 connector, (cable without graphic)
B Valve plug

Item	Function	Description
1	Green LED (gn)	LED is lit: the device is operational
2	Yellow LED (ye)	**M12 connector** Indicates the sensor state: Sensor is covered by liquid **Valve plug / cable** Indicates the switching state: ▪ MAX operating mode (overfill prevention): sensor is **not** covered by liquid ▪ MIN operating mode (dry running protection): the sensor is covered by liquid
3	Red LED (rd)	Warning or malfunction

For the metallic housing cover (IP69K), there is no external signaling via LEDs. A connecting cable with an M12 connector and LED display can be ordered as an accessory → 14.

Test magnet

The test magnet is included in the scope of delivery.

The measuring device is shipped with "Standard" as the default setting. Optionally, it can be ordered with "Extended" as the default setting, see order code on the nameplate: FTW33-****HD****.

Standard: The green LED is continuously lit when the device is started.

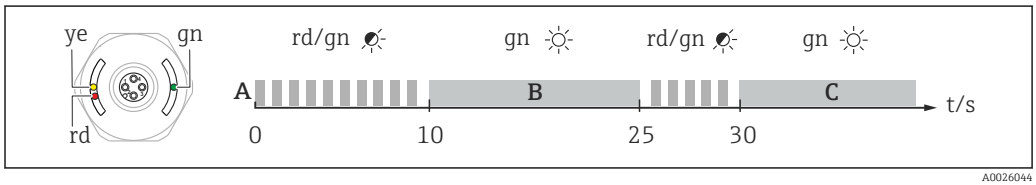
Extended: The green LED flashes for approx. 5 seconds when the device is started and is then continuously lit.

Switching between the Standard and Extended settings

A: Hold the test magnet against the marking on the housing.
Start the device (operating voltage applied, voltage restored).

B: After at least 10 seconds, the measuring device has switched to Standard or Extended mode.
Without LEDs: After at least 15 seconds.

C: After at least 30 seconds, the measuring device has reset to the default value.
Without LEDs: After at least 35 seconds.



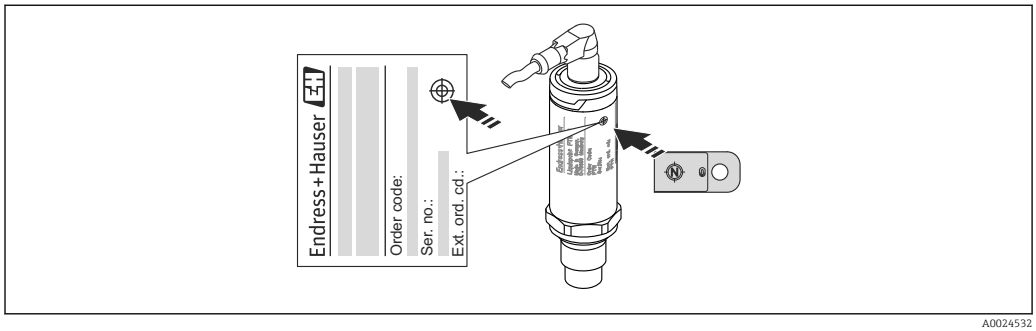
5 Time diagram for settings and default value

Function test

Carry out a function test while the device is in operation.

- ▶ Hold the test magnet against the marking on the housing for at least 2 seconds.
  - ↳ This inverts the current switch status, and the yellow LED changes state. When the magnet is removed, the switching status valid at that time is adopted.

If the test magnet is held against the marking for longer than 30 seconds, the red LED will flash: The device returns automatically to the current switch status.



6 Position for test magnet on housing

Certificates and approvals

CE mark

The measuring system is in conformity with the statutory requirements of the applicable EC Directives. These are listed in the corresponding EC Declaration of Conformity along with the standards applied.

Endress+Hauser confirms successful testing of the device by affixing to it the CE mark.

C-Tick symbol

The measuring system complies with EMC requirements of the "Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)".

Approval

CSA C/US General Purpose

Sanitary compatibility

The device has been developed for use in hygienic processes. The materials in contact with the process meet FDA requirements as well as the 3-A Sanitary Standard No. 74-xx. Endress+Hauser confirms this by affixing the 3-A symbol to the device.

The following certificate copies can be ordered with the device (optional):

3-A



EHEDG



- If cleaning in place (CIP) is required, weld-in adapters that comply with 3-A requirements are offered. If installed horizontally, ensure that the leakage hole is pointing downwards. This allows leaks to be detected as quickly as possible.
- To avoid the risk of contamination, install the device in accordance with the design principles of EHEDG, Document 37 "Hygienic Design and Application for Sensors" and Document 16 "Hygienic Pipe Connections".
- Suitable connections and seals must be used in order to guarantee a hygienic design in accordance with the specifications of 3-A and EHEDG.
- Information on 3-A and EHEDG-approved weld-in adapters can be found in the "Weld-in adapter, process adapter and flanges" documentation, TI00426F/00/EN.
- The gap-free connections can be cleaned of all residue using sterilization in place (SIP) and cleaning in place (CIP), which are typical cleaning methods within the industry. Attention must be paid to the pressure and temperature specifications of the sensor and process connections for CIP and SIP processes.

Hygienic approval

Information on 3-A and EHEDG-approved weld-in adapters can be found in the "Weld-in adapter and flanges" documentation, TI00426F/00/EN.

The options can be selected via the product structure in the Product Configurator, see the "Ordering information" section → 🖹 14.

Process connections		Approvals	
	Option	EHEDG	3-A
Thread ISO228 G ½", 316L, process sleeve installation accessory	WVJ	-	-
Thread ISO228 G 1, 316L, weld-in adapter installation accessory Thread ISO228 G ¾", 316L, weld-in adapter installation accessory	WSJ W5J	✔	✔
Thread M24, 316L, installation, adapter accessory	X2J	✔	✔
DIN11851 DN25 PN40 without slotted nut, 316L DIN11851 DN40 PN40 without slotted nut, 316L	1AJ 1CJ	✔	✔
Tri-Clamp ISO2852 DN25-38 (1 to 1-½"), 316L, DIN32676 DN25-40 Tri-Clamp ISO2852 DN40-51 (2"), 316L, DIN32676 DN50	3CJ 3EJ	✔	✔

Inspection certificates

The following documents can be ordered with the device (optional):

- Acceptance test certificate as per EN 10204-3.1
- Test report of surface roughness ISO4287/Ra
- Final inspection report

Ordering information

Product Configurator

Product Configurator - the tool for individual product configuration

Detailed ordering information is available from the following sources:

- In the Product Configurator on the Endress+Hauser website: www.endress.com→ Select country→ Instruments→ Select device→ Product page function: Configure this product
- From your Endress+Hauser Sales Center: www.endress.com/worldwide

- Up-to-the-minute configuration data
- Depending on the device: Direct input of measuring point-specific information such as measuring range or operating language
- Automatic verification of exclusion criteria
- Automatic creation of the order code and its breakdown in PDF or Excel output format
- Ability to order directly in the Endress+Hauser Online Shop

Accessories

The accessories can be ordered either together with the device or separately.

The adapters are also available with inspection certificate 3.1 EN10204.

Process adapter M24

For information on the process and weld-in adapters, please refer to the supplementary documentation → 15.

Process adapter M24 for:	Pressure rating PN
Varivent N	40
Varivent F	40
DIN11851 DN50 with slotted nut	25
SMS 1 ½"	25
Material: 316L (1.4435) Seal for process adapter with M24 thread: EPDM	

Weld-in adapter

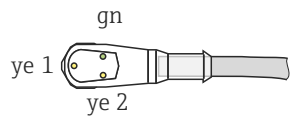
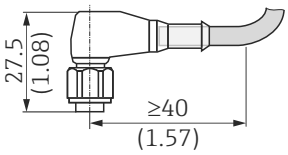
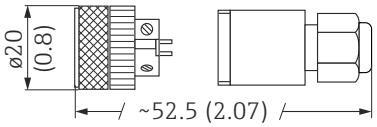
For thread:	Description
G ¾"	ø50 vessel installation, ø29 pipe installation
G 1"	ø53 pipe installation, ø60 vessel installation
M24	ø65 vessel installation
Material: 316L (1.4435) Seal for weld-in adapter G ¾", G 1": VMQ (silicone)	

Slotted nut DIN11851

For milk pipe:	
DN50	F50
DN40	F40
DN25	F26
Material: 304 (1.4307)	

Additional accessories

Description		Order number
Test magnet		71267011
Socket wrench, hex bolt, 32 AF		52010156
Cable, plug-in jack Engineering unit mm (in)	**M12 IP69K with LED** ▪ elbowed 90°, terminated at one end ▪ 5 m (16 ft) cable PVC (orange)	52018763

Description		Order number
  *Example: M12 with LED*	▪ Body: PVC (transparent) ▪ Slotted nut 316L	
	M12 IP69K without LED ▪ elbowed 90°, terminated at one end ▪ 5 m (16 ft) cable PVC (orange) ▪ Body: PVC (orange) ▪ Slotted nut 316L (1.4435)	52024216
	M12 IP67 without LED ▪ elbowed 90° ▪ 5 m (16 ft) cable PVC (gray) ▪ Slotted nut Cu Sn/Ni ▪ Body: PUR (blue)	52010285
	**M12 IP67 without LED** ▪ straight, self-terminated connection to M12 connector ▪ Slotted nut Cu Sn/Ni ▪ Body: PBT	52006263
core colors for M12 connector: 1 = BN (brown), 2 = WT (white), 3 = BU (blue), 4 = BK (black)		

Supplementary documentation

The following document types are also available in the Download Area of the Endress+Hauser web site: www.endress.com → Download

Operating Instructions	Liquipoint FTW33 → BA00418F/00/EN
Supplementary documentation	▪ Process adapter, weld-in adapter and flanges (overview) → TI00426F/00/EN ▪ Weld-in adapter G 1", G ¾" (installation instructions) → SD00352F/00/A6 ▪ Weld-in adapter M24 (installation instructions)→ BA00361F/00/A6



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