

# Operating Instructions

TDR sensor for continuous level and  
interface measurement of liquids

## VEGAFLEX 83

Modbus and Levelmaster protocol

Polished rod probe



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# 1 About this document

## 1.1 Function

This instruction provides all the information you need for mounting, connection and setup as well as important instructions for maintenance, fault rectification, safety and the exchange of parts. Please read this information before putting the instrument into operation and keep this manual accessible in the immediate vicinity of the device.

## 1.2 Target group

This instruction manual is directed to trained personnel. The contents of this manual must be made available to the qualified personnel and implemented.

## 1.3 Symbols used



### Document ID

This symbol on the front page of this instruction refers to the Document ID. By entering the Document ID on [www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com) you will reach the document download.



**Information, note, tip:** This symbol indicates helpful additional information and tips for successful work.



**Note:** This symbol indicates notes to prevent failures, malfunctions, damage to devices or plants.



**Caution:** Non-observance of the information marked with this symbol may result in personal injury.



**Warning:** Non-observance of the information marked with this symbol may result in serious or fatal personal injury.



**Danger:** Non-observance of the information marked with this symbol results in serious or fatal personal injury.



### Ex applications

This symbol indicates special instructions for Ex applications.



### List

The dot set in front indicates a list with no implied sequence.



### Sequence of actions

Numbers set in front indicate successive steps in a procedure.



### Disposal

This symbol indicates special instructions for disposal.

## 2 For your safety

### 2.1 Authorised personnel

All operations described in this documentation must be carried out only by trained and authorized personnel.

During work on and with the device, the required personal protective equipment must always be worn.

### 2.2 Intended use

VEGAFLEX 83 is a sensor for continuous level measurement.

You can find detailed information about the area of application in chapter "*Product description*".

Operational reliability is ensured only if the instrument is properly used according to the specifications in this document as well as possible supplementary instructions.

### 2.3 Warning about incorrect use

Inappropriate or incorrect use of this product can give rise to application-specific hazards, e.g. vessel overfill through incorrect mounting or adjustment. Damage to property and persons or environmental contamination can result. Also, the protective characteristics of the instrument can be impaired.

### 2.4 General safety instructions

This is a state-of-the-art instrument complying with all prevailing regulations and directives. The instrument must only be operated in a technically flawless and reliable condition. The operating company is responsible for the trouble-free operation of the instrument. When measuring aggressive or corrosive media that can cause a dangerous situation if the instrument malfunctions, the operating company has to implement suitable measures to make sure the instrument is functioning properly.

The safety instructions in this operating instructions manual, the national installation standards as well as the valid safety regulations and accident prevention rules must be observed.

For safety and warranty reasons, any invasive work on the device beyond that described in the operating instructions manual may be carried out only by personnel authorised by us. Arbitrary conversions or modifications are explicitly forbidden. For safety reasons, only the accessory specified by us must be used.

To avoid any danger, the safety approval markings and safety tips on the device must also be observed.

### 2.5 Installation and operation in the USA and Canada

This information is only valid for USA and Canada. Hence the following text is only available in the English language.

Installations in the US shall comply with the relevant requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC - NFPA 70) (USA).

Installations in Canada shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC Part I) (Canada).

A Class 2 power supply unit has to be used for the installation in the USA and Canada.

## 3 Product description

### 3.1 Configuration

#### Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery encompasses:

- Sensor VEGAFLEX 83
- Optional accessory
- Optionally integrated Bluetooth module

The further scope of delivery encompasses:

- Documentation
  - Quick setup guide VEGAFLEX 83
  - Instructions for optional instrument features
  - Ex-specific "*Safety instructions*" (with Ex versions)
  - If necessary, further certificates



#### Information:

Optional instrument features are also described in this operating instructions. The respective scope of delivery results from the order specification.

#### Type label

The type label contains the most important data for identification and use of the instrument:

- Instrument type
- Information about approvals
- Configuration information
- Technical data
- Serial number of the instrument
- QR code for device identification
- Numerical code for Bluetooth access (optional)
- Manufacturer information

#### Documents and software

To find order data, documents or software related to your device, you have the following options:

- Move to "[www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com)" and enter in the search field the serial number of your instrument.
- Scan the QR code on the type label.
- Open the VEGA Tools app and enter the serial number under "**Documentation**".

### 3.2 Principle of operation

#### Application area

The VEGAFLEX 83 is a level sensor with polished rod probe for continuous level or interface measurement, particularly suitable for applications in the food processing and pharmaceutical industry. Optionally an autoclaved version with separable housing is available.

#### Functional principle - level measurement

High frequency microwave pulses are guided along a steel cable or a rod. Upon reaching the medium surface, the microwave pulses are reflected. The running time is evaluated by the instrument and output as level.

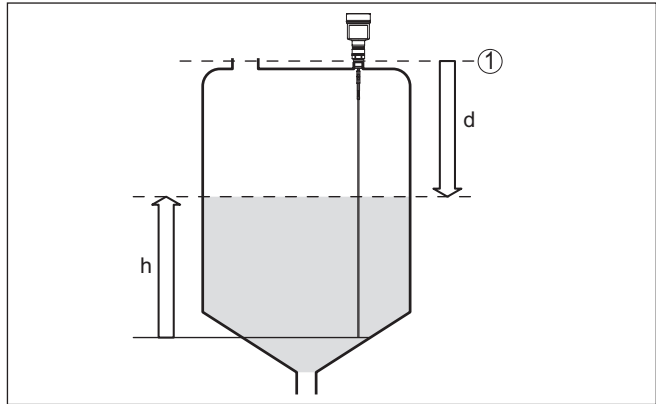


Fig. 1: Level measurement

- 1 Sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting)
- d Distance to the level
- h Height - Level

### Functional principle - interface measurement

High frequency microwave impulses are guided along a steel cable or rod. Upon reaching the medium surface, a part of the microwave impulses is reflected. The other part passes through the upper product and is reflected by the interface. The running times to the two product layers are processed by the instrument.

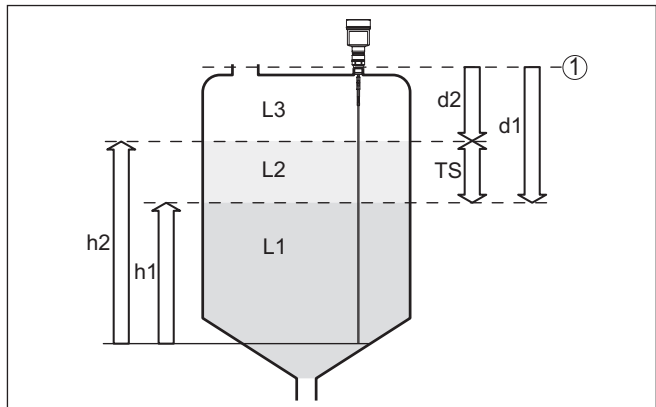


Fig. 2: Interface measurement

- 1 Sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting)
- d1 Distance to the interface
- d2 Distance to the level
- TS Thickness of the upper medium ( $d1 - d2$ )
- h1 Height - Interface
- h2 Height - Level
- L1 Lower medium
- L2 Upper medium
- L3 Gas phase

## Prerequisites for interface measurement

### Upper medium (L2)

- The upper medium must not be conductive
- The dielectric constant of the upper medium or the actual distance to the interface must be known (input required). Min. dielectric constant: 1.6. You can find a list of dielectric constants on our home page.
- The composition of the upper medium must be stable, no varying products or mixtures
- The upper medium must be homogeneous, no stratifications within the medium
- Min. thickness of the upper medium 50 mm (1.97 in)
- Clear separation from the lower medium, emulsion phase or detritus layer max. 50 mm (1.97 in)
- If possible, no foam on the surface

### Lower medium (L1)

- The dielectric constant must be 10 higher than the dielectric constant of the upper medium, preferably electrically conductive. Example: upper medium dielectric constant 2, lower medium at least dielectric constant 12.

### Gas phase (L3)

- Air or gas mixture
- Gas phase - dependent on the application, gas phase does not always exist ( $d_2 = 0$ )

## Output signal

The instrument is always preset to the application "*Level measurement*".

For the interface measurement, you can select the requested output signal with the setup.

## 3.3 Packaging, transport and storage

### Packaging

Your instrument was protected by packaging during transport. Its capacity to handle normal loads during transport is assured by a test based on ISO 4180.

The packaging consists of environment-friendly, recyclable cardboard. For special versions, PE foam or PE foil is also used. Dispose of the packaging material via specialised recycling companies.

### Transport

Transport must be carried out in due consideration of the notes on the transport packaging. Nonobservance of these instructions can cause damage to the device.

### Transport inspection

The delivery must be checked for completeness and possible transit damage immediately at receipt. Ascertained transit damage or concealed defects must be appropriately dealt with.

### Storage

Up to the time of installation, the packages must be left closed and stored according to the orientation and storage markings on the outside.

Unless otherwise indicated, the packages must be stored only under the following conditions:

- Not in the open
- Dry and dust free
- Not exposed to corrosive media
- Protected against solar radiation
- Avoiding mechanical shock and vibration

#### Storage and transport temperature

- Storage and transport temperature see chapter "*Technical data - Ambient conditions*"
- Relative moisture 20 ... 85 %

#### Lifting and carrying

With instrument weights of more than 18 kg (39.68 lbs) suitable and approved equipment must be used for lifting and carrying.

### 3.4 Accessories

The instructions for the listed accessories can be found in the download area on our homepage.

#### Display and adjustment module

The display and adjustment module is used for measured value indication, adjustment and diagnosis.

The integrated Bluetooth module (optional) enables wireless adjustment via standard adjustment devices.

#### VEGACONNECT

The interface adapter VEGACONNECT enables the connection of communication-capable instruments to the USB interface of a PC.

#### Protective cover

The protective cover protects the sensor housing against soiling and intense heat from solar radiation.

#### Flanges

Screwed flanges are available in different versions according to the following standards: DIN 2501, EN 1092-1, BS 10, ASME B 16.5, JIS B 2210-1984, GOST 12821-80.

#### External housing

If the standard sensor housing is too big or in case of strong vibrations, an external housing can be used.

Then the sensor housing is made of stainless steel. The electronics is located in the external housing which can be mounted in a distance of up to 10 m (32.8 ft) to the sensor by using a connection cable.

#### Rod components

If you are using an instrument with rod version, you can extend the rod probe individually with rod extensions of different lengths or segment it for difficult installation situations.

All extensions used must not exceed a total length of 4 m (13.12 ft).

The extensions are available in the following lengths:

##### Rod ø 8 mm (0.315 in)

- Basic segment: 450 mm (17.72 in)
- Rod segments: 450 ... 480 mm (17.72 ... 18.9 in)
- End segment: 26 ... 480 mm (1.02 ... 18.9 in)

**Centering**

If you mount the VEGAFLEX 83 in a bypass tube or standpipe, you have to avoid contact to the bypass tube by using a spacer at the probe end.

## 4 Mounting

### 4.1 General instructions

#### Protection against moisture

Protect your instrument against moisture ingress through the following measures:

- Use a suitable connection cable (see chapter "Connecting to power supply")
- Tighten the cable gland or plug connector
- Lead the connection cable downward in front of the cable entry or plug connector

This applies mainly to outdoor installations, in areas where high humidity is expected (e.g. through cleaning processes) and on cooled or heated vessels.



#### Note:

Make sure that during installation or maintenance no moisture or dirt can get inside the instrument.

To maintain the housing protection, make sure that the housing lid is closed during operation and locked, if necessary.

#### Cable glands

##### Metric threads

In the case of instrument housings with metric thread, the cable glands are screwed in at the factory. They are sealed with plastic plugs as transport protection.

You have to remove these plugs before electrical connection.

##### NPT thread

In the case of instrument housings with self-sealing NPT threads, it is not possible to have the cable entries screwed in at the factory. The free openings for the cable glands are therefore covered with red dust protection caps as transport protection. The dust protection caps do not provide sufficient protection against moisture.

Prior to setup you have to replace these protective caps with approved cable glands or close the openings with suitable blind plugs.

#### Process conditions



#### Note:

For safety reasons, the instrument must only be operated within the permissible process conditions. You can find detailed information on the process conditions in chapter "Technical data" of the operating instructions or on the type label.

Hence make sure before mounting that all parts of the instrument exposed to the process are suitable for the existing process conditions.

These are mainly:

- Active measuring component
- Process fitting
- Process seal

Process conditions in particular are:

- Process pressure
- Process temperature

- Chemical properties of the medium
- Abrasion and mechanical influences

## 4.2 Mounting instructions

### Installation position

Mount the device in such a way that the distance to vessel installations or to the vessel wall is at least 300 mm (12 in). In non-metallic vessels, the distance to the vessel wall should be at least 500 mm (19.7 in).

During operation, the probe must not touch any installations or the vessel wall. If necessary, fasten the probe end.

In vessels with conical bottom it can be advantageous to mount the device in the center of the vessel, as measurement is then possible nearly down to the lowest point of the bottom. Keep in mind that measurement all the way down to the tip of the probe may not be possible. The exact value of the min. distance (lower blocking distance) is stated in chapter "Technical data" of the operating instructions.

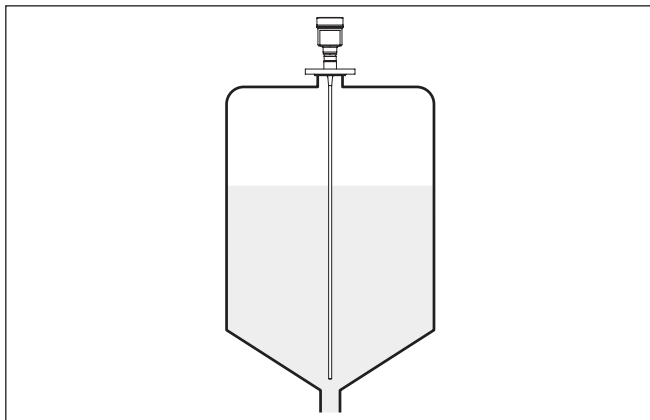


Fig. 3: Vessel with conical bottom

### Type of vessel

#### Plastic vessel/Glass vessel

The guided microwave principle requires a metallic surface on the process fitting. Therefore, in plastic vessels, etc., use an instrument version with flange (from DN 50) or place a metal sheet ( $\varnothing > 200 \text{ mm}/8 \text{ in}$ ) beneath the process fitting when screwing it in.

Make sure that the plate has direct contact with the process fitting.

When mounting rod or cable probes in vessels without metal walls, e.g. in plastic vessels, the measured value can be influenced by strong electromagnetic fields (emitted interference according to EN 61326: class A). In this case, use a probe with coaxial version.

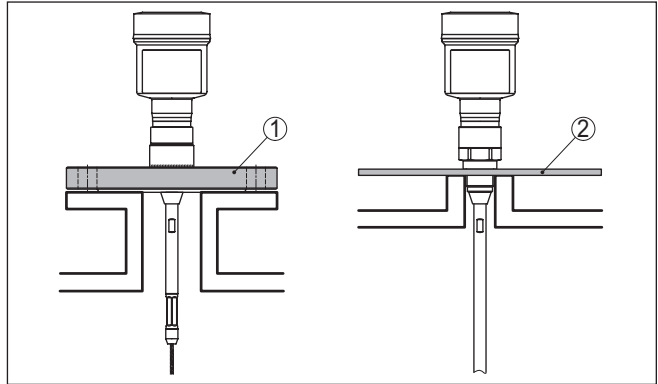


Fig. 4: Mounting in non-metallic vessel

- 1 Flange
- 2 Metal sheet

## Nozzle

If possible, avoid nozzles. Mount the sensor flush with the vessel top. If this is not possible, use short nozzles with small diameter.

Higher nozzles or nozzles with a bigger diameter can generally be used. They can, however, increase the upper blocking distance. Check if this is relevant for your measurement.

In such cases, always carry out a false signal suppression after mounting. You can find further information under "Setup procedure".

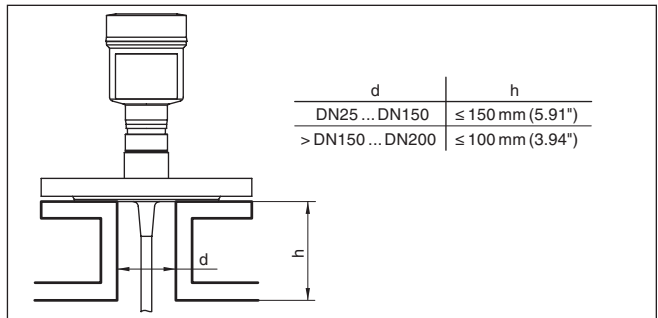


Fig. 5: Mounting socket

When welding the nozzle, make sure that the nozzle is flush with the vessel top.

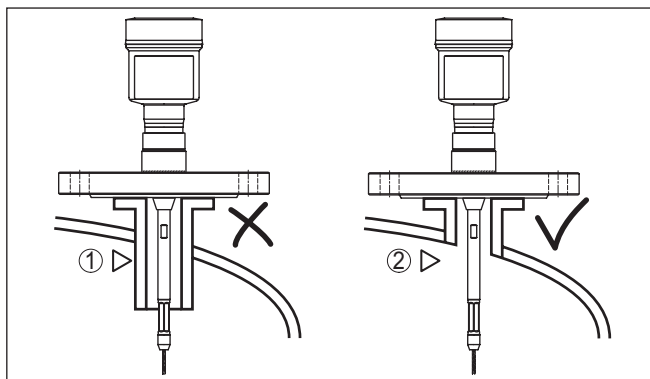


Fig. 6: Nozzle must be installed flush

- 1 Unfavourable mounting
- 2 Nozzle flush - optimum mounting

## Welding work

Before beginning the welding work, remove the electronics module from the sensor. By doing this, you avoid damage to the electronics through inductive coupling.

## Inflowing medium

Do not mount the instruments in or above the filling stream. Make sure that you detect the medium surface, not the inflowing product.

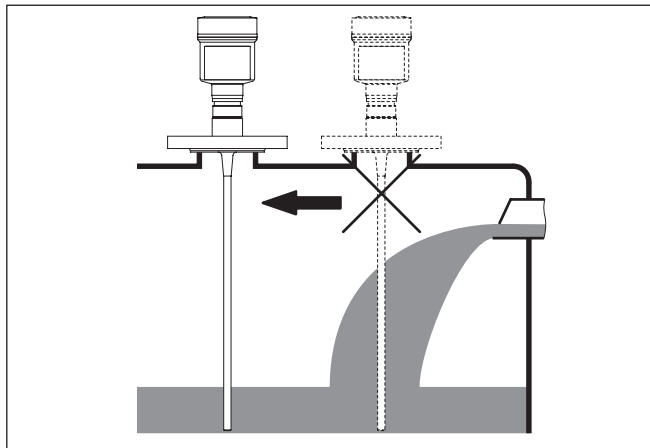


Fig. 7: Mounting of the sensor with inflowing medium

## Measuring range

The reference plane for the measuring range of the sensors is the sealing surface of the thread or flange.

Keep in mind that a min. distance must be maintained below the reference plane and possibly also at the end of the probe - measurement in these areas is not possible (blocking distance). The length of the cable can be used all the way to the end only when measuring

conductive products. These blocking distances for different mediums are listed in chapter "*Technical data*". Keep in mind for the adjustment that the default setting for the measuring range refers to water.

**Pressure**

The process fitting must be sealed if there is gauge or low pressure in the vessel. Before use, check if the sealing material is resistant against the measured product and the process temperature.

The max. permissible pressure is specified in chapter "*Technical data*" or on the type label of the sensor.

**Lateral installation**

In case of difficult installation conditions, the probe can also be mounted laterally. For this, adapt the rod with rod extensions or angled segments.

To compensate for the resulting changes in signal runtime, let the instrument determine the probe length automatically.

The determined probe length can deviate from the actual probe length when using curved or angled segments.

If internal installations such as struts, ladders, etc. are present on the vessel wall, the measuring probe should be mounted at least 300 mm (11.81 in) away from the vessel wall.

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions of the rod extension.

**Rod extension**

In case of difficult installation conditions, for example in a nozzle, the probe can be suitably adapted with a rod extension.

To compensate for the resulting changes in signal runtime, let the instrument determine the probe length automatically.

You can find further information in the supplementary instructions of the rod and cable components.

**Autoclaved version**

For use in an autoclave, e.g. for sterilization, the VEGAFLEX 83 is available as autoclaved version.

Hence you can separate the housing from the process fitting.

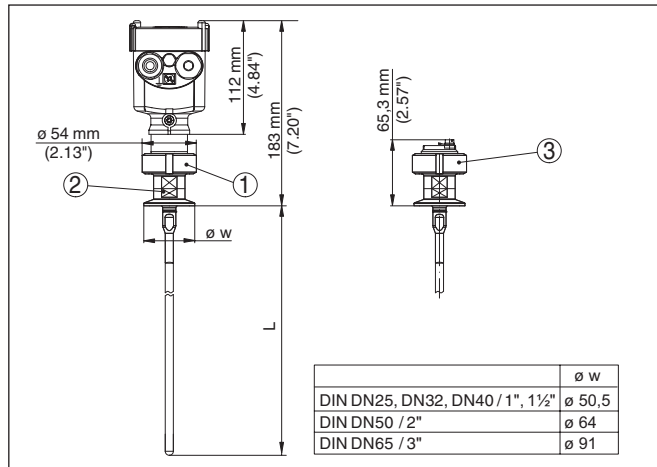
Under very harsh ambient conditions, the autoclavable version can be optionally also combined with an external housing.

Open the slotted nut with a hook wrench and remove the housing in an upward direction.

The side of the process fitting must be covered with a lid after the housing is removed. Screw the enclosed lid with slotted nut onto the instrument side of the process fitting and tighten the nut with a torque of 20 Nm.

Make sure that no liquid or contamination penetrates into the housing or the process side.

After autoclaving, screw the lid off again and place the housing vertically on the side of the process fitting. Tighten the slotted nut with a torque of 20 Nm.



*Fig. 8: Autoclaved version*

- 1 Groove nut
- 2 Process fitting
- 3 Cover with groove nut

## 5 Connecting to power supply and bus system

### 5.1 Preparing the connection

#### Safety instructions

Always keep in mind the following safety instructions:

- Carry out electrical connection by trained, qualified personnel authorised by the plant operator
- If overvoltage surges are expected, overvoltage arresters should be installed

**Warning:**

Only connect or disconnect in de-energized state.

#### Voltage supply

The instrument requires an operating voltage of 8 ... 30 V DC. Operating voltage and digital bus signal are carried on separate two-wire connection cables.

**Note:**

Power the instrument via an energy-limited circuit (power max. 100 W) acc. to IEC 61010-1, e.g.:

- Class 2 power supply unit (acc. to UL1310)
- SELV power supply unit (safety extra-low voltage) with suitable internal or external limitation of the output current

#### Connection cable

The instrument is connected with standard two-wire, twisted cable suitable for RS 485. If electromagnetic interference is expected which is above the test values of EN 61326 for industrial areas, shielded cable should be used.

Use cable with round cross section for instruments with housing and cable gland. Use a cable gland suitable for the cable diameter to ensure the seal effect of the cable gland (IP protection rating).

Make sure that the entire installation is carried out according to the Fieldbus specification. In particular, make sure that the bus is terminated with suitable terminating resistors.

#### Cable glands

**Metric threads:**

In the case of instrument housings with metric thread, the cable glands are screwed in at the factory. They are sealed with plastic plugs as transport protection.

**Note:**

You have to remove these plugs before electrical connection.

**NPT thread:**

In the case of instrument housings with self-sealing NPT threads, it is not possible to have the cable entries screwed in at the factory. The free openings for the cable glands are therefore covered with red dust protection caps as transport protection.



**Note:**

Prior to setup you have to replace these protective caps with approved cable glands or close the openings with suitable blind plugs.

On plastic housings, the NPT cable gland or the Conduit steel tube must be screwed into the threaded insert without grease.

Max. torque for all housings, see chapter "*Technical data*".

**Cable screening and grounding**

Make sure that the cable screen and grounding are carried out according to Fieldbus specification. We recommend to connect the cable screening to ground potential on both ends.

In systems with potential equalisation, connect the cable screening directly to ground potential at the power supply unit and the sensor. The cable screening in the sensor must be connected directly to the internal ground terminal. The ground terminal outside on the housing must be connected to the potential equalisation (low impedance).

## 5.2 Connecting

**Connection technology**

The voltage supply and signal output are connected via the spring-loaded terminals in the housing.

Connection to the display and adjustment module or to the interface adapter is carried out via contact pins in the housing.



**Information:**

The terminal block is pluggable and can be removed from the electronics. To do this, lift the terminal block with a small screwdriver and pull it out. When reinserting the terminal block, you should hear it snap in.

**Connection procedure**

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing lid
2. If a display and adjustment module is installed, remove it by turning it slightly to the left
3. Loosen compression nut of the cable gland and remove blind plug
4. Remove approx. 10 cm (4 in) of the cable mantle, strip approx. 1 cm (0.4 in) of insulation from the ends of the individual wires
5. Insert the cable into the sensor through the cable entry



Fig. 9: Connection steps 5 and 6 - Single chamber housing

6. Insert the wire ends into the terminals according to the wiring plan

**Information:**

Solid cores as well as flexible cores with wire end sleeves are inserted directly into the terminal openings. In case of flexible cores without end sleeves, press the terminal from above with a small screwdriver, the terminal opening is then free. When the screwdriver is released, the terminal closes again.

You can find further information on the max. wire cross-section under "*Technical data - Electromechanical data*".

7. Check the hold of the wires in the terminals by lightly pulling on them
8. Connect the shielding to the internal ground terminal, connect the external ground terminal to potential equalisation
9. Tighten the compression nut of the cable entry gland. The seal ring must completely encircle the cable
10. Reinsert the display and adjustment module, if one was installed
11. Screw the housing lid back on

The electrical connection is finished.

### 5.3 Wiring plan - single chamber housing

#### Wiring plan - Daisy-Chain

**Information:**

With Modbus systems, several sensors can be connected in parallel. With this so called "Daisy-Chain" the cables for the signal and voltage supply are looped from sensor to sensor.

The last sensor in this "chain" must be provided with a bus termination. For this purpose there is a connectable terminating resistor on the electronics module. Make sure that the slid switch (5) with all sensors of the chain is set to "off". With the last sensor you have to set the slide switch (5) to position "on".

Please also take note of the information in the annex "*Basics Modbus*".



## 5.4 Set instrument address

### Instrument address

An address must be assigned to each Modbus instrument. The approved addresses are between 000 and 247. Each address must only be assigned once in the Modbus network. The sensor is only recognized by the control system if the address is set correctly.

You can assign a hardware address to the instrument with the rotary switches on the electronics module. However, it is also possible to allocate a software address. For this purpose, the instrument must be set to a certain hardware address. With Modbus, this is hardware address 246, with Levelmaster the hardware addresses of 31 ... 299. If you want to allocate the instrument address via software, we recommend keeping hardware address set to 246.

When the instrument is shipped, address 246 is set by default (hardware address 246, software address). This address can be used to test the function of the instrument and to connect it to a Modbus network. Then the address must be changed to integrate additional instruments.

The address setting is carried out either via:

- The address selection switch in the electronics module of the instrument (address setting via hardware)
- The display and adjustment module (address setting via software)
- PACTware/DTM (address setting via software)

### Hardware addressing

The instrument recognizes automatically by means of the input data if a Modbus or Levelmaster protocol is available.

The hardware addressing with Modbus is effective if an address less or equal 245 is set with the address selection switches on the instrument. Software addressing is then no longer effective, the set hardware address applies.

The hardware addressing with Levelmaster protocol is effective if an address less or equal 30 is set with the address selection switches on the instrument. Software addressing is then no longer effective, the set hardware address applies.

Available hardware addresses:

- Hardware address - Levelmaster: 000 ... 030
- Hardware address - Modbus: 000 ... 245

Set the instrument address with the three rotary switches on the electronics module.

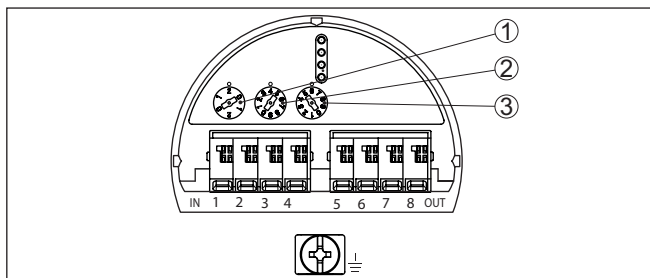


Fig. 12: Address selection switch

- 1 Hundreds digit of the address (selection 0 to 2)
- 2 Decade of the address (selection 0 to 9)
- 3 Unit position of the address (selection 0 to 9)

## Software addressing

The software addressing for Modbus is effective if address 246 is set with the address selection switches on the instrument. Address 247 is an additional hardware address.

With the Levelmaster protocol the software addressing is effective if address 031 or higher is set on the instrument with the address selection switches.

You can set the instrument address with the display and adjustment module or with the software PACTware/DTM.

Available software addresses:

- Software address - Levelmaster: When hardware address  $\geq 031$  is set, addresses 000 ... 031 can be selected by the software
- Software address - Modbus: When hardware address 246 is set, addresses 000 ... 246 can be selected by the software

## 5.5 Switch-on phase

After connecting VEGAFLEX 83 to the bus system, the device first performs a self-test:

- Internal check of the electronics
- Indication of the status message "*F 105 Determine measured value*" on the display or PC
- Status byte goes to fault value

Then the actual measured value is output to the signal cable. The value takes into account settings that have already been carried out, e.g. default setting.

## 6 Set up the sensor with the display and adjustment module

### 6.1 Adjustment volume

The display and adjustment module is only used for parameter adjustment of the sensor, i.e. for adaptation to the measurement task.

The parameter adjustment of the Modbus interface is carried out via a PC with PACTware. You can find the procedure in chapter "*Set up sensor and Modbus interface with PACTware*".

### 6.2 Insert display and adjustment module

The display and adjustment module can be inserted into the sensor and removed again at any time. You can choose any one of four different positions - each displaced by 90°. It is not necessary to interrupt the power supply.

Proceed as follows:

1. Unscrew the housing lid
2. Place the display and adjustment module on the electronics in the desired position and turn it to the right until it snaps in.
3. Screw housing lid with inspection window tightly back on

Disassembly is carried out in reverse order.

The display and adjustment module is powered by the sensor, an additional connection is not necessary.



Fig. 13: Installing the display and adjustment module in the electronics compartment of the single chamber housing



#### Note:

If you intend to retrofit the instrument with a display and adjustment module for continuous measured value indication, a higher lid with an inspection glass is required.

## 6.3 Adjustment system

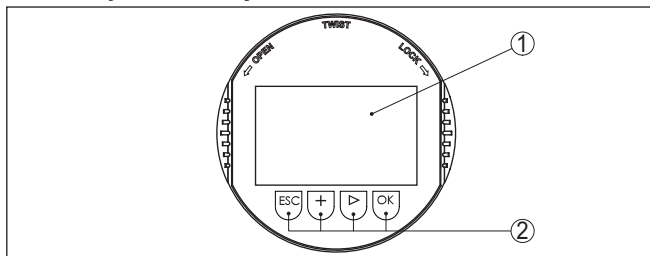


Fig. 14: Display and adjustment elements

- 1 LC display
- 2 Adjustment keys

### Key functions

- **[OK]** key:
  - Move to the menu overview
  - Confirm selected menu
  - Edit parameter
  - Save value
- **[>]** key:
  - Change measured value presentation
  - Select list entry
  - Select editing position
- **[+]** key:
  - Change value of the parameter
- **[ESC]** key:
  - Interrupt input
  - Jump to next higher menu

### Adjustment system

The instrument is operated via the four keys of the display and adjustment module. The individual menu items are shown on the LC display. You can find the function of the individual keys in the previous illustration.

### Adjustment system - keys via magnetic pen

With the Bluetooth version of the display and adjustment module you can also adjust the instrument with the magnetic pen. The pen operates the four keys of the display and adjustment module right through the closed lid (with inspection window) of the sensor housing.

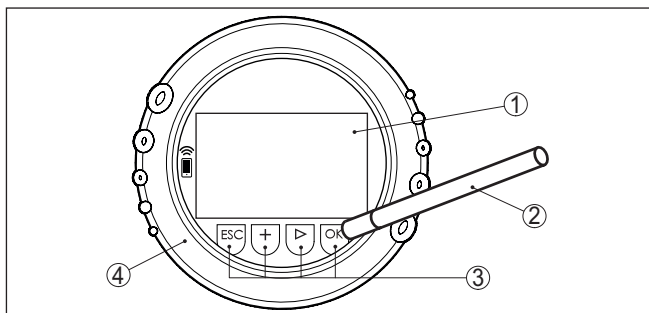


Fig. 15: Display and adjustment elements - with adjustment via magnetic pen

- 1 LC display
- 2 Magnetic pen
- 3 Adjustment keys
- 4 Lid with inspection window

### Time functions

When the **[+]** and **[->]** keys are pressed quickly, the edited value, or the cursor, changes one value or position at a time. If the key is pressed longer than 1 s, the value or position changes continuously.

When the **[OK]** and **[ESC]** keys are pressed simultaneously for more than 5 s, the display returns to the main menu. The menu language is then switched over to "English".

Approx. 60 minutes after the last pressing of a key, an automatic reset to measured value indication is triggered. Any values not confirmed with **[OK]** will not be saved.

### Switch-on phase

After switching on, the VEGAFLEX 83 carries out a short self-test where the device software is checked.

The output signal transmits a fault signal during the switch-on phase.

The following information is displayed on the display and adjustment module during the startup procedure:

- Instrument type
- Device name
- Software version (SW-Ver)
- Hardware version (HW-Ver)

### Measured value indication

With the **[->]** key you move between three different display possibilities:

In the first view, the selected measured value is displayed in large digits.

In the second view, the selected measured value and a respective bargraph presentation are displayed.

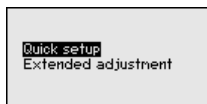
In the third view, the selected measured value as well as a second selectable value, e.g. the temperature, are displayed.



## Quick setup

### 6.4 Parameter adjustment - Quick setup

To quickly and easily adapt the sensor to the application, select the menu item "Quick setup" in the start graphic on the display and adjustment module.



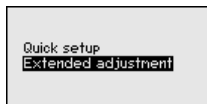
The following steps for the quick setup can be reached also in the "Extended adjustment".

- Instrument address
- Measurement loop name
- Medium type (optional)
- Application
- Max. adjustment
- Min. adjustment
- False signal suppression

You can find the description of the individual menu items in the following chapter "Parameter adjustment - Extended adjustment".

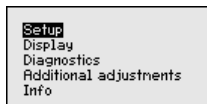
### 6.5 Parameter adjustment - Extended adjustment

For technically demanding measuring points, you can carry out extended settings in "Extended adjustment".



## Main menu

The main menu is divided into five sections with the following functions:



**Setup:** Settings, e.g. measurement loop name, medium, vessel, adjustment, signal output, device unit, false signal suppression, linearization curve

**Display:** Settings, e.g., for language, measured value display, lighting

**Diagnostics:** Information, e.g. on instrument status, peak indicator, measurement reliability, simulation, echo curve

**Additional adjustments:** Reset, date/time, reset, copy function

**Info:** Instrument name, hardware and software version, date of manufacture, instrument features

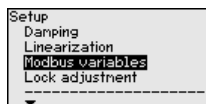
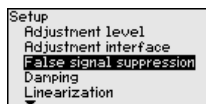
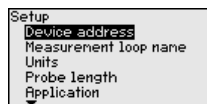


**Note:**

For optimum setting of the measuring point, the individual submenu items in the main menu item "Setup" should be selected one after the other and provided with the correct parameters. If possible, go through the items in the given sequence.

The procedure is described below.

The following submenu points are available:



The submenu points are described below.

### 6.5.1 Setup

#### Instrument address

An address must be assigned to each Modbus instrument. Each address may only be assigned once in the Modbus or Levelmaster network. The sensor is only recognized by the control system if the address is set correctly.

- Permitted address range - Modbus 0 ... 247
- Permitted address range - Levelmaster 0 ... 31

In delivery status, Modbus address 246 and Levelmaster address 31 are set by default. Hence the software addressing is possible by default.

The address setting is carried out either via:

- The address selection switch in the electronics compartment of the instrument (hardware addressing)
- The display and adjustment module (software addressing)
- PACTware/DTM (software addressing)

#### Hardware addressing

Hardware addressing is effective if a Modbus address of 0 ... 245 is set with the address selection switches on the electronics module of VEGAFLEX 83. In such case, software addressing has no effect - only the set hardware address applies (Levelmaster addresses: 0 ... 30).

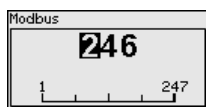
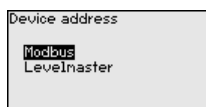
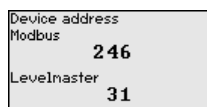
#### Software addressing

Software addressing is only effective if address address 246 or higher is set on the instrument with the address selection switches (Levelmaster address: 31).



**Information:**

You can find detailed information to adjust the instrument address in chapter "**Connecting to power supply**"



### Measurement loop name

Here you can assign a suitable measurement loop name. Push the "OK" key to start the editing. With the "+" key you change the sign and with the ">" key you jump to the next position.

You can enter names with max. 19 characters. The character set comprises:

- Capital letters from A ... Z
- Numbers from 0 ... 9
- Special characters + - / \_ blanks

Measurement loop name

TANK 04

### Units

In this menu item you select the distance unit and the temperature unit.

Distance unit

mm

Temperature unit

°C

For the distance units you can choose between m, mm and ft and for the temperature units °C, °F and K.

### Probe length

In this menu item you can enter the probe length or have the length determined automatically by the sensor system.

When choosing "Yes", then the probe length will be determined automatically. When choosing "No", you can enter the probe length manually.

Probe length

1000 mm

Probe length determine automatically?

Yes

No

Probe length

01000

mm

0 80000

### Application - Medium type

In this menu item you can select which type of medium you want to measure. You can choose between liquid or bulk solid.

Application

Type of medium

Application

Medium/Dielectric figure

Type of medium

Liquid

Type of medium

✓ Liquid

Solid

### Application - Application

In this menu item, you can select the application. You can choose between level measurement and interface measurement. You can also choose between measurement in a vessel or in a bypass or standpipe.



#### Note:

The selection of the application has a considerable influence on all other menu items. Keep in mind that as you continue with the parameter adjustment, individual menu items are only optionally available.

You have the option of choosing the demonstration mode. This mode is only suitable for test and demonstration purposes. In this mode, the sensor ignores the parameters of the application and reacts immediately to any change.

|                                                                        |                             |                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Application<br>Product type<br>Application<br>Medium/Dielectric figure | Application<br>Level vessel | Application<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level vessel<br>Level bypass/standpipe<br>Interface vessel<br>Interf.bypass/standpipe<br>Demonstration mode |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Application - Medium, dielectric constant

In this menu item, you can define the type of medium (product).

This menu item is only available if you have selected level measurement under the menu item "Application".

|                                                                        |                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Application<br>Product type<br>Application<br>Medium/Dielectric figure | Medium/Dielectric constant<br>Water-based/>10 | Medium/Dielectric constant<br>Solvents,oilLPG/<3<br>Chem. mixtures/3...10<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-based/>10 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

You can choose between the following medium types:

| Dielectric constant | Type of medium      | Examples                                                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| > 10                | Water-based liquids | Acids, alcalis, water                                         |
| 3 ... 10            | Chemical mixtures   | Chlorobenzene, nitro lacquer, aniline, isocyanate, chloroform |
| < 3                 | Hydrocarbons        | Solvents, oils, liquid gas                                    |

### Application - Gas phase

This menu item is only available, if you have chosen interface measurement under the menu item "Application". In this menu item you can enter if there is a superimposed gas phase in your application.

Only set the function to "Yes", if the gas phase is permanently present.

|                                                                              |                                        |                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Application<br>Product type<br>Application<br>Gas phase<br>Dielectric figure | Superimposed gas phase present?<br>Yes | Superimposed gas phase present?<br>No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Application - Dielectric constant

This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Application". In this menu item you can enter the dielectric constant of the upper medium.

|                                                                              |                                         |                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Application<br>Product type<br>Application<br>Gas phase<br>Dielectric figure | Dielectric figure upper medium<br>2.000 | Dielectric constant<br>Enter<br>Calculate |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|

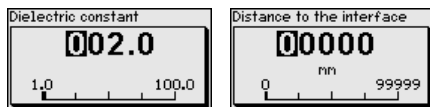
You can directly enter the dielectric constant of the upper medium or have the value determined by the instrument.

If you want the dielectric constant to be determined by the instrument, you have to enter the measured or known distance to the interface.



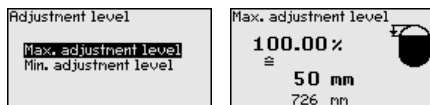
### Note:

The dielectric constant can only be reliably determined if two different media and a sufficiently large interface are present.

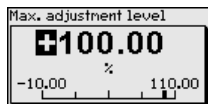


### Max. adjustment - Level

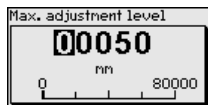
In this menu item you can enter the max. adjustment for the level. With interface measurement this is the maximum total level.



Adjust the requested percentage value with **[+]** and store with **[OK]**.

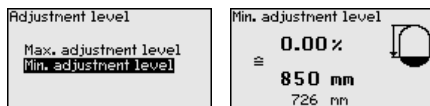


Enter the appropriate distance value in m (corresponding to the percentage value) for the full vessel. The distance refers to the sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting). Keep in mind that the max. level must lie below the blocking distance.

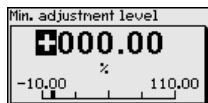


### Min. adjustment - Level

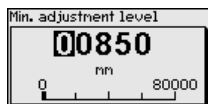
In this menu item you can enter the min. adjustment for the level. With interface measurement this is the minimum total level.



Adjust the requested percentage value with **[+]** and store with **[OK]**.

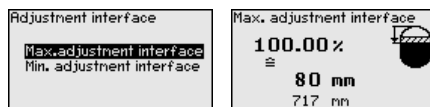


Enter the suitable distance value in m for the empty vessel (e.g. distance from the flange to the probe end) corresponding to the percentage value. The distance refers to the sensor reference plane (seal surface of the process fitting).



**Max. adjustment - Interface**

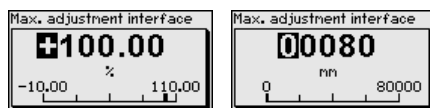
This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Application".



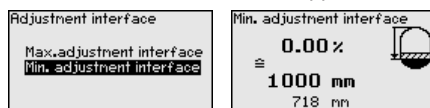
Enter the requested percentage value for the max. adjustment.

As an alternative, you have the possibility taking over the adjustment of the level measurement also for the interface.

Enter the respective distance value in m for the surface of the upper medium corresponding to the percentage value.

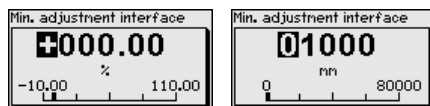
**Min. adjustment - Interface**

This menu item is only available if you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Application".



Enter the requested percentage value for the min. adjustment (interface).

Enter the respective distance value in m for the interface corresponding to the percentage value of the interface.

**False signal suppression**

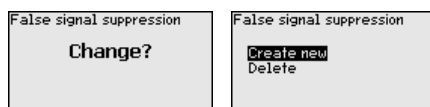
The following circumstances cause interfering reflections and can influence the measurement:

- High mounting nozzles
- Vessel internals such as struts

**Note:**

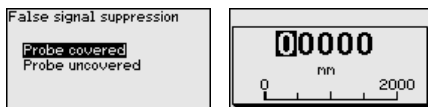
A false signal suppression detects, marks and saves these false signals so that they are no longer taken into account for the level and interface measurement. We generally recommend carrying out a false signal suppression to achieve the best possible accuracy. This should be done with the lowest possible level so that all potential interfering reflections can be detected.

Proceed as follows:



Select first if the probe is covered or uncovered.

If the probe is covered, enter the actual distance from the sensor to the product surface.



All interfering signals in this section are detected by the sensor and stored.

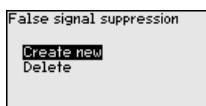
Keep in mind that with covered probe only false signals in the uncovered area of the probe are detected.



### Note:

Check the distance to the medium surface, because if an incorrect (too large) value is entered, the existing level will be saved as a false signal. The level would then no longer be detectable in this area.

If a false signal suppression has already been saved in the sensor, the following menu window appears when selecting "False signal suppression":



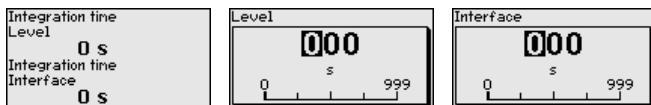
The instrument carries out an automatic false signal suppression as soon as the probe is uncovered. The false signal suppression is always updated.

The menu item "Delete" is used to completely delete an already created false signal suppression. This is useful if the saved false signal suppression no longer matches the metrological conditions in the vessel.

## Damping

To damp process-dependent measured value fluctuations, you can set a time of 0 ... 999 s in this menu item.

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Application", you can adjust the damping for the level and the interface separately.

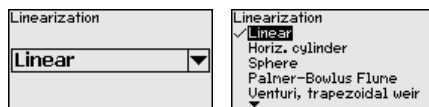


The default setting is a damping of 0 s.

## Linearisation

A linearisation is necessary for all vessels in which the vessel volume does not increase linearly with the level, e.g. a horizontal cylindrical or spherical tank, when the indication or output of the volume is required. Corresponding linearisation curves are preprogrammed for these vessels. They represent the correlation between the level percentage and vessel volume.

The linearisation applies to the measured value indication and the output. By activating the appropriate curve, the volume percentage of the vessel is displayed correctly. If the volume should not be displayed in percent but e.g. in l or kg, a scaling can be also set in the menu item "Display".



### Warning:

If a linearisation curve is selected, the measuring signal is no longer necessarily linear to the filling height. This must be considered by the user especially when setting the switching point on the limit signal transmitter.

In the following, you have to enter the values for your vessel, for example the vessel height and the socket correction.

For non-linear vessel forms, enter the vessel height and the socket correction.

For the vessel height, you have to enter the total height of the vessel.

For the nozzle correction you have to enter the height of the nozzle above the upper edge of the vessel. If the nozzle is lower than the upper edge of the vessel, this value can also be negative.

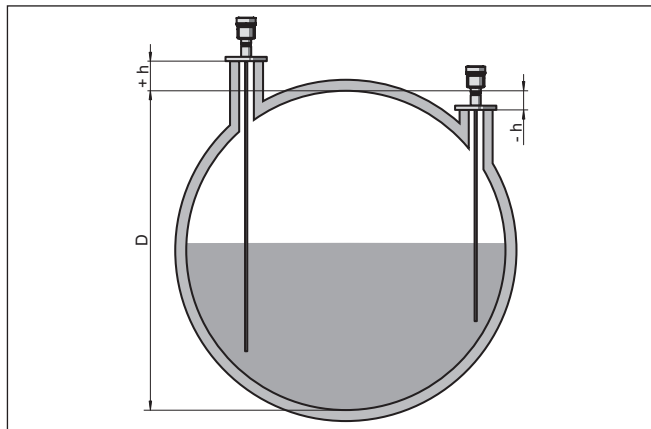
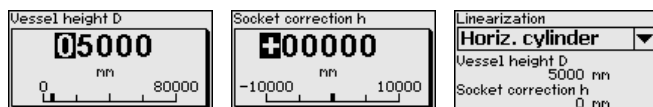


Fig. 16: Vessel height and socket correction value

$D$  Vessel height

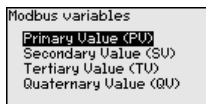
$+h$  Positive socket correction value

$-h$  Negative socket correction value



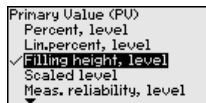
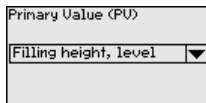
### Modbus variables

In this menu item, all Modbus variables of the outputs were collected.



### Primary Value ... Quarternary Value

In the menu items "Primary Value" to "Quarternary Value" you determine which measured value to output refers to.

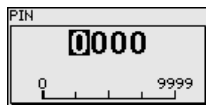


### Lock/Unlock adjustment

In the menu item "Lock/unlock adjustment", you can protect the sensor parameters against unauthorized or inadvertent modification. The PIN is activated/deactivated permanently.

With active PIN, only the following adjustment functions are possible without entering a PIN:

- Select menu items and show data
- Read data from the sensor into the display and adjustment module



### Caution:

When the PIN is active, adjustment via PACTware/DTM as well as other systems is also blocked.

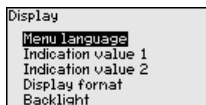
In delivery status, the PIN is 0000.

Call our service department if you have modified and forgotten the PIN.

## 6.5.2 Display

In the main menu point "Display", the individual submenu points should be selected one after the other and provided with the correct parameters to ensure the optimum adjustment of the display. The procedure is described in the following.

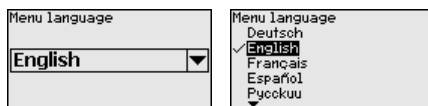
The following submenu points are available:



The submenu points are described below.

### Menu language

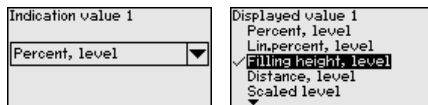
This menu item enables the setting of the requested national language.



In delivery status, the sensor is set to English.

### Displayed value 1

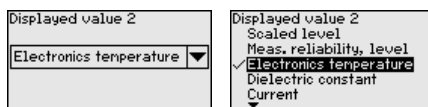
In this menu item, you define the indication of the measured value on the display. You can display two different measured values. In this menu item, you define measured value 1.



The default setting for the displayed value 1 is "Filling height Level".

### Displayed value 2

In this menu item, you define the indication of the measured value on the display. You can display two different measured values. In this menu item, you define measured value 2.

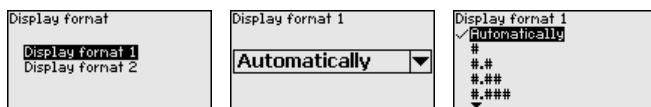


The default setting for the displayed value 2 is the electronics temperature.

### Display format

In this menu item, you define the display format of the measured value on the display. You can define different display formats for the two measured values.

You can thus define the number of decimal positions the measured value is displayed with.



The default setting for the display format is "Automatic".

### Backlight

The integrated backlight can be switched off via the adjustment menu. The function depends on the strength of the operating voltage, see "Technical data".

To maintain the function of the device, the lighting is temporarily switched off if the power supply is insufficient.



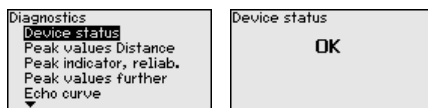
In delivery status, the lighting is switched on.

### 6.5.3 Diagnostics

#### Device status

In this menu item, the device status is displayed.

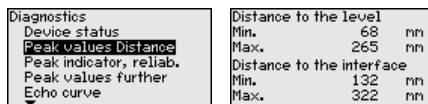
When the instrument displays a fault signal, you can here get detailed information on the failure reason.



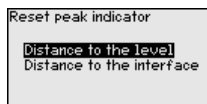
#### Peak indicator, distance

The respective min. and max. measured value is saved in the sensor. The two values are displayed in the menu item "Peak indicator, distance".

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Setup - Application", the peak values of the interface measurement are displayed in addition to the peak values of the level measurement.



In another window you can carry out a reset of the two peak values separately.

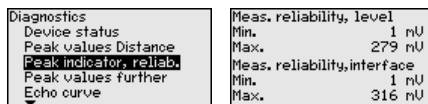


#### Peak indicator, measurement reliability

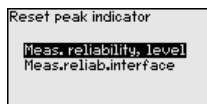
The respective min. and max. measured values are saved in the sensor. The two values are displayed in the menu item "Peak indicator, measurement reliability".

The measurement can be influenced by the process conditions. In this menu item, the measurement reliability of the level measurement is displayed in mV. The higher the value, the more reliable the measurement.

If you have selected interface measurement under the menu item "Setup - Application", the peak values of the interface measurement are displayed in addition to the peak values of the level measurement.



In another window you can carry out a reset of the two peak values separately.



**Peak indicator, additional** The respective min. and max. measured values are saved in the sensor. The values are displayed in the menu item "*Peak indicator Additional*".

This menu item displays the peak values of the electronics temperature as well as the dielectric constant.

|                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diagnostics<br>Peak values Distance<br>Peak indicator, reliab.<br><b>Peak values further</b><br>Echo curve<br>Simulation | Electronics temperature<br>Min. 27.28 °C<br>Max. 28.84 °C<br>Dielectric constant<br>Min. 1.00<br>Max. 1.00 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

In another window you can carry out a reset of the two peak values separately.

|                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reset peak indicator<br>Electronics temperature<br>Dielectric constant |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|

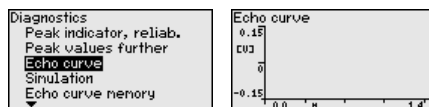


### Information:

If one of the display values flashes, there is actually no valid value available.

## Echo curve

The menu item "*Echo curve*" shows the signal strength of the echoes over the measuring range in V. The signal strength enables an evaluation of the quality of the measurement.



With the following functions you can zoom part sections of the echo curve.

- "X-Zoom": Zoom function for the meas. distance
- "Y-Zoom": 1, 2, 5 and 10x signal magnification in "V"
- "Unzoom": Reset the presentation to the nominal measuring range without magnification

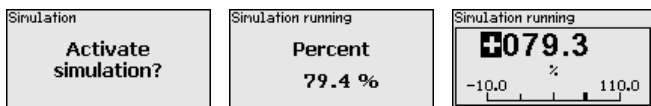
|                                                 |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Echo curve<br><b>X-Zoom</b><br>Y-Zoom<br>Unzoom | Y-Zoom<br>✓ 1x<br>2x<br>5x<br>10x |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

## Simulation

In this menu item you can simulate measured values via the output. This allows the signal path to be tested, e.g. through downstream indicating instruments or the input card of the control system.

|                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diagnostics<br>Peak values further<br>Echo curve<br><b>Simulation</b><br>Echo curve memory | Simulation<br><b>Percent. level</b><br>Lin.percent. level<br>Filling height, level<br>Distance, level<br>Meas. reliability, level |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Select the requested simulation variable and set the requested value.



Push the **[ESC]** key to deactivate the simulation.



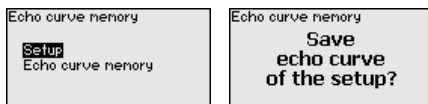
### Information:

The simulation is terminated automatically 60 minutes after the activation of the simulation.

## Echo curve memory

With the menu item "Setup" the echo curve it is possible to save at the time of setup. This is generally recommended; for using the Asset Management functions it is necessary. If possible, the curve should be saved with a low level in the vessel.

With this, you can detect signal changes over the operating time. With the adjustment software PACTware and the PC, the high-resolution echo curve can be displayed and used to compare the echo curve of the setup with the actual echo curve.

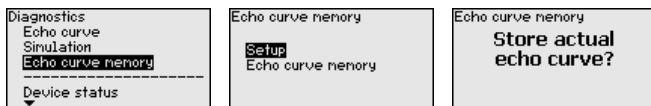


The function "Echo curve memory" enables storing echo curves of the measurement.

Under the sub-menu item "Echo curve memory" you can store the current echo curve.

Parameter settings for recording the echo curve and the settings of the echo curve itself can be carried out in the adjustment software PACTware.

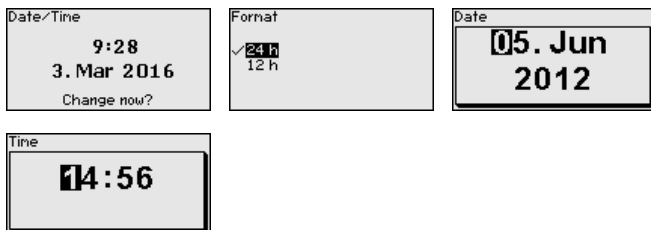
With the adjustment software PACTware and the PC the high-resolution echo curve can be displayed and used later on to assess the quality of the measurement.



## 6.5.4 Additional adjustments

### Date/Time

In this menu item, the internal clock of the sensor is set.



**Reset**

After a reset, certain parameter adjustments made by the user are reset.

**Note:**

After this menu window, the reset process is carried out. No further safety inquiry follows.



The following reset functions are available:

**Delivery status:** Restores the parameter settings at the time of shipment from the factory, incl. order-specific settings. Any stored false signal suppression or user-programmed linearisation curve, as well as the measured value memory, are deleted.

**Basic settings:** Resetting of the parameter settings incl. special parameters to the default values (presettings) of the respective instrument. Any created false signal suppression or user-programmable linearization curve as well as the measured value memory are deleted.

The following table shows the default values of the instrument. Depending on the instrument version or application, all menu items may not be available or some may be differently assigned:

**Menu - Setup**

| Menu item                                   | Default value                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lock adjustment                             | Released                                                          |
| Measurement loop name                       | Sensor                                                            |
| Units                                       | Distance unit: order-specific<br>Temperature unit: order-specific |
| Probe length                                | Länge der Messsonde factory setting                               |
| Type of medium                              | Liquid                                                            |
| Application                                 | Level in the vessel                                               |
| Medium, dielectric constant                 | Water-based, > 10                                                 |
| Superimposed gas phase                      | Yes                                                               |
| Dielectric constant, upper medium (TS)      | 1.5                                                               |
| Tube inner diameter                         | 200 mm                                                            |
| Max. adjustment - Level                     | 100 %                                                             |
| Max. adjustment - Level                     | Distance: 0.000 m(d) - note blocking distances                    |
| Min. adjustment - Level                     | 0 %                                                               |
| Min. adjustment - Level                     | Distance: Probe length - take dead band into account              |
| Accept adjustment of the level measurement? | No                                                                |
| Max. adjustment - Interface                 | 100 %                                                             |
| Max. adjustment - Interface                 | Distance: 0.000 m(d) - note blocking distances                    |

| Menu item                         | Default value                                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Min. adjustment - Interface       | 0 %                                                  |
| Min. adjustment - Interface       | Distance: Probe length - take dead band into account |
| Damping - Level                   | 0.0 s                                                |
| Damping - Interface               | 0.0 s                                                |
| Linearization type                | Linear                                               |
| Linearisation - Socket correction | 0 mm                                                 |
| Linearisation - Vessel height     | Probe length                                         |

### Menu - Display

| Menu item         | Default value           |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Language          | Selected language       |
| Displayed value 1 | Filling height - Level  |
| Displayed value 2 | Electronics temperature |
| Backlight         | Switched on             |

### Menu - Diagnosis

| Menu item                                                                        | Default value                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Status signals - Function control                                                | Switched on                                                                        |
| Status signals - Out of specification                                            | Switched off                                                                       |
| Status signals - Maintenance required                                            | Switched off                                                                       |
| Device memory - Echo curve memory                                                | Stopped                                                                            |
| Device memory - Measured value memory                                            | Started                                                                            |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Measured values                          | Distance level, percentage value level, reliability level, electronics temperature |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Recording in time interval               | 3 min.                                                                             |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Recording with measured value difference | 15 %                                                                               |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Start with measured value                | Not active                                                                         |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Stop with measured value                 | Not active                                                                         |
| Device memory - Measured value memory - Stop recording when memory is full       | Not active                                                                         |

### Menu - Additional adjustments

| Menu item | Default value |
|-----------|---------------|
| PIN       | 0000          |
| Date      | Actual date   |

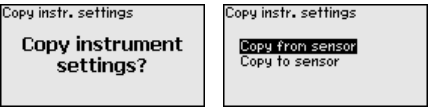
| Menu item     | Default value   |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Time          | Actual time     |
| Time - Format | 24 hours        |
| Probe type    | Device-specific |

**Copy instrument settings** The instrument settings are copied with this function. The following functions are available:

- **Read from sensor:** Read data from sensor and store into the display and adjustment module
- **Write into sensor:** Store data from the display and adjustment module back into the sensor

The following data or settings for adjustment of the display and adjustment module are saved:

- All data of the menu "Setup" and "Display"
- In the menu "Additional adjustments" the items "Reset, Date/Time"
- Special parameters



**Prerequisites**

The following requirements must be met for a successful transmission:

- The data can only be transferred to the same device type, e.g. VEGAFLEX 83
- It must be the same probe type, e.g. rod probe
- The firmware of both devices is identical

The copied data are permanently saved in an EEPROM memory in the display and adjustment module and remain there even in case of power failure. From there, they can be written into one or more sensors or kept as backup for a possible electronics exchange.



**Note:**

Before the data are stored in the sensor, a check is carried out to determine if the data fit the sensor. If the data do not fit, a fault signal is triggered or the function is blocked. When data are being written into the sensor, the display shows which instrument type the data originate from and which TAG number this sensor had.

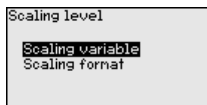


**Tip:**

We recommend to save the instrument adjustments. In case of an electronics exchange the saved parameter adjustment data relieve this process.

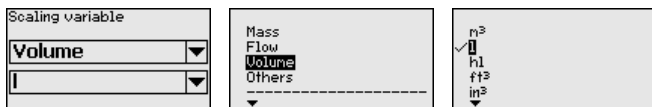
**Scaling level**

Since scaling is very extensive, scaling of the level value was divided into two menu items.



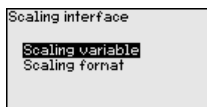
### Scaling level - Scaling prime

In menu item "Scaling variable" you define the scaling variable and the scaling unit for the level value on the display, e.g. volume in l.



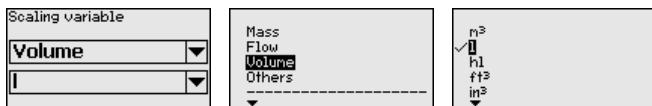
### Scaling interface

Since scaling is very extensive, scaling of the interface value was divided into two menu items.



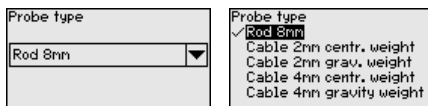
### Scaling interface - Scaling size

In menu item "Scaling variable" you define the scaling variable and the scaling unit for the interface value on the display, e.g. volume in l.



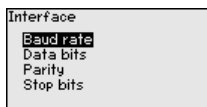
### Probe type

In this menu item you can select the type and size of your probe from a list of all possible probes. This is necessary to adapt the electronics optimally to the probe.



### Interface

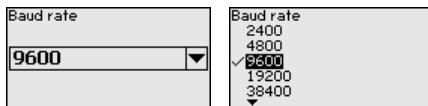
In this menu item, all settings of the instrument interfaces are collected.



### Baudrate

in this menu item you determine with which transmission speed the operates.

The adjustable Baud rate is in the range of 1200 ... 57600.



**Data bits**

In this menu item you determine how many data bits per Baud are transmitted.

You can chose between 7 and 8 bits.

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Data bits | Data bits |
| 8         | 7<br>✓ 8  |

**Parity**

In this menu item you can select if and how an extension bit can be added.

You can chose between even and odd parity or no change.

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Parity | Parity                |
| None   | ✓ None<br>Odd<br>Even |

**Stop bits**

In this menu item you can select how many stop bits are added for synchronization.

You can chose between 1 or 2 stop bits.

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Stop bits | Stop bits |
| 1         | ✓ 1<br>2  |

**Modbus**

In this menu item, all settings of the instrument interfaces are collected.

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Modbus                |
| Timeout               |
| Delayed answer        |
| Floating Point format |

**Timeout**

in this menu item you determine from which time the sensor interrupts a measured value transmission.

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Timeout | Timeout                 |
| 50 msec | 0050<br>msec<br>10 5000 |

**Response delay**

in this menu item you determine with which time delay in response the sensor operates.

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Delayed answer | Delayed answer        |
| 50 msec        | 050<br>msec<br>10 250 |

**Floating point format**

in this menu item you determine with which bit sequence the sensor operates.

|                                            |                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Floating Point format<br>ABCD (Big Endian) | Floating Point format<br>DCBA (Little Endian)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABCD (Big Endian)<br>BADC (Middle Endian)<br>CDAB |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Levelmaster

In this menu item, all settings of the Levelmaster are collected.

|                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Levelmaster<br>Delayed answer<br>Number measured values<br>Format measured value 1<br>Format measured value 2 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Response delay

in this menu item you determine with which time delay in response the sensor operates.

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Delayed answer<br>50 msec | Delayed answer<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>050</b><br/>         msec       </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>50</span> <span>250</span> </div> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Number of measured values

In this menu item you determine how many measured values are displayed.

You can have either one or two measured values displayed.

|                                            |                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number measured values<br>2 measur. values | Number measured values<br>1 measured value<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 measur. values |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Format measured value 1

In this menu item you specify the display format of the display for measured value 1.

|                                 |                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Format measured value 1<br>#.## | Format measured value 1<br>#<br>#.#<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #.##<br>#.###<br>#.#### |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Format measured value 2

In this menu item you specify the display format of the display for measured value 2.

|                                 |                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Format measured value 2<br>#.## | Format measured value 2<br>#<br>#.#<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #.##<br>#.###<br>#.#### |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### Special parameters

In this menu item you gain access to the protected area where you can enter special parameters. In exceptional cases, individual parameters can be modified in order to adapt the sensor to special requirements.

Change the settings of the special parameters only after having contacted our service staff.



### 6.5.5 Info

#### Device name

In this menu, you read out the instrument name and the instrument serial number.

#### Instrument version

In this menu item, the hardware and software version of the sensor is displayed.



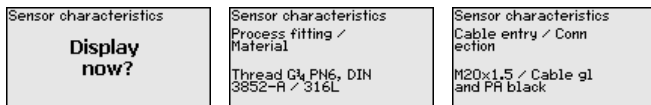
#### Factory calibration date

In this menu item, the date of factory calibration of the sensor as well as the date of the last change of sensor parameters are displayed via the display and adjustment module or via the PC.



#### Sensor characteristics

In this menu item, the features of the sensor such as approval, process fitting, seal, measuring range, electronics, housing and others are displayed.



Example for displayed sensor features.

## 6.6 Save parameter adjustment data

#### On paper

We recommend writing down the adjustment data, e.g. in this instructions manual, and archiving them afterwards. They are thus available for multiple use or service purposes.

#### Display and adjustment module

If the instrument is equipped with a display and adjustment module, the parameter adjustment data can be saved therein. The procedure is described in menu item "Copy device settings".

## 7 Set up with smartphone/tablet/PC/notebook via Bluetooth

### 7.1 Preparations

Make sure that the Bluetooth function of the display and adjustment module is activated. For this, the switch on the bottom side must be set to "On".

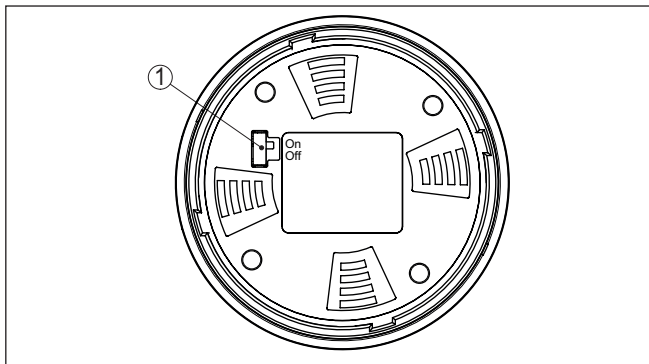


Fig. 17: Activate Bluetooth

1 Bluetooth switch

On Bluetooth active

Off Bluetooth not active

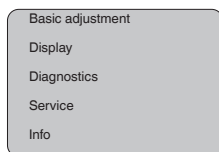
### Change sensor PIN

The security concept of Bluetooth operation absolutely requires that the default setting of the sensor PIN be changed. This prevents unauthorized access to the sensor.

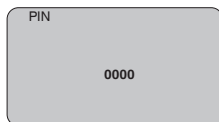
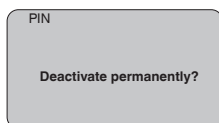
The default setting of the sensor PIN is "0000". First of all you have to change the sensor PIN in the adjustment menu of the respective sensor, e.g. to "1111".



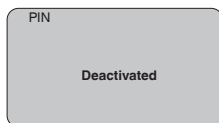
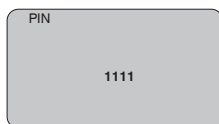
Use "OK" to switch to the input menu.



Under the menu item "Service" you can change or deactivate the device PIN.



Change the PIN, e.g. to "1111".

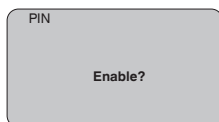


This permanently deactivates the PIN.

The display immediately changes to PIN activation.

Press "ESC" to cancel the activation of the PIN.

With "OK" you can enter and activate a PIN.



After the sensor PIN has been changed, sensor adjustment can be enabled again. For access (authentication) with Bluetooth, the modified PIN is still effective.



#### Information:

Bluetooth communication functions only if the actual sensor PIN differs from the default setting "0000".

## 7.2 Connecting

### Smartphone/Tablet

Start the adjustment app and select the function "Setup". The smartphone/tablet searches automatically for Bluetooth-capable instruments in the area.

### Preparations

## PC/Notebook

Start PACTware and the VEGA project assistant. Select the device search via Bluetooth and start the search function. The device automatically searches for Bluetooth-capable devices in the vicinity.

## Connecting

The message "Searching ..." is displayed.

All found instruments will be listed in the adjustment window. The search is continued automatically.

Select the requested instrument in the device list.

The message "Connecting ..." is displayed.

## Authenticate

For the first connection, the operating device and the sensor must authenticate each other. After successful authentication, the next connection functions without authentication.

For authentication, enter in the next menu window the 4-digit sensor PIN.

## 7.3 Sensor parameter adjustment

The sensor parameterization is carried out via the adjustment app on the smartphone/tablet or the DTM on the PC/notebook.

## App view

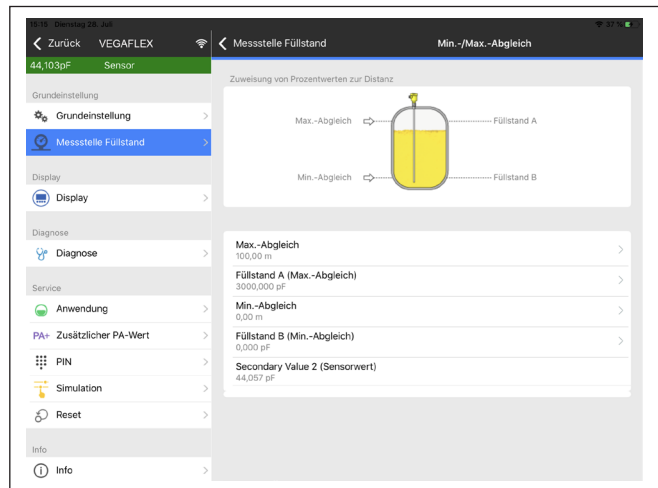


Fig. 18: Example of an app view - Setup sensor adjustment

## 8 Setting up sensor and Modbus interface with PACTware

### 8.1 Connect the PC

**To the sensor electronics** Connection of the PC to the sensor electronics is carried out via the interface adapter VEGACONNECT.

Scope of the parameter adjustment:

- Sensor electronics

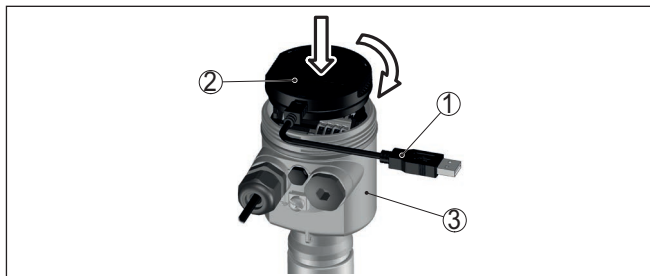


Fig. 19: Connection of the PC directly to the sensor via the interface adapter

- 1 USB cable to the PC
- 2 Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- 3 Sensor

#### To the RS 485 cable

Connection of the PC to the RS 485 cable is carried out via a standard interface adapter RS 485/USB.



#### Information:

For parameter adjustment, it is absolutely necessary to disconnect from the RTU.

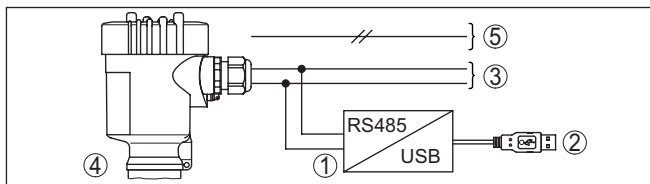


Fig. 20: Connection of the PC via the interface adapter to the RS 485 cable

- 1 Interface adapter RS 485/USB
- 2 USB cable to the PC
- 3 RS 485 cable
- 4 Sensor
- 5 Voltage supply

### 8.2 Parameter adjustment

#### Prerequisites

For parameter adjustment of the instrument via a Windows PC, the configuration software PACTware and a suitable instrument driver (DTM) according to FDT standard are required. The latest PACTware version as well as all available DTMs are compiled in a DTM Collec-

tion. The DTMs can also be integrated into other frame applications according to FDT standard.



#### Note:

To ensure that all instrument functions are supported, you should always use the latest DTM Collection. Please note that not all of the functions described may be available in older device software. You can download the latest instrument software from our homepage. A description of the update procedure is also available in the Internet.

Further setup steps are described in the operating instructions manual "DTM Collection/PACTware" attached to each DTM Collection and which can also be downloaded from the Internet. Detailed descriptions are available in the online help of PACTware and the DTMs.

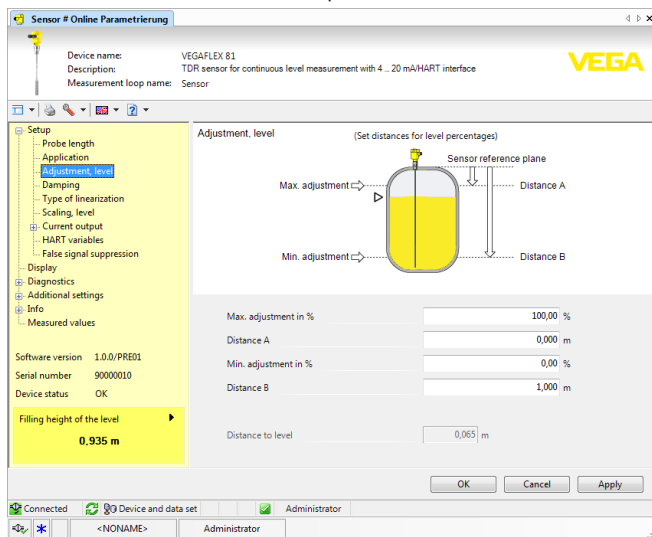


Fig. 21: Example of a DTM view

### 8.3 Set instrument address

The VEGAFLEX 83 requires an address for participating as a Slave in the Modbus communication. The address setting is carried out via a PC with PACTware/DTM or Modbus RTU.

The default settings for the address are:

- Mobus: 246
- Levelmaster: 31

#### Via PC through Modbus electronics

Start the project assistant and wait until the project tree has been set up. Then, in the project tree, go to the symbol for the Modbus gateway. Select with the right mouse key "Parameter", then "Online parameter adjustment" and start the DTM for the Modbus electronics.

In the menu bar of the DTM, go to the list arrow next to the symbol for "Screwdriver". Select the menu item "Change address in the instrument" and set the requested address.

#### Via PC through RS 485 cable

In the device catalogue, select the option "Modbus Serial" under "Driver". Double click on this driver and integrate it into the project tree.

Open the device manager on your PC and find out which COM interface the USB/RS 485 adapter is located on. Then go to the symbol "Modbus COM." in the project tree. Select "Parameter" with the right mouse key and start the DTM for the USB/RS 485 adapter. Enter the COM interface no. from the device manager under "Basic settings".

Select with the right mouse key "Additional functions" and "Instrument search". The DTM then searches for the connected Modbus participants and integrates them into the project tree. Now, in the project tree, go to the symbol for the Modbus gateway. Select with the right mouse key "Parameter", then "Online parameter setting" and start the DTM for the Modbus electronics.

In the menu bar of the DTM, go to the list arrow next to the symbol for "Screwdriver". Select the menu item "Change address in the instrument" and set the requested address.

Then move again to the symbol "Modbus COM." in the project tree. Select with the right mouse key "Additional functions" and "Change DTM addresses". Enter here the modified address of the Modbus gateway.

#### Via Modbus-RTU

The instrument address is set in register no. 200 of the Holding Register (see chapter "Modbus register" in this operating instructions manual).

The procedure depends on the respective Modbus-RTU and the configuration tool.

## 8.4 Set up with the quick setup

#### General information

The quick setup is another option for parameter adjustment of the sensor. It allows fast, convenient adjustment of the most important parameters to adapt the sensor quickly to standard applications. To use it, select the function "Quick setup" in the start screen.

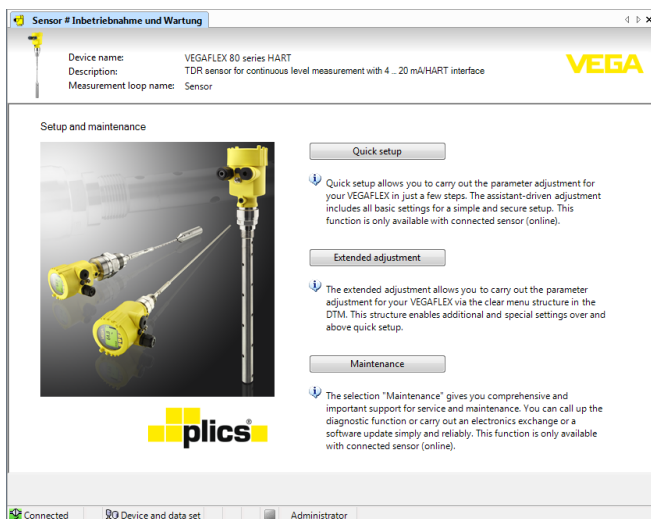


Fig. 22: Select quick setup

- 1 Quick setup
- 2 Extended adjustment
- 3 Maintenance

### Quick setup

With quick setup you can carry out the parameter adjustment of VEGAFLEX 83 for your application in just a few simple steps. The assistant-driven adjustment includes the basic settings for simple, reliable setup and commissioning.



#### Information:

If the function is inactive, then possibly no instrument is connected. Check the connection to the instrument.

### Extended adjustment

With the extended adjustment, you carry out the parameter adjustment for the instrument via the clear menu structure in the DTM (Device Type Manager). This enables additional and special settings over and above those offered by quick setup.

### Maintenance

Under the menu item "Maintenance" you get comprehensive and important support for servicing and maintenance. You can call up diagnostic functions and carry out an electronics exchange or a software update.

#### Start quick setup

Click to the button "Quick setup", to start the assistant-driven adjustment for a simplified and reliable setup.

## **8.5 Save parameter adjustment data**

It is recommended to document or save the parameter adjustment data. That way they are available for multiple use or service purposes.

## 9 Diagnosis, asset management and service

### 9.1 Maintenance

#### Maintenance

If the device is used properly, no special maintenance is required in normal operation.

#### Cleaning

The cleaning helps that the type label and markings on the instrument are visible.

Take note of the following:

- Use only cleaning agents which do not corrode the housings, type label and seals
- Use only cleaning methods corresponding to the housing protection rating

### 9.2 Measured value and event memory

The instrument has several memories available for diagnostic purposes. The data remain there even in case of voltage interruption.

#### Measured value memory

Up to 100,000 measured values can be stored in the sensor in a ring memory. Each entry contains date/time as well as the respective measured value. Storable values are for example:

- Distance
- Filling height
- Percentage value
- Lin. percent
- Scaled
- Current value
- Measurement reliability
- Electronics temperature

When the instrument is shipped, the measured value memory is active and stores distance, measurement reliability and electronics temperature every 3 minutes.

In "Extended adjustment" you can select the respective measured values.

The requested values and recording conditions are set via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD. Data are thus read out and also reset.

#### Event memory

Up to 500 events are automatically stored with a time stamp in the sensor (non-deletable). Each entry contains date/time, event type, event description and value.

Event types are for example:

- Modification of a parameter
- Switch-on and switch-off times
- Status messages (according to NE 107)
- Error messages (according to NE 107)

The data are read out via a PC with PACTware/DTM or the control system with EDD.

## Echo curve memory

The echo curves are stored with date and time and the corresponding echo data. The memory is divided into two sections:

**Echo curve of the setup:** This is used as reference echo curve for the measurement conditions during setup. Changes in the measurement conditions during operation or buildup on the sensor can thus be recognized. The echo curve of the setup is stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD
- Display and adjustment module

**Further echo curves:** Up to 10 echo curves can be stored in a ring buffer in this memory section. Additional echo curves are stored via:

- PC with PACTware/DTM
- Control system with EDD
- Display and adjustment module

## 9.3 Asset Management function

The instrument features self-monitoring and diagnostics according to NE 107 and VDI/VDE 2650. In addition to the status messages in the following tables there are more detailed error messages available under the menu item "Diagnostics" via the respective adjustment module.

## Status messages

The status messages are divided into the following categories:

- Failure
- Function check
- Out of specification
- Maintenance required

and explained by pictographs:

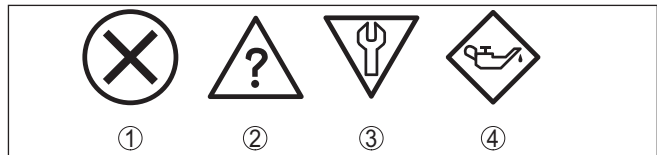


Fig. 23: Pictographs of the status messages

- 1 Failure - red
- 2 Out of specification - yellow
- 3 Function check - orange
- 4 Maintenance required - blue

### Malfunction (Failure):

Due to a malfunction in the instrument, a fault signal is output.

This status message is always active. It cannot be deactivated by the user.

### Function check:

The instrument is being worked on, the measured value is temporarily invalid (for example during simulation).

This status message is inactive by default.

## Out of specification:

The measured value is unreliable because an instrument specification was exceeded (e.g. electronics temperature).

This status message is inactive by default.

## Maintenance required:

Due to external influences, the instrument function is limited. The measurement is affected, but the measured value is still valid. Plan in maintenance for the instrument because a failure is expected in the near future (e.g. due to buildup).

This status message is inactive by default.

## Failure (failure)

| Code<br>Text message                     | Cause                                                                                          | Rectification                                                                                                               | DevSpec<br>Diagnosis Bits |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| F013<br>no measured value available      | Sensor does not detect an echo during operation<br>Antenna system dirty or defective           | Check for correct mounting and/or parameter adjustment<br>Clean or exchange process component or antenna                    | Bit 0                     |
| F017<br>Adjustment span too small        | Adjustment not within specification                                                            | Change adjustment according to the limit values (difference between min. and max. $\geq 10$ mm)                             | Bit 1                     |
| F025<br>Error in the linearization table | Index markers are not continuously rising, for example illogical value pairs                   | Check linearization table<br>Delete table/Create new                                                                        | Bit 2                     |
| F036<br>No operable software             | Failed or interrupted software update                                                          | Repeat software update<br>Check electronics version<br>Exchanging the electronics<br>Send instrument for repair             | Bit 3                     |
| F040<br>Error in the electronics         | Hardware defect                                                                                | Exchanging the electronics<br>Send instrument for repair                                                                    | Bit 4                     |
| F041<br>Probe loss                       | Cable probe broken or rod probe defective                                                      | Check probe and exchange, if necessary                                                                                      | Bit 13                    |
| F080<br>General software error           | General software error                                                                         | Disconnect operating voltage briefly                                                                                        | Bit 5                     |
| F105<br>Measured value is determined     | The instrument is still in the switch-on phase, the measured value could not yet be determined | Wait for the end of the switch-on phase<br>Duration up to approx. 3 minutes depending on the version and parameter settings | Bit 6                     |
| F113<br>Communication error              | Error in the internal instrument communication                                                 | Disconnect operating voltage briefly<br>Send instrument for repair                                                          | -                         |

| Code<br>Text message                          | Cause                                                                                                            | Rectification                                                                                           | DevSpec<br>Diagnosis Bits |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| F125<br>Impermissible electronics temperature | Temperature of the electronics in the non-specified range                                                        | Check ambient temperature<br>Insulate electronics<br>Use instrument with higher temperature range       | Bit 7                     |
| F260<br>Error in the calibration              | Error in the calibration carried out in the factory<br>Error in the EEPROM                                       | Exchanging the electronics<br>Send instrument for repair                                                | Bit 8                     |
| F261<br>Error in the instrument settings      | Error during setup<br>False signal suppression faulty<br>Error when carrying out a reset                         | Repeat setup<br>Repeat reset                                                                            | Bit 9                     |
| F264<br>Installation/Set-up error             | Adjustment not within the vessel height/measuring range<br>Max. measuring range of the instrument not sufficient | Check for correct mounting and/or parameter adjustment<br>Use an instrument with bigger measuring range | Bit 10                    |
| F265<br>Measurement function disturbed        | Sensor no longer carries out a measurement<br>Operating voltage too low                                          | Check operating voltage<br>Carry out a reset<br>Disconnect operating voltage briefly                    | Bit 11                    |
| F266<br>Impermissible operating voltage       | Wrong operating voltage                                                                                          | Check operating voltage<br>Check connection cables                                                      | Bit 14                    |
| F267<br>No executable sensor software         | Sensor cannot start                                                                                              | Exchanging the electronics<br>Send instrument for repair                                                | -                         |

Tab. 6: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

**Function check**

| Code<br>Text message      | Cause                  | Rectification                                                  | DevSpec<br>State in CMD 48                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| C700<br>Simulation active | A simulation is active | Finish simulation<br>Wait for the automatic end after 60 mins. | "Simulation Active" in "Standardized Status 0" |

Tab. 7: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

**Out of specification**

| Code<br>Text message                          | Cause                                                                  | Rectification                                                                                     | DevSpec<br>State in CMD 48 |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| S600<br>Impermissible electronics temperature | Temperature of the processing electronics in the non-specified section | Check ambient temperature<br>Insulate electronics<br>Use instrument with higher temperature range | Bit 8 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |

| Code<br>Text message                                     | Cause                                       | Rectification                                                                                                                                            | DevSpec<br>State in CMD 48  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S601<br>Overfilling                                      | Level echo in the close range not available | Reduce level<br>100 % adjustment: Increase value<br>Check mounting socket<br>Remove possible interfering signals in the close range<br>Use coaxial probe | Bit 9 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24  |
| S602<br>Level within the search range, compensation echo | Compensation echo superimposed by medium    | 100 % adjustment: Increase value                                                                                                                         | Bit 10 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
| S603<br>Impermissible operating voltage                  | Operating voltage below specified range     | Check electrical connection<br>If necessary, increase operating voltage                                                                                  | Bit 11 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |

Tab. 8: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

## Maintenance

| Code<br>Text message                                | Cause                                                                                    | Rectification                                                                | DevSpec<br>State in CMD 48 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| M500<br>Error in the delivery status                | The data could not be restored during the reset to delivery status                       | Repeat reset<br>Load XML file with sensor data into the sensor               | Bit 0 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
| M501<br>Error in the non-active linearisation table | Index markers are not continuously rising, for example illogical value pairs             | Check linearization table<br>Delete table/Create new                         | Bit 1 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
| M504<br>Error at a device interface                 | Hardware defect                                                                          | Exchanging the electronics<br>Send instrument for repair                     | Bit 4 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
| M505<br>no measured value available                 | Sensor does not detect an echo during operation                                          | Check and correct mounting and/or parameter adjustment                       | Bit 5 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
|                                                     | Process component or probe contaminated or defective                                     | Clean or exchange process component or probe                                 |                            |
| M506<br>Installation/Set-up error                   | Error during setup                                                                       | Check and correct mounting and/or parameter adjustment<br>Check probe length | Bit 6 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |
| M507<br>Error in the instrument settings            | Error during setup<br>Error when carrying out a reset<br>False signal suppression faulty | Carry out reset and repeat setup                                             | Bit 7 of<br>Byte 14 ... 24 |

Tab. 9: Error codes and text messages, information on causes as well as corrective measures

## 9.4 Rectify faults

### Reaction when malfunction occurs

The operator of the system is responsible for taking suitable measures to rectify faults.

## Fault rectification

The first measures are:

- Evaluation of fault messages
- Checking the output signal
- Treatment of measurement errors

A smartphone/tablet with the adjustment app or a PC/notebook with the software PACTware and the suitable DTM offer you further comprehensive diagnostic possibilities. In many cases, the causes can be determined in this way and the faults eliminated.

## Treatment of measurement errors

The below tables show typical examples for application-relevant measurement errors. There are two measurement errors:

- Constant level
- Filling
- Emptying

The images in column "Error pattern" show the real level as a broken line and the level displayed by the sensor as a continuous line.

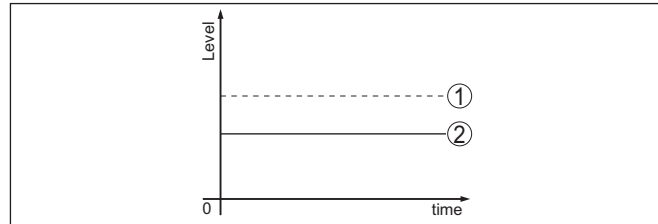


Fig. 24: The broken line 1 shows the real level, the continuous line 2 shows the level displayed by the sensor

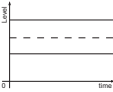


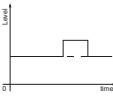
### Note:

If the output level is constant, the cause could also be the fault setting of the output to "Hold value".

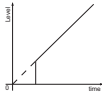
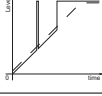
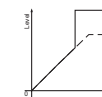
If the level is too low, the reason could be a line resistance that is too high

## Measurement error with constant level

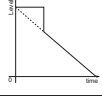
| Fault description                                                                                                                       | Cause                                                                                  | Rectification              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Measured value shows a too low or too high level<br> | Min./max. adjustment not correct                                                       | Adapt min./max. adjustment |
|                                                                                                                                         | Incorrect linearization curve                                                          | Adapt linearization curve  |
|                                                                                                                                         | Running time error (small measurement error close to 100 %/serious error close to 0 %) | Repeat setup               |

| Fault description                                                                                                       | Cause                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Rectification                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Measured value jumps towards 100 %<br> | Due to the process, the amplitude of the product echo decreases<br>A false signal suppression was not carried out<br>Amplitude or position of a false signal has changed (e.g. buildup); false signal suppression no longer matches | Carry out a false signal suppression<br><br>Determine the reason for the changed false signals, carry out false signal suppression, e.g. with buildup |

## Measurement error during filling

| Fault description                                                                                                                                                                    | Cause                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Rectification                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Measured value remains in the area of the bottom during filling<br>                                 | Echo from the probe end larger than the product echo, for example, with products with $\epsilon_r < 2.5$ oil-based, solvents, etc.                                                                                                        | Check parameter "Medium" and "Vessel height", adapt if necessary                                                                          |
| Measured value remains momentarily unchanged during filling and then jumps to the correct level<br> | Turbulence on the medium surface, quick filling                                                                                                                                                                                           | Check parameters, change if necessary, e.g. in dosing vessel, reactor                                                                     |
| Measured value jumps sporadically to 100 % during filling<br>                                      | Changing condensation or contamination on the probe                                                                                                                                                                                       | Carry out a false signal suppression                                                                                                      |
| Measured value jumps to $\geq 100\%$ or 0 m distance<br>                                          | Level echo is no longer detected in the close range due to false signals in the close range. The sensor goes into overflow protection mode. The max. level (0 m distance) as well as the status message "Overflow protection" are output. | Eliminate false signals in the close range<br>Check installation conditions<br>If possible, switch off the function "Overflow protection" |

## Measurement error during emptying

| Fault description                                                                                                                                          | Cause                                                           | Rectification                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Measured value remains unchanged in the close range during emptying<br> | False signal larger than the level echo<br>Level echo too small | Eliminate false signals in the close range<br>Remove contamination on the probe. After having removed the source of the false signals, the false signal suppression must be deleted.<br>Carry out a new false signal suppression |

| Fault description                                                                                                                                                      | Cause                                                                           | Rectification                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Measured value remains re-<br/>producible in one position<br/>during emptying</p>  | <p>Stored false signals in this position are<br/>larger than the level echo</p> | <p>Delete false signal suppression<br/>Carry out a new false signal suppression</p> |

### Reaction after fault recti- fication

Depending on the reason for the fault and the measures taken, the steps described in chapter "Setup" must be carried out again or must be checked for plausibility and completeness.

### 24 hour service hotline

Should these measures not be successful, please call in urgent cases the VEGA service hotline under the phone no. **+49 1805 858550**.

The hotline is also available outside normal working hours, seven days a week around the clock.

Since we offer this service worldwide, the support is provided in English. The service itself is free of charge, the only costs involved are the normal call charges.

## 9.5 Exchanging the electronics module

If the electronics module is defective, it can be replaced by the user.



In Ex applications, only instruments and electronics modules with appropriate Ex approval may be used.

If there is no electronics module available on site, the electronics module can be ordered through the agency serving you. The electronics modules are adapted to the respective sensor and differ in signal output or voltage supply.

The new electronics module must be loaded with the default settings of the sensor. These are the options:

- In the factory
- Or on site by the user

In both cases, the serial number of the sensor is needed. The serial numbers are stated on the type label of the instrument, on the inside of the housing as well as on the delivery note.

When loading on site, the order data must first be downloaded from the Internet (see operating instructions "Electronics module").



### Information:

All application-specific settings must be entered again. That's why you have to carry out a fresh setup after exchanging the electronics.

If you saved the parameter settings during the first setup of the sensor, you can transfer them to the replacement electronics module. A fresh setup is then not necessary.

## Exchanging the rod

### 9.6 Exchanging the rod

The rod (meas. part) of the probe can be exchanged, if necessary. To loosen the meas. rod you need a fork spanner with spanner width 10.



#### Caution:

Remember that the polished rod of the food version is very sensitive to damage and scratching. Use special tools in order to avoid damaging the surface.

1. Loosen the rod by applying a fork spanner to the flat surfaces (SW 10), provide counterforce manually on the process fitting
2. Screw out the loosened measuring rod by hand
3. Push the enclosed new seal ring onto the thread.
4. Screw the new rod carefully by hand onto the thread on the process fitting.
5. Exert counterforce manually and tighten the rod on the flat surfaces with a torque of 4.5 Nm (3.32 lbf ft).

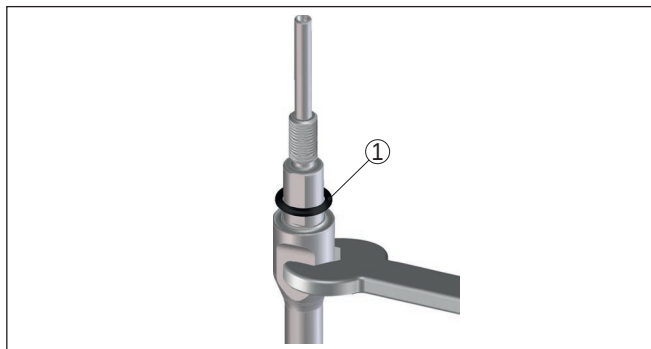


Fig. 25: Exchanging the measuring rod

1 Seal ring



#### Information:

Please maintain the specified torque so that the max. tensile strength of the connection remains.

6. Enter new probe length and if necessary the new probe type and then carry out a fresh adjustment (see "Setup procedure, Carrying out min. adjustment - Carrying out max. adjustment").

### 9.7 Exchanging the seal

## Exchanging the seal

If necessary, the seal of the probe can be exchanged.

You can exchange the seal in case of wear or replace the existing seal for resistance reasons against a seal of another material. If you have to remove the process fitting of the probe for cleaning purposes, then you also have to use a new seal.

To loosen the measuring rod, you need a size 10 wrench.

**Note:**

Instruments with 3A manufacturer declaration have to be specially sealed. Such instruments must therefore be returned to the factory when a seal replacement is necessary.

Three different seal sets are available. They contain the seals for the process fitting and the measuring rod. For segmented rods, several seals for the measuring rod are included.

Exchange the seal whenever you loosen connection.

- EPDM (Freudenberg 70, EPDM 291), -20 ... +130 °C
- FFKM (Kalrez 6221), -20 ... +150 °C
- FEPM (Vi 602 Extreme-ETP, COG), -10 ... +150 °C

**Caution:**

Remember that the polished rod of the food version is very sensitive to damage and scratching. Use special tools in order to avoid damaging the surface.

1. Loosen the rod by applying a fork spanner to the flat surfaces (SW 10), provide counterforce manually on the process fitting
2. Screw out the loosened measuring rod by hand
3. Push the enclosed new rod seal ring (9.25 x 1.78) onto the thread of the measuring rod.

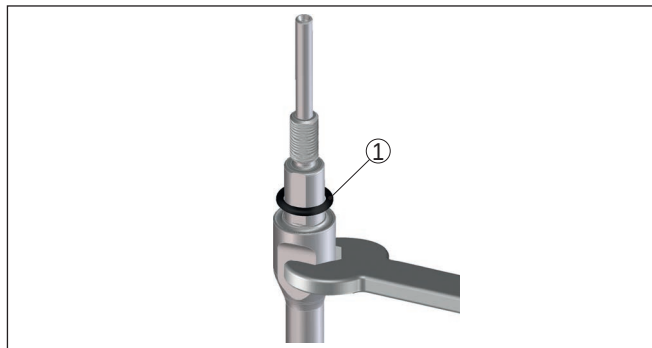


Fig. 26: Remove measuring rod

1 Sealing ring (9.25 x 1.78)

4. Loosen process fitting with a suitable wrench.
5. Unscrew the process fitting manually from the sensor.
6. Remove the old process seal out of the process fitting.
7. Insert the attached new process seal ring (15.54 x 2.62) into the process fitting.

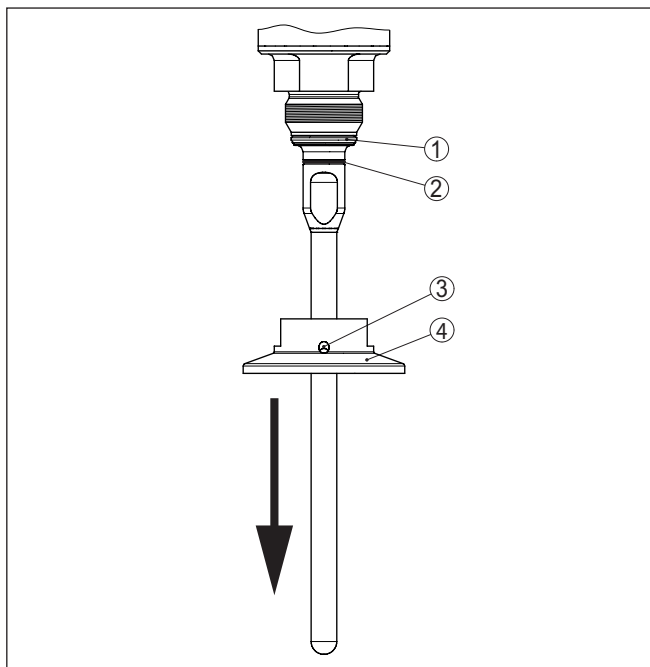


Fig. 27: Seal - Process fitting

- 1 Process seal
- 2 Rod seal
- 3 Hole for leakage detection
- 4 Process fitting, e.g. Clamp

8. Screw the process fitting by hand onto the thread of the sensor.
9. Tighten the process fitting with a suitable wrench with a torque of 20 Nm (14.75 lbf ft).
10. Screw the rod carefully by hand into the thread on the process fitting.
11. Exert counterforce manually and tighten the rod on the flat surfaces with a torque of max. 4.5 Nm (3.32 lbf ft).



**Information:**

Please maintain the specified torque so that the max. tensile strength of the connection remains.

## 9.8 Software update

The following components are required to update the instrument software:

- Instrument
- Voltage supply
- Interface adapter VEGACONNECT
- PC with PACTware

- Current instrument software as file

You can find the current instrument software as well as detailed information on the procedure in the download area of our homepage: [www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com).

You can find information about the installation in the download file.

**Caution:**

Instruments with approvals can be bound to certain software versions. Therefore make sure that the approval is still effective after a software update is carried out.

You can find detailed information in the download area at [www.vega.com](http://www.vega.com).

## 9.9 How to proceed if a repair is necessary

On our homepage you will find detailed information on how to proceed in the event of a repair.

So that we can carry out the repair quickly and without queries, generate a instrument return form there with the data of your device.

The following is required:

- The serial number of the instrument
- A short description of the fault
- Details of the medium, if applicable

Print the generated instrument return form.

Clean the instrument and pack it damage-proof.

Send the printed instrument return form and possibly a safety data sheet together with the device.

You will find the address for the return on the generated instrument return form.

## 10 Dismount

### 10.1 Dismounting steps

To remove the device, carry out the steps in chapters "*Mounting*" and "*Connecting to power supply*" in reverse.



**Warning:**

When dismantling, pay attention to the process conditions in vessels or pipelines. There is a risk of injury, e.g. due to high pressures or temperatures as well as aggressive or toxic media. Avoid this by taking appropriate protective measures.

### 10.2 Disposal



Pass the instrument on to a specialised recycling company and do not use the municipal collecting points.

Remove any batteries in advance, if they can be removed from the device, and dispose of them separately.

If personal data is stored on the old device to be disposed of, delete it before disposal.

If you have no way to dispose of the old instrument properly, please contact us concerning return and disposal.

## 11 Certificates and approvals

### 11.1 Approvals for Ex areas

Approved versions for use in hazardous areas are available or in preparation for the device or the device series.

You can find the relevant documents on our homepage.

### 11.2 Conformity

The device complies with the legal requirements of the applicable country-specific directives or technical regulations. We confirm conformity with the corresponding labelling.

The corresponding conformity declarations can be found on our homepage.

### 11.3 NAMUR recommendations

NAMUR is the automation technology user association in the process industry in Germany. The published NAMUR recommendations are accepted as the standard in field instrumentation.

The device fulfils the requirements of the following NAMUR recommendations:

- NE 21 – Electromagnetic compatibility of equipment
- NE 43 – Signal level for fault information from measuring transducers
- NE 53 – Compatibility of field devices and display/adjustment components
- NE 107 – Self-monitoring and diagnosis of field devices

For further information see [www.namur.de](http://www.namur.de).

### 11.4 Environment management system

Protection of the environment is one of our most important duties. That is why we have introduced an environment management system with the goal of continuously improving company environmental protection. The environment management system is certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001.

Help us to meet these requirements and observe the environmental instructions in the chapters "*Packaging, transport and storage*", "*Disposal*" of this instructions manual.

## 12 Supplement

### 12.1 Technical data

#### Note for approved instruments

The technical data in the respective safety instructions which are included in delivery are valid for approved instruments (e.g. with Ex approval). These data can differ from the data listed herein, for example regarding the process conditions or the voltage supply.

All approval documents can be downloaded from our homepage.

#### General data

316L corresponds to 1.4404 or 1.4435

Materials, wetted parts

- |                                                            |                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| – Process fitting                                          | 316L and PEEK<br>Alloy C22 (2.4602) and PEEK                                                                      |
| – Process seal on the instrument side<br>(rod leadthrough) | FFKM (Kalrez 6375)<br>FFKM (Perlast G75B)<br>EPDM (Freudenberg 70 EPDM 291)<br>FEPM (Vi 602 Extreme-ETP, Fa. COG) |
| – Process seal                                             | On site                                                                                                           |
| – Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished                         | 316L (only 1.4435), (Basle Standard)<br>Alloy C22 (2.4602)                                                        |

Surface quality<sup>1)</sup>

- |                                    |                                           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| – Polished (Basel Standard)        | $R_a < 0.76 \mu\text{m}$ ( $3^{-5}$ in)   |
| – Electropolished (Basel Standard) | $R_a < 0.38 \mu\text{m}$ ( $1.5^{-5}$ in) |

Materials, non-wetted parts

- |                                                 |                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| – Plastic housing                               | Plastic PBT (Polyester)                                                 |
| – Aluminium die-cast housing                    | Aluminium die-casting AlSi10Mg, powder-coated (Basis: Polyester)        |
| – Stainless steel housing (precision casting)   | 316L                                                                    |
| – Stainless steel housing (electropolished)     | 316L                                                                    |
| – Seal between housing and housing lid          | Silicone SI 850 R                                                       |
| – Inspection window in housing cover (optional) | Plastic housing: Polycarbonate (UL746-C listed)<br>Metal housing: Glass |
| – Ground terminal                               | 316L                                                                    |
| – Cable gland, blind plug cable gland           | PA, stainless steel, brass                                              |
| – Sealing, cable gland                          | CR/NBR                                                                  |

Conductive connection

Between ground terminal, process fitting and probe

Process fittings

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| – Clamp | from 2" |
|---------|---------|

<sup>1)</sup> All wetted parts.

– Slotted nut from DN 32 PN 40

#### Weight

– Instrument weight (depending on process fitting) approx. 0.8 ... 8 kg (0.176 ... 17.64 lbs)

– Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished approx. 400 g/m (4.3 oz/ft)

#### Probe length L (from seal surface)

– Rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished up to 4 m (13.12 ft) - also possible for segmented rods

– Trimming accuracy (rod)  $\pm 1 \text{ mm} + 0.05 \% \text{ of the rod length}$

Lateral load with rod: ø 8 mm (0.315 in), polished 10 Nm (7.38 lbf ft)

Torque for exchangeable rod probe (in the process fitting) max. 4.5 Nm (3.32 lbf ft)

#### Torque for NPT cable glands and Conduit tubes

– Plastic housing max. 10 Nm (7.376 lbf ft)

– Aluminium/Stainless steel housing max. 50 Nm (36.88 lbf ft)

#### Input variable

Measured variable Level of liquids

Min. dielectric constant of the medium  $\geq 1.6$

#### Output variable

##### Output

– Physical layer Digital output signal according to standard EIA-485

– Bus specifications Modbus Application Protocol V1.1b3, Modbus over serial line V1.02

– Data protocols Modbus RTU, Modbus ASCII, Levelmaster

Max. transmission rate 57.6 Kbit/s

#### Measurement accuracy (according to DIN EN 60770-1)

##### Process reference conditions according to DIN EN 61298-1

– Temperature  $+18 \dots +30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $+64 \dots +86 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

– Relative humidity 45 ... 75 %

– Air pressure  $+860 \dots +1060 \text{ mbar}/+86 \dots +106 \text{ kPa}$   
( $+12.5 \dots +15.4 \text{ psig}$ )

##### Mounting, reference conditions

– Min. distance to internal installations  $> 500 \text{ mm}$  (19.69 in)

– Vessel metallic, ø 1 m (3.281 ft), centric mounting, process fitting flush with the vessel ceiling

– Medium Water/Oil (dielectric constant  $\sim 2.0$ )<sup>2)</sup>

– Mounting Probe end does not touch the vessel bottom

Sensor parameter adjustment No gating out of false signals carried out

<sup>2)</sup> With interface measurement = 2.0.

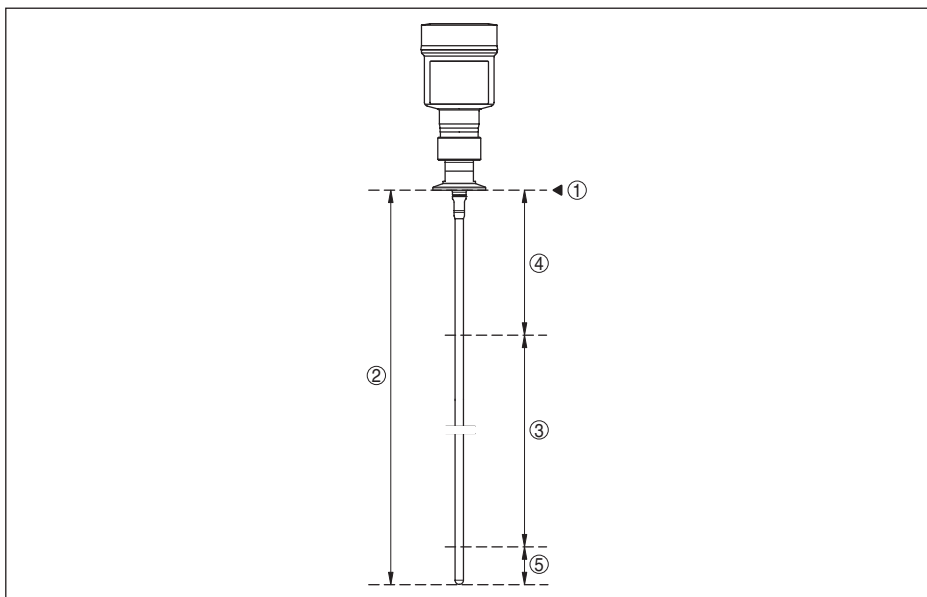


Fig. 28: Measuring ranges - VEGAFLEX 83

- 1 Reference plane
- 2 Probe length  $L$
- 3 Measuring range (default setting refers to the measuring range in water)
- 4 Upper blocking distance (see following diagrams - grey section)
- 5 Lower blocking distance (see following diagrams - grey section)

Typical deviation - Interface measurement  $\pm 5 \text{ mm (0.197 in)}$

Typical deviation - Total level interface measurement See following diagrams

Typical deviation - Level measurement<sup>3)4)</sup> See following diagrams

<sup>3)</sup> Depending on the mounting conditions, deviations can occur which can be rectified by adapting the adjustment or changing the measured value offset in the DTM service mode.

<sup>4)</sup> The blocking distances can be optimized via a false signal suppression.

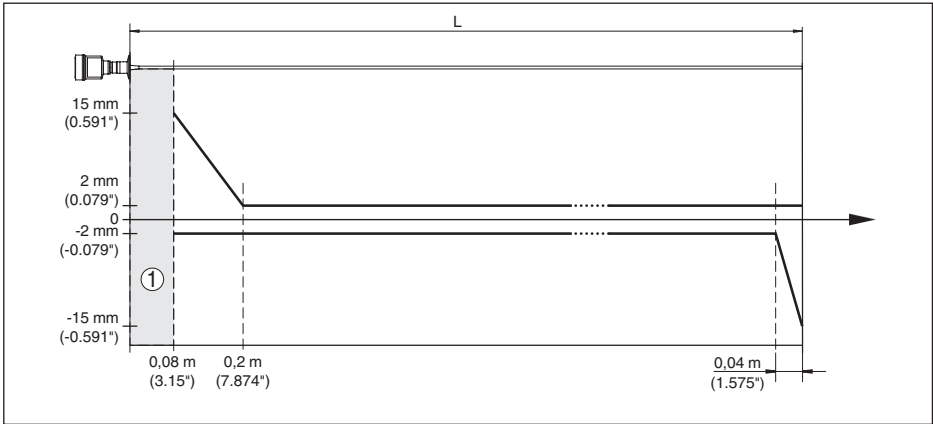


Fig. 29: Deviation VEGAFLEX 83 in rod version in water

1 Blocking distance (no measurement possible in this area)  
L Probe length

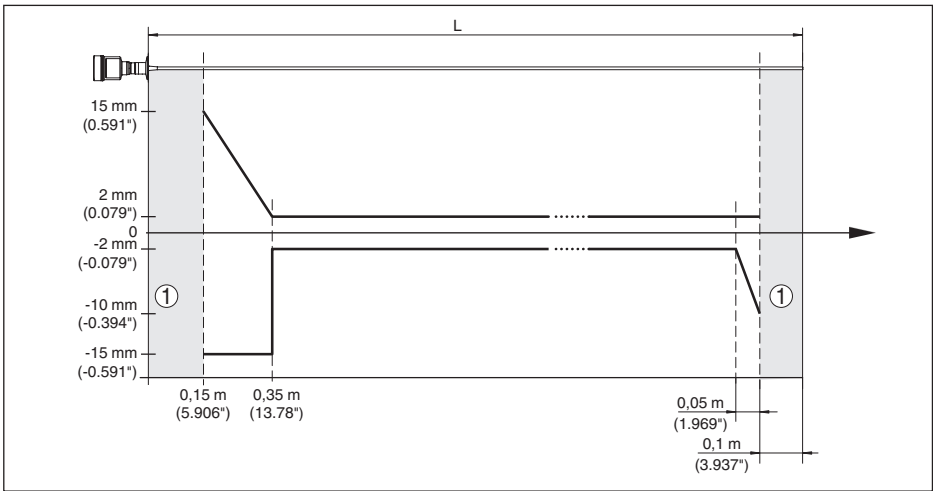


Fig. 30: Deviation VEGAFLEX 83 in rod version in oil

1 Blocking distance (no measurement possible in this area)  
L Probe length

Non-repeatability  $\leq \pm 1 \text{ mm}$

### Variables influencing measurement accuracy

Temperature drift - Digital output  $\pm 3 \text{ mm}/10 \text{ K}$  relating to the max. measuring range or max. 10 mm (0.394 in)

Additional deviation through electromagnetic interference acc. to EN 61326  $< \pm 10 \text{ mm}$  ( $< \pm 0.394 \text{ in}$ )

### Influence of the superimposed gas and pressure on measurement accuracy

The propagation speed of the radar impulses in gas or vapour above the medium is reduced by high pressure. This effect depends on the superimposed gas or vapours.

The following table shows the resulting deviation for some typical gases and vapours. The specified values refer to the distance. Positive values mean that the measured distance is too large, negative values that the measured distance is too small.

| Gas phase               | Temperature     | Pressure          |                   |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                         |                 | 1 bar (14.5 psig) | 10 bar (145 psig) | 50 bar (725 psig) |
| Air                     | 20 °C (68 °F)   | 0 %               | 0.22 %            | 1.2 %             |
|                         | 200 °C (392 °F) | -0.01 %           | 0.13 %            | 0.74 %            |
|                         | 400 °C (752 °F) | -0.02 %           | 0.08 %            | 0.52 %            |
| Hydrogen                | 20 °C (68 °F)   | -0.01 %           | 0.1 %             | 0.61 %            |
|                         | 200 °C (392 °F) | -0.02 %           | 0.05 %            | 0.37 %            |
|                         | 400 °C (752 °F) | -0.02 %           | 0.03 %            | 0.25 %            |
| Steam (saturated steam) | 100 °C (212 °F) | 0.26 %            | -                 | -                 |
|                         | 180 °C (356 °F) | 0.17 %            | 2.1 %             | -                 |
|                         | 264 °C (507 °F) | 0.12 %            | 1.44 %            | 9.2 %             |
|                         | 366 °C (691 °F) | 0.07 %            | 1.01 %            | 5.7 %             |

### Characteristics and performance data

|                                  |                                                                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Measuring cycle time             | < 500 ms                                                       |
| Step response time <sup>5)</sup> | ≤ 3 s                                                          |
| Max. filling/emptying speed      | 1 m/min                                                        |
|                                  | Products with high dielectric constant (> 10) up to 5 m/minute |

### Ambient conditions

Ambient, storage and transport temperature -40 ... +80 °C (-40 ... +176 °F)

### Process conditions

For the process conditions, please also note the specifications on the type label. The lowest value always applies.

The measurement error through the process conditions in the specified pressure and temperature range is < 1 %.

Process pressure -1 ... +16 bar/-100 ... +1600 kPa (-14.5 ... +232 psig), depending on the process fitting

<sup>5)</sup> Time span after a sudden measuring distance change by max. 0.5 m in liquid applications, max 2 m with bulk solids applications, until the output signal has taken for the first time 90 % of the final value (IEC 61298-2).

Vessel pressure relating to the flange nominal pressure stage see supplementary instructions manual "*Flanges according to DIN-EN-ASME-JIS*"

Process temperature (thread or flange temperature)

- FFKM (Kalrez 6221) -20 ... +150 °C (-4 ... +302 °F)
- FFKM (Perlast G 74 S) -15 ... +150 °C (+5 ... +302 °F)
- EPDM (Freudenberg 70, EPDM 291) -20 ... +130 °C (-4 ... +266 °F)
- FEPM (Vi 602 Extreme-ETP, Fa. COG) -10 ... +150 °C (+14 ... +302 °F)

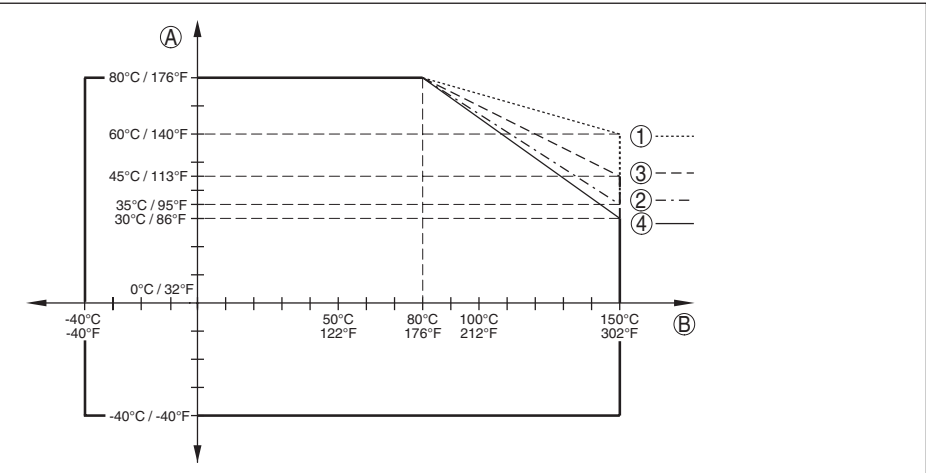


Fig. 31: Ambient temperature - process temperature, standard version

- A Ambient temperature  
 B Process temperature (depending on the seal material)  
 1 Aluminium housing  
 2 Plastic housing  
 3 Stainless steel housing (precision casting)  
 4 Stainless steel housing (electropolished)

### SIP process temperature (SIP = Sterilization in place)

Seals suitable for vapour: FFKM (Kalrez 6621) or EPDM (Freudenberg 70 EPDM 291)

Vapour stratification up to 2 h +150 °C (+302 °F)

### Mechanical stress

Vibration resistance

- Rod probe 1 g with 5 ... 200 Hz according EN 60068-2-6 (vibration at resonance) with rod length 50 cm (19.69 in)

Shock resistance

- Rod probe 25 g, 6 ms according to EN 60068-2-27 (mechanical shock) with rod length 50 cm (19.69 in)

### Electromechanical data - version IP67

Options of the cable entry

- Cable entry M20 x 1.5; ½ NPT

- Cable gland M20 x 1.5; ½ NPT (cable ø see below table)
- Blind plug M20 x 1.5; ½ NPT
- Closing cap ½ NPT

| Material cable gland | Cable diameter |            |             |             |              |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      | 4.5 ... 8.5 mm | 5 ... 9 mm | 6 ... 12 mm | 7 ... 12 mm | 10 ... 14 mm |
| PA                   | –              | √          | √           | –           | √            |
| Brass, nickel-plated | √              | √          | √           | –           | –            |
| Stainless steel      | –              | √          | √           | –           | √            |

## Wire cross-section (spring-loaded terminals)

- Massive wire, stranded wire 0.2 ... 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 14)
- Stranded wire with end sleeve 0.2 ... 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 16)

## Integrated clock

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Date format                | Day.Month.Year |
| Time format                | 12 h/24 h      |
| Time zone, factory setting | CET            |
| Max. rate deviation        | 10.5 min/year  |

## Additional output parameter - Electronics temperature

|                                        |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Range                                  | -40 ... +85 °C (-40 ... +185 °F)      |
| Resolution                             | < 0.1 K                               |
| Deviation                              | ± 3 K                                 |
| Availability of the temperature values |                                       |
| – Indication                           | Via the display and adjustment module |
| – Output                               | Via the respective output signal      |

## Voltage supply

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Operating voltage          | 8 ... 30 V DC |
| Max. power consumption     | 520 mW        |
| Reverse voltage protection | Integrated    |

## Electrical protective measures

| Housing material                   | Version        | Protection acc. to IEC 60529             | Protection acc. to NEMA |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Plastic                            | Single chamber | IP66/IP67                                | Type 4X                 |
| Aluminium                          | Single chamber | IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar)<br>IP66/IP68 (1 bar) | Type 6P<br>-            |
| Stainless steel (electro-polished) | Single chamber | IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar)                      | Type 6P                 |

| Housing material                    | Version        | Protection acc. to IEC 60529             | Protection acc. to NEMA |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stainless steel (precision casting) | Single chamber | IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar)<br>IP66/IP68 (1 bar) | Type 6P<br>-            |

Connection of the feeding power supply unit Networks of overvoltage category III

Altitude above sea level

- by default up to 2000 m (6562 ft)
- with connected overvoltage protection up to 5000 m (16404 ft)

Pollution degree<sup>6)</sup> 4

Protection rating (IEC 61010-1) III

## 12.2 Device communication Modbus

In the following, the necessary device-specific details are shown. You can find further information of Modbus on [www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org).

### Protocol description

The VEGAFLEX 83 is suitable for connection to the following RTUs with Modbus RTU or ASCII protocol.

| RTU                       | Protocol          |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| ABB Totalflow             | Modbus RTU, ASCII |
| Bristol ControlWaveMicro  | Modbus RTU, ASCII |
| Fisher ROC                | Modbus RTU, ASCII |
| ScadaPack                 | Modbus RTU, ASCII |
| Thermo Electron Autopilot | Modbus RTU, ASCII |

### Parameters for the bus communication

The VEGAFLEX 83 is preset with the default values:

| Parameter            | Configurable Values                         | Default Value |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Baud Rate            | 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 | 9600          |
| Start Bits           | 1                                           | 1             |
| Data Bits            | 7, 8                                        | 8             |
| Parity               | None, Odd, Even                             | None          |
| Stop Bits            | 1, 2                                        | 1             |
| Address range Modbus | 1 ... 255                                   | 246           |

Start bits and data bits cannot be modified.

<sup>6)</sup> When used with fulfilled protection.

## General configuration of the host

The data exchange with status and variables between field device and host is carried out via register. For this, a configuration in the host is required. Floating point numbers with short prevision (4 bytes) according to IEEE 754 are transmitted with individually selectable order of the data bytes (byte transmission order). This "*Byte transmission order*" is determined in the parameter "*Format Code*". Hence the RTU knows the registers of the VEGAFLEX 83 which must be contacted for the variables and status information.

| Format Code | Byte transmission order |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 0           | ABCD                    |
| 1           | CDAB                    |
| 2           | DCBA                    |
| 3           | BADC                    |

## 12.3 Modbus register

### Holding Register

The Holding registers consist of 16 bit. They can be read and written. Before each command, the address (1 byte), after each command, a CRC (2 byte) is sent.

| Register Name                     | Register Number | Type | Configurable Values                         | Default Value | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Address                           | 200             | Word | 1 ... 255                                   | 246           | –    |
| Baud Rate                         | 201             | Word | 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 | 9600          | –    |
| Parity                            | 202             | Word | 0 = None, 1 = Odd, 2 = Even                 | 0             | –    |
| Stopbits                          | 203             | Word | 1 = One, 2 = Two                            | 1             | –    |
| Delay Time                        | 206             | Word | 10 ... 250                                  | 50            | ms   |
| Byte Oder (Floating point format) | 3000            | Word | 0, 1, 2, 3                                  | 0             | –    |

### Input register

The input registers consist of 16 bits. They can only be read. The address (1 byte) is sent before each command, a CRC (2 bytes) after each command. PV, SV, TV and QV can be set via the sensor DTM.

| Register Name | Register Number | Type  | Note                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Status        | 100             | DWord | Bit 0: Invalid Measurement Value PV<br>Bit 1: Invalid Measurement Value SV<br>Bit 2: Invalid Measurement Value TV<br>Bit 3: Invalid Measurement Value QV |
| PV Unit       | 104             | DWord | Unit Code                                                                                                                                                |
| PV            | 106             |       | Primary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                                                                                                                      |
| SV Unit       | 108             | DWord | Unit Code                                                                                                                                                |

| Register Name | Register Number | Type  | Note                                                    |
|---------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| SV            | 110             |       | Secondary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                   |
| TV Unit       | 112             | DWord | Unit Code                                               |
| TV            | 114             |       | Third Variable in Byte Order CDAB                       |
| QV Unit       | 116             | DWord | Unit Code                                               |
| QV            | 118             |       | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                 |
|               |                 |       |                                                         |
| Status        | 1300            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| PV            | 1302            |       | Primary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000         |
| SV            | 1304            |       | Secondary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000       |
| TV            | 1306            |       | Third Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000           |
| QV            | 1308            |       | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order of Register 3000     |
|               |                 |       |                                                         |
| Status        | 1400            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| PV            | 1402            |       | Primary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                     |
| Status        | 1412            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| SV            | 1414            |       | Secondary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                   |
| Status        | 1424            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| TV            | 1426            |       | Third Variable in Byte Order CDAB                       |
| Status        | 1436            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| QV            | 1438            |       | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order CDAB                 |
|               |                 |       |                                                         |
| Status        | 2000            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| PV            | 2002            | DWord | Primary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)        |
| SV            | 2004            | DWord | Secondary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)      |
| TV            | 2006            | DWord | Third Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)          |
| QV            | 2008            | DWord | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order ABCD (Big Endian)    |
|               |                 |       |                                                         |
| Status        | 2100            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| PV            | 2102            | DWord | Primary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian)     |
| SV            | 2104            | DWord | Secondary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian)   |
| TV            | 2106            | DWord | Third Variable in Byte Order ABCD DCBA (Little Endian)  |
| QV            | 2108            | DWord | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order DCBA (Little Endian) |
|               |                 |       |                                                         |
| Status        | 2200            | DWord | See Register 100                                        |
| PV            | 2202            | DWord | Primary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)     |
| SV            | 2204            | DWord | Secondary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)   |
| TV            | 2206            | DWord | Third Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian)       |
| QV            | 2208            | DWord | Quarternary Variable in Byte Order BACD (Middle Endian) |

**Unit Codes for Register 104, 108, 112, 116**

| Unit Code | Measurement Unit  |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 32        | Degree Celsius    |
| 33        | Degree Fahrenheit |
| 40        | US Gallon         |
| 41        | Liters            |
| 42        | Imperial Gallons  |
| 43        | Cubic Meters      |
| 44        | Feet              |
| 45        | Meters            |
| 46        | Barrels           |
| 47        | Inches            |
| 48        | Centimeters       |
| 49        | Millimeters       |
| 111       | Cubic Yards       |
| 112       | Cubic Feet        |
| 113       | Cubic Inches      |

**12.4 Modbus RTU commands****FC3 Read Holding Register**

With this command, any number (1-127) of holding registers is read out. The start register, from which the readout should start, and the number of registers are transmitted.

|           | Parameter           | Length    | Code/Data        |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Request:  | Function Code       | 1 Byte    | 0x03             |
|           | Start Address       | 2 Bytes   | 0x0000 to 0xFFFF |
|           | Number of Registers | 2 Bytes   | 1 to 127 (0x7D)  |
| Response: | Function Code       | 1 Byte    | 0x03             |
|           | Byte Count          | 2 Bytes   | 2*N              |
|           | Register Value      | N*2 Bytes | Data             |

**FC4 Read Input Register**

With this command, any number (1-127) of input registers is read out. The start register, from which the readout should start, and the number of registers are transmitted.

|          | Parameter           | Length    | Code/Data        |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Request: | Function Code       | 1 Byte    | 0x04             |
|          | Start Address       | 2 Bytes   | 0x0000 to 0xFFFF |
|          | Number of Registers | N*2 Bytes | 1 to 127 (0x7D)  |

|           | Parameter      | Length    | Code/Data |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Response: | Function Code  | 1 Byte    | 0x04      |
|           | Byte Count     | 2 Bytes   | 2*N       |
|           | Register Value | N*2 Bytes | Data      |

## FC6 Write Single Register

This function code is used to write to a single Holding Register.

|           | Parameter           | Length  | Code/Data        |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|------------------|
| Request:  | Function Code       | 1 Byte  | 0x06             |
|           | Start Address       | 2 Bytes | 0x0000 to 0xFFFF |
|           | Number of Registers | 2 Bytes | Data             |
| Response: | Function Code       | 1 Byte  | 0x04             |
|           | Start Address       | 2 Bytes | 2*N              |
|           | Register Value      | 2 Bytes | Data             |

## FC8 Diagnostics

With this function code different diagnostic functions are triggered or diagnostic values read out.

|           | Parameter         | Length    | Code/Data |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Request:  | Function Code     | 1 Byte    | 0x08      |
|           | Sub Function Code | 2 Bytes   |           |
|           | Data              | N*2 Bytes | Data      |
| Response: | Function Code     | 1 Byte    | 0x08      |
|           | Sub Function Code | 2 Bytes   |           |
|           | Data              | N*2 Bytes | Data      |

### Implemented function codes:

| Sub Function Code | Name                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 0x00              | Return Data Request    |
| 0x0B              | Return Message Counter |

With sub function codes 0x00 only one 16 bit value can be written.

## FC16 Write Multiple Register

This function code is used to write to several Holding Registers. In a request, it can only be written to registers that are in direct succession.

|           | Parameter           | Length    | Code/Data        |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Request:  | Function Code       | 1 Byte    | 0x10             |
|           | Start Address       | 2 Bytes   | 0x0000 to 0xFFFF |
|           | Number of Registers | 2 Bytes   | 0x0001 to 0x007B |
|           | Byte Count          | 1 Byte    | 2*N              |
|           | Register Value      | N*2 Bytes | Data             |
| Response: | Function Code       | 1 Byte    | 0x10             |
|           | Start Address       | 2 Bytes   | 0x0000 to 0xFFFF |
|           | Number of Registers | 2 Bytes   | 0x01 to 0x7B     |

### FC17 Report Sensor ID

With this function code, the sensor ID on Modbus is queried.

|           | Parameter            | Length | Code/Data |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Request:  | Function Code        | 1 Byte | 0x11      |
| Response: | Function Code        | 1 Byte | 0x11      |
|           | Byte Number          | 1 Byte |           |
|           | Sensor ID            | 1 Byte |           |
|           | Run Indicator Status | 1 Byte |           |

### FC43 Sub 14, Read Device Identification

With this function code, the Device Identification is queried.

|           | Parameter             | Length | Code/Data                          |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Function Code         | 1 Byte | 0x2B                               |
|           | MEI Type              | 1 Byte | 0x0E                               |
|           | Read Device ID Code   | 1 Byte | 0x01 to 0x04                       |
|           | Object ID             | 1 Byte | 0x00 to 0xFF                       |
| Response: | Function Code         | 1 Byte | 0x2B                               |
|           | MEI Type              | 1 Byte | 0x0E                               |
|           | Read Device ID Code   | 1 Byte | 0x01 to 0x04                       |
|           | Confirmity Level      | 1 Byte | 0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x81, 0x82, 0x83 |
|           | More follows          | 1 Byte | 00/FF                              |
|           | Next Object ID        | 1 Byte | Object ID number                   |
|           | Number of Objects     | 1 Byte |                                    |
|           | List of Object ID     | 1 Byte |                                    |
|           | List of Object length | 1 Byte |                                    |
|           | List of Object value  | 1 Byte | Depending on the Object ID         |

# 12.5 Levelmaster commands

The VEGAFLEX 83 is also suitable for connection to the following RTUs with Levelmaster protocol. The Levelmaster protocol is often called "Siemens" "Tank protocol".

| RTU                       | Protocol    |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| ABB Totalflow             | Levelmaster |
| Kimray DACC 2000/3000     | Levelmaster |
| Thermo Electron Autopilot | Levelmaster |

## Parameters for the bus communication

The VEGAFLEX 83 is preset with the default values:

| Parameter                 | Configurable Values           | Default Value |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Baud Rate                 | 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200 | 9600          |
| Start Bits                | 1                             | 1             |
| Data Bits                 | 7, 8                          | 8             |
| Parity                    | None, Odd, Even               | None          |
| Stop Bits                 | 1, 2                          | 1             |
| Address range Levelmaster | 32                            | 32            |

The Levelmaster commands are based on the following syntax:

- Capital letters are at the beginning of certain data fields
- Small letters stand for data fields
- All commands are terminated with "<cr>" (carriage return)
- All commands start with "Uuu", whereby "uu" stands for the address (00-31)
- "\*" can be used as a joker for any position in the address. The sensor always converts this in its address. In case of more than one sensor, the joker must not be used, because otherwise several will answer
- Commands that modify the instrument return the command with "OK". "EE-ERROR" replaces "OK" if there was a problem changing the configuration

## Report Level (and Temperature)

|           | Parameter                      | Length              | Code/Data                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Report Level (and Temperature) | 4 characters ASCII  | Uuu?                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Response: | Report Level (and Temperature) | 24 characters ASCII | UuuDIII.IIFttEeeeeWwww<br>uu = Address<br>III.II = PV in inches<br>ttt = Temperature in Fahrenheit<br>eeee = Error number (0 no error, 1 level data not readable)<br>www = Warning number (0 no warning) |

PV in inches will be repeated if "Set number of floats" is set to 2. Hence 2 measured values can be

transmitted. PV value is transmitted as first measured value, SV as second measured value.



### Information:

The max. value for the PV to be transmitted is 999.99 inches (corresponds to approx. 25.4 m).

If the temperature should be transmitted in the Levelmaster protocol, then TV must be set in the sensor to temperature.

PV, SV and TV can be adjusted via the sensor DTM.

## Report Unit Number

|           | Parameter                      | Length             | Code/Data |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Request:  | Report Unit Number             | 5 characters ASCII | U**N?     |
| Response: | Report Level (and Temperature) | 6 characters ASCII | UuuNnn    |

## Assign Unit Number

|           | Parameter          | Length             | Code/Data                  |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Request:  | Assign Unit Number | 6 characters ASCII | UuuNnn                     |
| Response: | Assign Unit Number | 6 characters ASCII | UuuNOK<br>uu = new Address |

## Set number of Floats

|           | Parameter            | Length             | Code/Data |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Request:  | Set number of Floats | 5 characters ASCII | UuuFn     |
| Response: | Set number of Floats | 6 characters ASCII | UuuFOK    |

If the number is set to 0, no level is returned

## Set Baud Rate

|           | Parameter     | Length                  | Code/Data                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Set Baud Rate | 8 (12) characters ASCII | UuuBbbbb[b][pds]<br>Bbbbb[b] = 1200, 9600 (default)<br>pds = parity, data length, stop bit (optional)<br>parity: none = N, even = E (default), odd = O |
| Response: | Set Baud Rate | 11 characters ASCII     |                                                                                                                                                        |

Example: U01B9600E71

Change instrument on address 1 to baudrate 9600, parity even, 7 data bits, 1 stop bit

## Set Receive to Transmit Delay

|           | Parameter                     | Length             | Code/Data                                                      |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Set Receive to Transmit Delay | 7 characters ASCII | UuuRmmm<br>mmm = milliseconds (50 up to 250), default = 127 ms |
| Response: | Set Receive to Transmit Delay | 6 characters ASCII | UuuROK                                                         |

## Report Number of Floats

|           | Parameter               | Length             | Code/Data                                             |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Report Number of Floats | 4 characters ASCII | UuuF                                                  |
| Response: | Report Number of Floats | 5 characters ASCII | UuuFn<br>n = number of measurement values (0, 1 or 2) |

## Report Receive to Transmit Delay

|           | Parameter                        | Length             | Code/Data                                                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Request:  | Report Receive to Transmit Delay | 4 characters ASCII | UuuR                                                           |
| Response: | Report Receive to Transmit Delay | 7 characters ASCII | UuuRmmm<br>mmm = milliseconds (50 up to 250), default = 127 ms |

## Error codes

| Error Code | Name                                             |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| EE-Error   | Error While Storing Data in EEPROM               |
| FR-Error   | Error in Frame (too short, too long, wrong data) |
| LV-Error   | Value out of limits                              |

## 12.6 Configuration of typical Modbus hosts

The basic number of the input registers is always added to the input register address of VEGAFLEX 83.

| Parameter                  | Value Fisher ROC 809 | Value ABB Total Flow | Value Fisher Thermo Electron Autopilot | Value Fisher Bristol Control-Wave Micro | Value Scada-Pack |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Baud Rate                  | 9600                 | 9600                 | 9600                                   | 9600                                    | 9600             |
| Floating Point Format Code | 0                    | 0                    | 0                                      | 2 (FC4)                                 | 0                |
| RTU Data Type              | Conversion Code 66   | 16 Bit Modicon       | IEE Fit 2R                             | 32-bit registers as 2 16-bit registers  | Floating Point   |

| Parameter                  | Value Fisher ROC 809 | Value ABB Total Flow | Value Fisher Thermo Electron Autopilot | Value Fisher Bristol Control-Wave Micro | Value Scada-Pack |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Input Register Base Number | 0                    | 1                    | 0                                      | 1                                       | 30001            |

This results in the following constellations:

- Fisher ROC 809 - Register address for 1300 is address 1300
- ABB Total Flow - Register address for 1302 is address 1303
- Thermo Electron Autopilot - Register address for 1300 is address 1300
- Bristol ControlWave Micro - Register address for 1302 is address 1303
- ScadaPack - Register address for 1302 is address 31303

## 12.7 Dimensions

The following dimensional drawings represent only an extract of all possible versions. Detailed dimensional drawings can be downloaded at [www.vega.com/downloads](http://www.vega.com/downloads) under "Drawings".

### Plastic housing in protection rating IP66/IP67

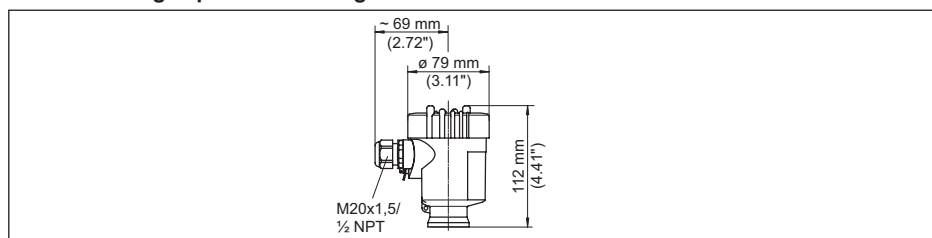


Fig. 32: Housing version in protection IP66/IP67 (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 9 mm/0.35 in higher)

### Aluminium housing with protection rating IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar)

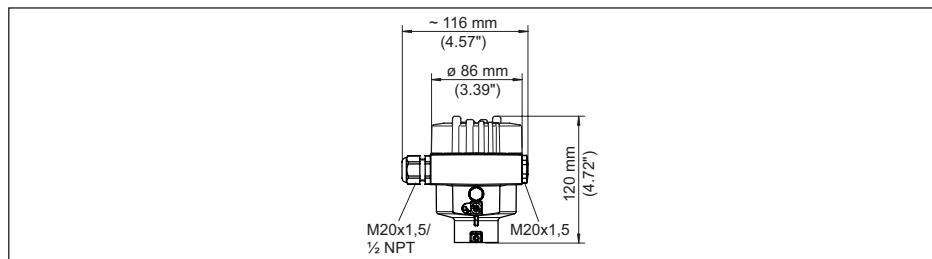


Fig. 33: Housing version with protection rating IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar), (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 18 mm/0.71 in higher)

### Aluminium housing with protection rating IP66/IP68 (1 bar)

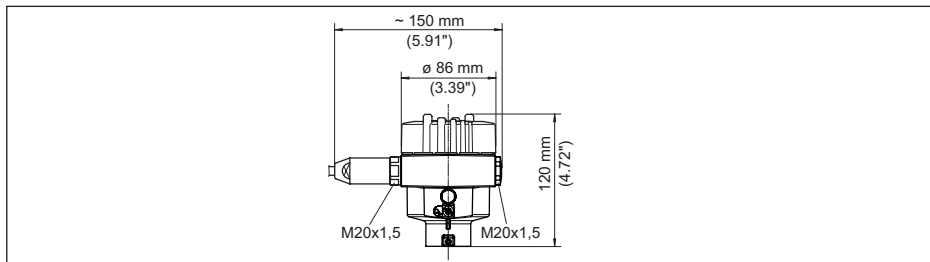


Fig. 34: Housing version with protection rating IP66/IP68 (1 bar), (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 18 mm/0.71 in higher)

### Stainless steel housing with protection rating IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar)

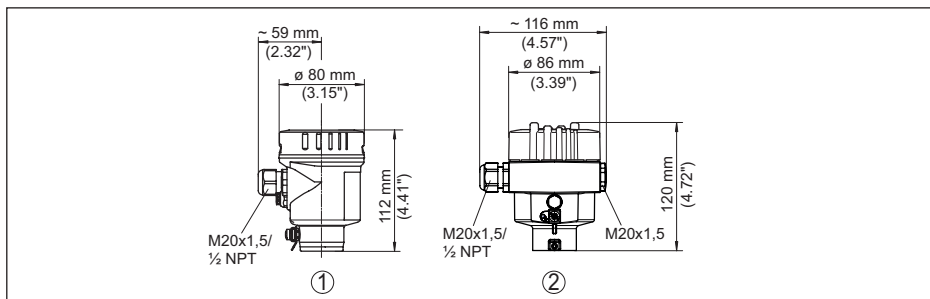


Fig. 35: Housing versions with protection rating IP66/IP68 (0.2 bar), (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 18 mm/0.71 in higher)

- 1 Stainless steel single chamber (electropolished)
- 2 Stainless steel single chamber (precision casting)

### Stainless steel housing (precision casting) in protection rating IP66/IP68 (1 bar)

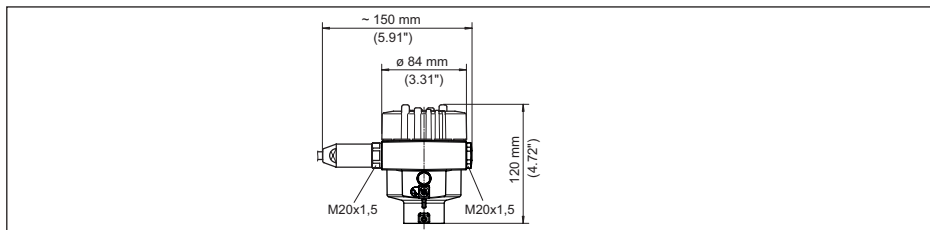


Fig. 36: Housing versions with protection rating IP66/IP68 (1 bar), (with integrated display and adjustment module the housing is 18 mm/0.71 in higher)

**VEGAFLEX 83, rod version  $\varnothing$  8 mm (0.315 in), polished**

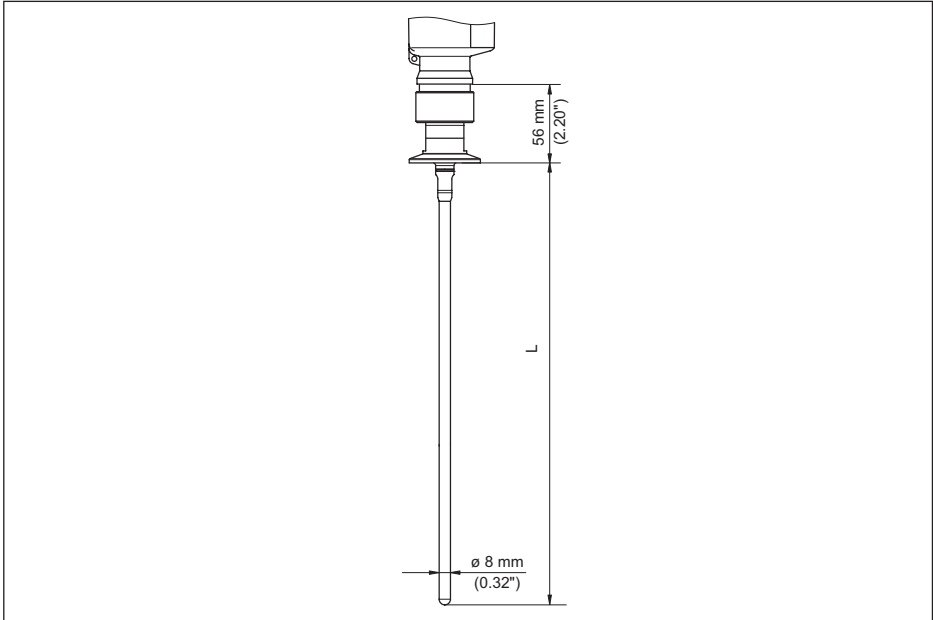


Fig. 37: VEGAFLEX 83, rod version  $\varnothing$  8 mm (0.315 in), polished

L Sensor length, see chapter "Technical data"

**VEGAFLEX 83, rod version  $\varnothing$  8 mm (0.315 in), polished - autoclaved version**

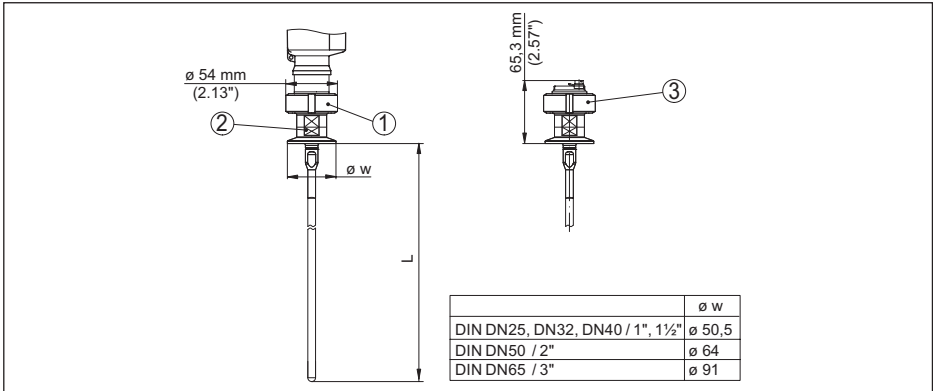


Fig. 38: VEGAFLEX 83, rod version  $\varnothing$  8 mm (0.315 in), polished - autoclaved version

- 1 Compression nut
- 2 Process fitting
- 3 Cover lid

### Extension components - rod extension $\varnothing 8 \text{ mm}$ (0.315 in), polished

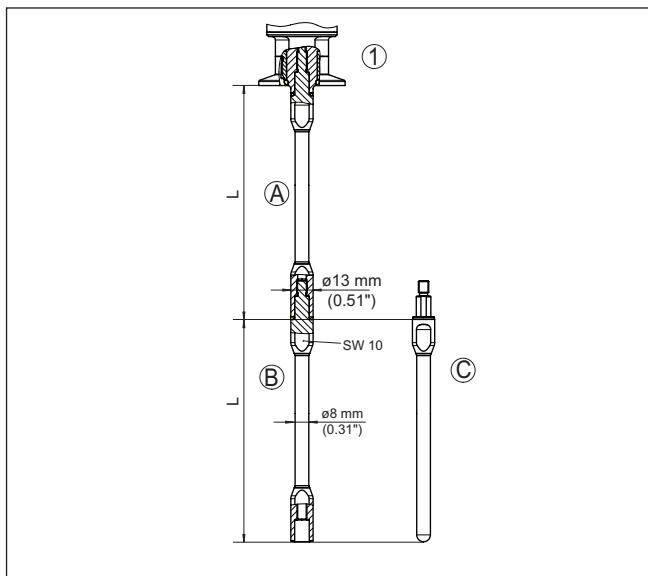


Fig. 39: Extension rods with  $\varnothing 8 \text{ mm}$  (0.315 in)

- 1 Version with threaded fitting
- A Basic extension rod with  $\varnothing 8 \text{ mm}$  (0.315 in)
- B Extension rod with  $\varnothing 8 \text{ mm}$  (0.315 in)
- C End rod with  $\varnothing 8 \text{ mm}$  (0.315 in)
- L Length (order length)

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