

Analog Transmitter

Vacuum Measurement Equipment
VACTEST GCD 200

Instruction Manual



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1 Safety

- Read and follow the instructions of this manual.
- Inform yourself regarding hazards, which can be caused by the product or arise in your system.
- Comply with all safety instructions and regulations for accident prevention.
- Check regularly that all safety requirements are being complied with.
- Take account of the ambient conditions when installing your gauge. The protection class is IP 54 (the unit is protected against penetration of dust and splash water).
- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.
- Consider possible reactions between materials and process media, e.g. due to the heat generated by the product.
- Before you start working, find out whether any of the vacuum components are contaminated.
- Do not carry out any unauthorized conversions or modifications on the unit.
- Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.
- When returning the unit to us, please enclose a declaration of contamination.
- Communicate the safety instructions to other users.

This instruction manual highlights potential hazards where appropriate. Safety notes and warning messages are tagged with one of the keywords DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, NOTICE and NOTE as follows:



DANGER

... indicates an imminent dangerous situation that will result in death or serious injuries if not prevented.



WARNING

... indicates a potentially dangerous situation that could result in death or serious injuries.



CAUTION

... indicates a potentially dangerous situation that could result in minor injuries.



NOTICE

... indicates a potentially dangerous situation that could result in damage to property.



NOTE

... indicates helpful tips and recommendations, as well as information for efficient and trouble-free operation.

2 VACTEST GCD 200

2.1 For Orientation

These operating instructions describe installation and operation of the GCD 200.

The part number can be found on the product's type label. Technical modifications are reserved without prior notification.

2.2 Delivery Content

Included in the delivery consignment are:

- Analog Transmitter GCD 200
- Protective flange cover
- Instruction manual

2.3 Product Description

The Analog Transmitter GCD 200 is measuring total gas pressure in the range of 200 - 0.1 mbar. The transmitter can be connected to customer related power supply and evaluation units in compliance with pin assignment.

The analog output signal 4 – 20 mA has a linear dependence on pressure over the whole range.

The Analog Transmitter GCD 200 is equipped with a capacitive ceramic sensor and temperature compensated. It can be mounted to suitable flange connectors.

2.4 Proper Use



NOTE

The device is not designed for use in a corrosive atmosphere!

Dust, oil or condensing vapours will affect sensor performance and may cause malfunctions!

Aggressive media such as halogenides, carbon or oxygen plasma can reduce the devices life-time!

The GCD 200 serves exclusively to provide absolute pressure measurements in gaseous media in the range of 200 - 0.1 mbar. It may only be connected to components specifically provided for such purpose. Please respect the admissible overload.

The gauge is classified in electromagnetic interference class A and therefore can cause radio interference in living quarters.

2.5 Improper Use

The use for purposes not mentioned above is regarded as improper, in particular:

- Connection to pumps or units which are not suitable for this purpose according to their operating instructions.
- Connection to components containing touchable, voltage carrying parts.

No liability or warranty will be accepted for claims arising from improper use.

The user bears the responsibility with respect to the used process media.

3 Installation



CAUTION

Unauthorized modifications.

Risk to injury!

- Modifications or conversions of the gauge are not allowed.

3.1 Notes for Installation

Installation location: Indoor

For not fully air conditioned open buildings and operation rooms:

Temperature: +5 °C ... +60 °C

Rel. humidity: max. 80% up to 30 °C, max. 50% at 40 °C, non-condensing

Air pressure: 860 - 1060 hPa (mbar)

3.2 Vacuum Connection



CAUTION

Unintended opening of clamp with an overpressure in the vacuum system over 1000 mbar.

Risk to injury!

Damage to your health!

- Parts may fly around.
- Unsecured hose connections can release process media.



CAUTION

Overpressure in the vacuum system over 1500 to 4000 mbar

Damage to your health!

The elastomer washers cannot withstand the pressure and can release process media.

- Use sealing rings with an outer centering ring.



NOTE

When mounting the VACTEST avoid forced twisting or violent opening. This can damage the device.



NOTICE

Dirt and damage at the vacuum flange and/or thread connection.

Impairs the function of the gauge!

- Make sure that the flange and/or thread connection is/are clean, dry and free of grease.
 - When handling the instrument, make sure that the flange and/or thread connection is/are protected against dirt and damage.
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- Remove the protective cover (is required again during maintenance work!).
 - Make vacuum connection via ISO KF small flange.
 - For small flange connection use clamps that can be opened and closed with appropriate tools only, use sealing rings with a centering ring.
 - Make sure that the sensor flange is connected to ground, e.g. by having electrical contact to grounded vacuum chamber (use metallic clamps).

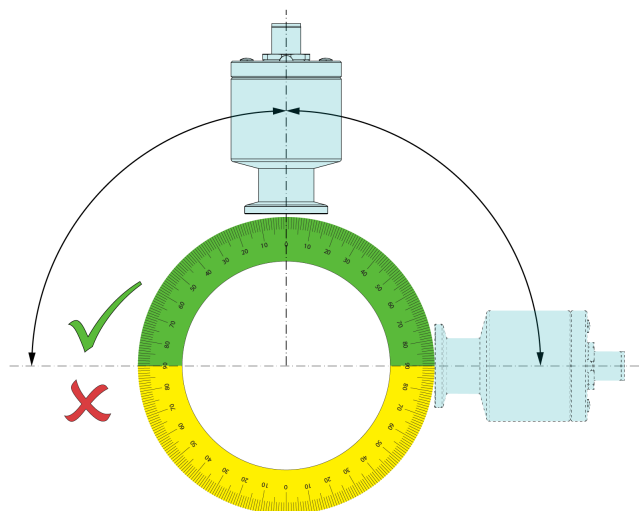
3.2.1 Gauge Mounting Orientation

You can mount the device in any orientation. However, mounting the device from below with the flange facing upwards, can lead to premature contamination and failure of the device. It is recommended to mount the device from upright position with the flange facing downwards to prevent dust and condensate from accumulating in the sensor cell.



NOTE

The device is adjusted ex-factory with the flange facing downwards position.



3.3 Electrical Connection



DANGER

Live wires.

Risk of electrical shock!

- Electrical installation work must only be executed by qualified personnel.



NOTICE

Establish a connection using a live cable.

Risk of damage to the device!

- Only connect cables when de-energized.

3.3.1 I/O and Communication Port Schematic



NOTICE

Incorrect supply voltage.

Risk of damage to the device!

- Make sure to supply a correct and admissible voltage.



NOTE

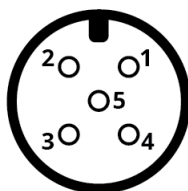
Maximum admissible load resistor in Ω :

(supply voltage (V) – 9 V) / 0.02 A

The transmitter can also be operated with other customer related display units or voltage supplies.

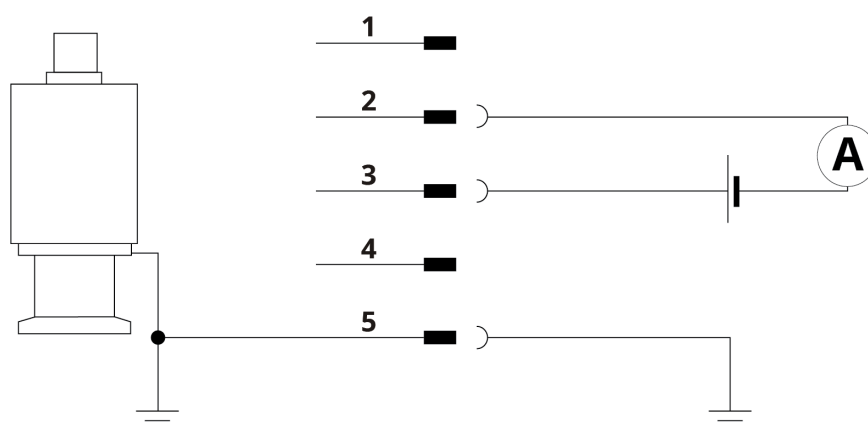
The electrical connection is to be made by means of suitable cables considering EMI demands and according to the pin description shown below:

Connector Type: M12, A-coded, 5-pin, male



Pin No.	Description	Pin No.	Description
Pin 1	Do not connect	Pin 4	Do not connect
Pin 2	Signal output 4 - 20 mA	Pin 5	Ground
Pin 3	Voltage supply 9 ... 30 VDC		

Schematic diagram of electrical connection:



Pin No.	Description	Pin No.	Description
Pin 1	Do not connect	Pin 4	Do not connect
Pin 2	Output 4 - 20 mA	Pin 5	Ground
Pin 3	+ 9 ... 30 VDC		

4 Operation

4.1 General

The Analog Transmitter is equipped with an internal capacitance ceramic diaphragm sensor.

On the back of a thin sensor diaphragm an electrode structure is applied, opposite to which a second, rigid electrode is located, the two electrodes forming a capacitor. Under the influence of pressure, the thin diaphragm of the sensor is bent. The resulting change in capacity is a measure for the applied pressure.

Output Signal

The output signal 4.0 - 20 mA of the Analog Transmitter has a linear dependency on pressure over the whole measurement range 200 - 0.1 mbar. Conversion of output signal and pressure is done according to the following formula:

$$I_{\text{out}}(\text{mA}) = 0.08 \times p(\text{mbar}) + 4.0$$

$$p(\text{mbar}) = (I_{\text{out}}(\text{mA}) - 4.0) \times 12.5$$

Warm-Up Time

The signal output is available approx. 2 seconds after the device is switched on. To take advantage of the maximum accuracy of the unit it is appropriate to allow for a stabilization time of 5 minutes, especially when extreme pressure changes have occurred.

Accuracy

The gauge is adjusted ex-factory in upright position with a supply voltage of 24 VDC. Through contamination, aging, extreme climatic conditions, or other installation orientations may require readjustment.

4.2 Readjustment

The gauge is adjusted ex-factory in upright position with a supply voltage of 24 V with the flange facing down. Other orientations, different climatic conditions, extreme temperature changes, ageing or contamination may necessitate readjustment.



NOTE

Conduct adjustment at the same ambient temperature at which the device is typically operated.



NOTE

For zero adjustment actual pressure must be less than 0.01 mbar.



NOTE

To achieve optimum results of the adjustment we recommend to consider a warm-up of at least 15 minutes at the appropriate calibration pressure before any adjustment.

4.2.1 Readjustment by Pushbutton

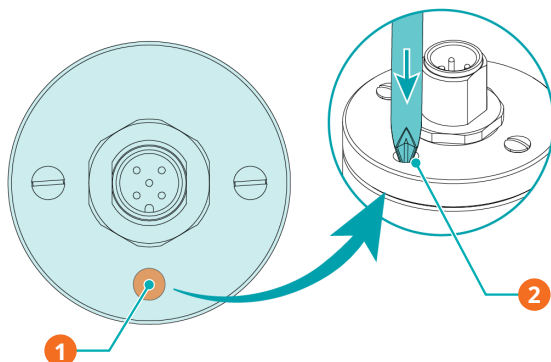
Digital readjustment at zero pressure can be done by means of the »adj« pushbutton of the gauge.



NOTE

For zero pressure adjustment, the actual pressure must be less than 0.01 mbar and the pressure reading of the GCD 200 must be below 15 mbar.

The output signal of the GCD 200 at zero pressure must be equal to 4.000 mA.



Description

1	»Adj« Pushbutton	2	Pressure adjustment with screwdriver
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Adjust the gauge pressure as follows:

- Remove the rubber cap from the »adj« pushbutton.
- Push the »adj« pushbutton with a screwdriver or other suitable tool for approx. 1 second.
- Insert the rubber cap again to its initial position.

5 Maintenance and Service



DANGER

Danger of possibly contaminated parts!

Contaminated parts can cause personal injuries.

- Inform yourself regarding possible contamination before you start working.
- Be sure to follow the relevant instructions and take care of necessary protective measures.



CAUTION

The unit is not prepared for customer repair!



NOTE



Malfunction of the unit which is caused by contamination or wear and tear is not covered by warranty.

The unit requires no maintenance. External dirt and soiling can be removed by a damp cloth.

When returning the gauge for service please fill out a declaration of contamination form and include it in the shipment. This document is mandatory to protect our service staff.

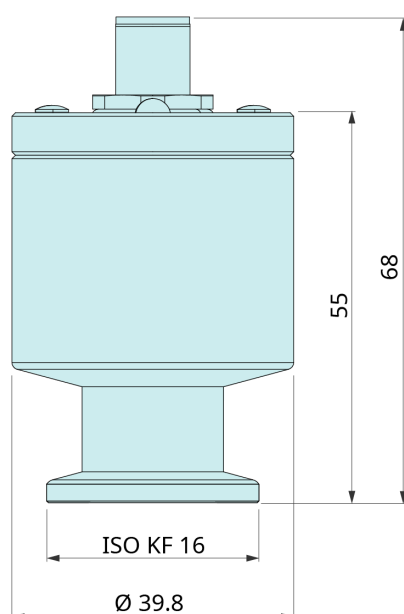
For downloading the declaration of contamination form, [click here](#).

5.1 Errors and Malfunctions

The device will show error messages as plain text on the display. Additionally, the following typical issues can appear:

Problem	Possible Cause	Correction
High measurement error	Contamination, ageing, extreme temperature, maladjustment	Readjustment
Output signal < 3.6 mA or > 21 mA	Defective electronics or sensor	Send unit for repair
Adjustment not possible	measurement error exceeds possible range of readjustment	Send unit for repair

6 Technical Data



Description	
Measurement principle	Capacitive, independent of gas type
Measuring range	200 - 0.1 mbar (150 - 0.1 Torr)
Max. overload	6 bar abs.
Accuracy	0.25% full scale end (linearity, hysteresis, repeatability)
Materials in contact with vacuum	Stainless steel 1.4305, Al ₂ O ₃ ceramic, FKM
Setting time	< 120 ms (10 ... 90%)
Operating temperature	5 ... 60 °C
Storage temperature	-40 ... +70 °C
Voltage supply	9 - 30 VDC
Power consumption	max. 0.6 W
Output signal	4 - 20 mA, linear
Electrical connection	M12 round type A-coded, 5-pin, male, lockable
Vacuum connection	Small flange DN16 ISO KF with G1/4 female thread
Protection class	IP 54
Weight	Approx. 170 g

7 EU Declaration of Conformity

This Declaration of Conformity and the CE-markings affixed to the nameplate are valid for the gauge within the Busch scope of delivery. This Declaration of Conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.

The manufacturer **Busch Produktions GmbH**
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fulfill(s) all the relevant provisions from EU directives:

- 'Electromagnetic Compatibility' (EMC) 2014/30/EU
- 'RoHS' 2011/65/EU Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (incl. all related applicable amendments)

and comply(-ies) with the following harmonized standards that have been used to fulfill those provisions:

Standard	Title of the Standard
EN 61326-1 : 2013 Group 1 / Class B	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use. EMC requirements. General requirements
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- Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016
- Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

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