

Flexim PLOX R721/R500 Process Refractometer



Transmitted Light Process Refractometer - Hygiene Design

Features

- Unique transmitted light refractometer for process analysis
- High accuracy and drift-free due to difference measurement
- No minimum flow velocity required for reliable measurement
- Immune to pressure and temperature fluctuations
- Integrated fluid temperature measurement
- Sapphire optics with high chemical resistance and mechanical durability
- Optical system insensitive to deposits
- Internal self-diagnosis and detection of errors
- Stainless steel and no dead space sensors for one-sided pipe access
- Use in explosive atmospheres feasible
- Sensor calibration microcontroller-controlled and independent of the transmitter
- Digital data transmission between transmitter and sensor
- Configurable data logger
- Remote parameterizing via USB/LAN
- Support of numerous fieldbus systems
- Process connections Varivent and Tri-Clamp are compatible for a wide range of pipe and vessel dimensions
- Library for approx. 50 typical analysis applications available, customized fluid data sets can also be provided
- Typical analysis outputs like Brix, M%, Vol%, g/l, operating density, laboratory density selectable
- Analysis of multi-component mixtures possible using additional measurement parameter, e.g. density, conductance, sound speed

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Measurement principle

Refractive index

The refractive index n of a solution is determined using transmitted light refractometry. A light beam propagates through the solution and is refracted at the interface of a prism. The angle of refraction is measured by a detector. The refractive index n of the solution is calculated from the angle of refraction using Snell's law of refraction:

$$n_i \cdot \sin\theta_i = n_t \cdot \sin\theta_t$$

where

- n_i - refractive index of fluid
- θ_i - angle of incidence
- n_t - refractive index of prism
- θ_t - angle of refraction

Measurement with refractometer PIOX R

Sensor

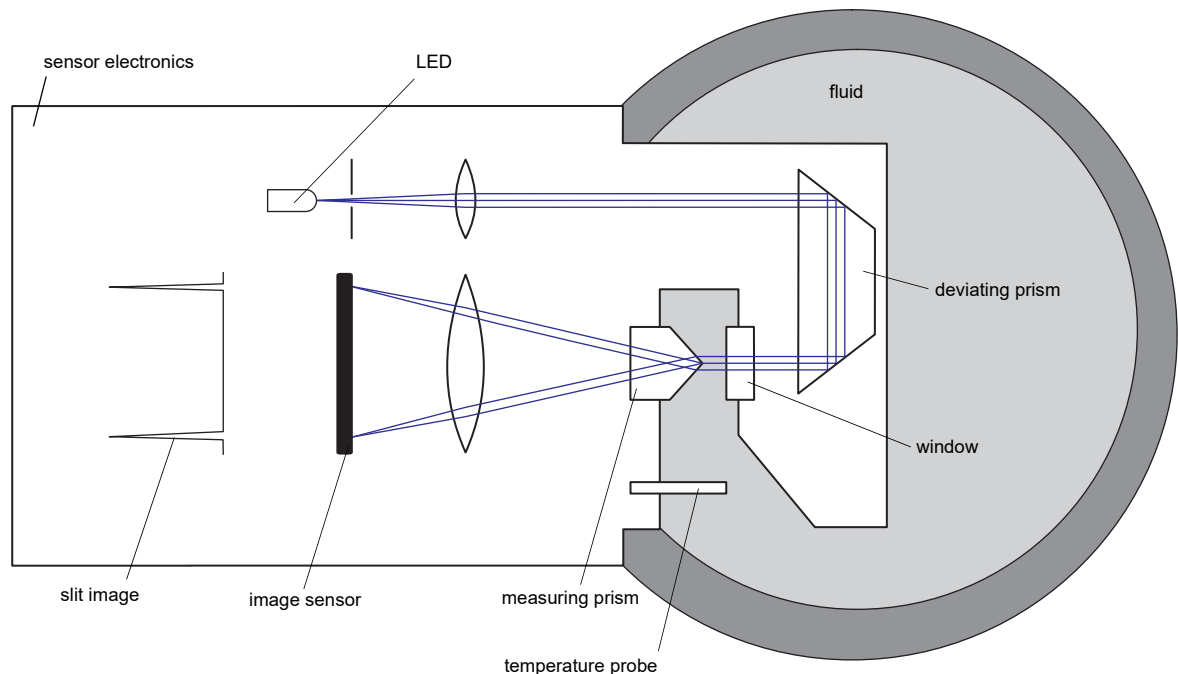
A special LED with a wave length $\lambda = 590$ nm (sodium D line) is used as the light source. The light passes through a slit, is parallelised by a lens and reversed by a deviating prism. Then it enters the fluid through a window in the sensor head. When the light beam re-enters the sensor, it is split at the apex of a measuring prism and refracted at its lateral surfaces.

The two resulting measuring beams are focused by a lens, generating sharp slit images on the image sensor.

The angle of refraction is determined from the difference between the two images of the slit. The zero point is calculated continuously in order to compensate for the influences of the process pressure and temperature.

The refractive index n_D is calculated from the angle of refraction between the measuring prism and the fluid. Furthermore, the following values can be measured:

- fluid temperature measured by the integrated temperature probe Pt1000
- diagnostic values (e.g., gain, amplitude, quality, symmetry) resulting from extended signal processing
- sensor humidity and temperature



Processing in the transmitter

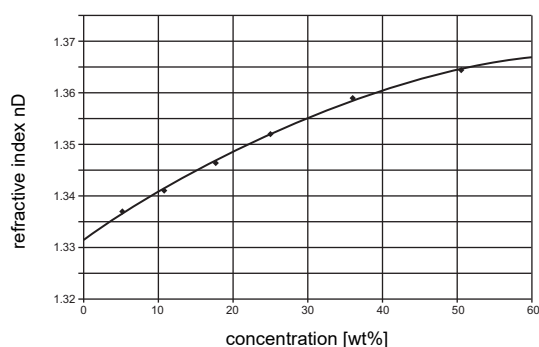
The transmitter calculates application-specific analysis quantity such as M%, Vol%, g/l, nDT (temperature-compensated refractive index), operating density, laboratory density, Brix value either with standardised fluid data sets from the library or with customised ones.

The transmitter can be equipped with electrical inputs, allowing for the input of additional available fluid quantities, e.g. sound speed, density or conductance, and using them for the measurement of three-component mixtures.

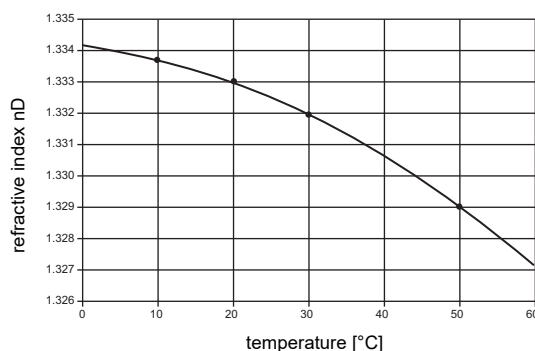
Dependence on temperature and concentration

As well as the density, the refractive index of a fluid depends on the temperature and concentration. In the majority of aqueous solutions, the refractive index increases with rising concentration (temperature = constant) and decreases with rising temperature (concentration = constant).

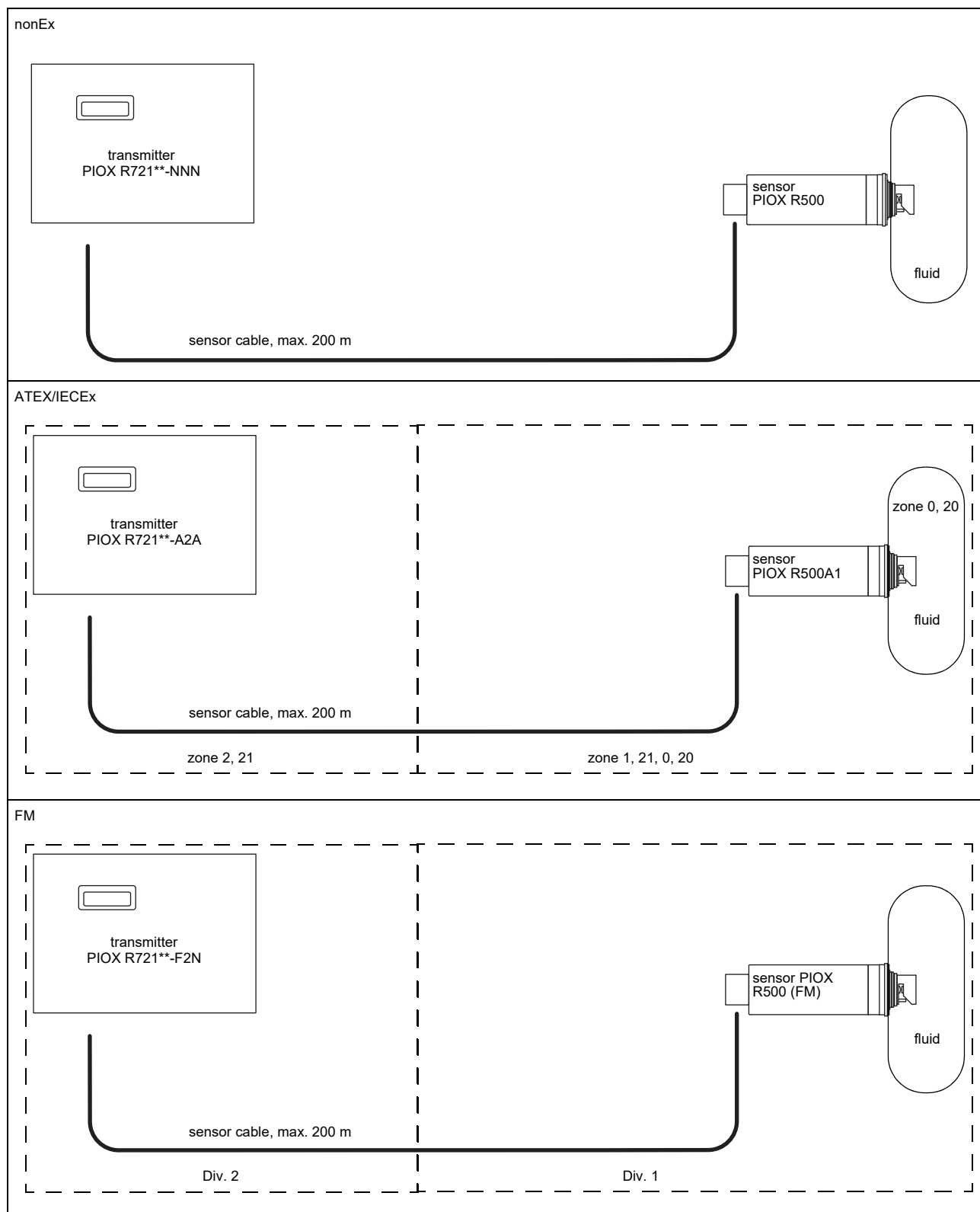
Dependence of the refractive index on the concentration (temperature = constant)



Dependence of the refractive index on the temperature (concentration = constant)



Measuring setup



Transmitter

Technical data

		PIOX R721**-NNN**-1ST	PIOX R721**-A2A**-1ST	PIOX R721**-F2N**-1ST
				
design		field device with stainless steel housing	field device with stainless steel housing zone 2	field device with stainless steel housing FM Class I Div. 2
transmitter				
power supply		• 100...230 V/50...60 Hz or • 20...32 V DC	• 20...32 V DC	• 20...32 V DC
power consumption	W	< 15		
number of measuring channels		1		
damping	s	0...100 (adjustable)		
response time	s	1		
housing material		stainless steel 316L (1.4404)		
degree of protection		IP66	IP66	IP65
dimensions	mm	see dimensional drawing		
weight	kg	5.1		
fixation		wall mounting, optional: 2" pipe mounting		
ambient temperature	°C	-40...+60 (< -20 without operation of the display)	-40...+60 (< -20 without operation of the display)	-20...+60
display		128 x 64 dots, backlight		
menu language		English, German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Polish, Chinese		
explosion protection				
• ATEX/IECEx				
marking		-	R721RI-A2A1S: II(1)3G CE 0637 Ex I(M1) II(1)2D Ex ec nC ic [ia Ga] IIC T4 Gc [Ex ia Ma] I Ex tb [ia Da] IIIC T120 °C Db T _a -40...+60 °C	-
certification		-	IBExU06ATEX1075 X, IECEx IBE 10.0003X	-
intrinsic safety parameters		-	U _m = 120 V	-
• FM				
marking		-	-	R721RI-F201S:  Cl. I,II,III/Div. 2/ GP. A,B,C,D,F,G T5 -20 °C to +60 °C Associated apparatus providing IS circuits for Cl. I, II, III, Div. 1, GP. A, B, C, D, E, F, G.
certification		-	-	FM22US0078X, FM22CA0058X
measuring functions				
physical quantities		see table below		
diagnostic functions		signal amplitude, sensor humidity, sensor temperature		
communication interfaces				
service interfaces		measured value transmission, parametrisation of the transmitter: • USB ¹ • LAN ¹		
process interfaces		max. 1 option: • Modbus RTU • HART • Modbus TCP		
accessories				
data transmission kit		USB cable		
software		• FluxDiagReader: reading of measured values and parameters, graphical representation • FluxDiag (optional): reading of measurement data, graphical representation, report generation, parametrisation of the transmitter		
data logger				
loggable values		all physical quantities, totalised physical quantities and diagnostic values		
capacity		max. 800 000 measured values		

¹ outside the explosive atmosphere (housing cover open)

		PIOX R721**-NNN**-1ST	PIOX R721**-A2A**-1ST	PIOX R721**-F2N**-1ST
outputs				
		The outputs are galvanically isolated from the transmitter.		
number		on request		
• switchable current output				
		All switchable current outputs are jointly switched to active or passive.		
range	mA	4...20 (3.2...22)		
accuracy		0.04 % MV ±3 µA		
active output		$R_{\text{ext}} < 250 \Omega$		
passive output		$U_{\text{ext}} = 8...30 \text{ V}$, depending on R_{ext} ($R_{\text{ext}} < 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ at 30 V)		
• voltage output				
range	V	0...1 or 0...10		
accuracy		0...1 V: 0.1 % MV ±1 mV 0...10 V: 0.1 % MV ±10 mV		
internal resistance		$R_{\text{int}} = 500 \Omega$		
• digital output				
functions		• frequency output • binary output • pulse output		
number		3		
		5...30 V/< 100 mA		
frequency output				
• range	kHz	0...5		
binary output				
• binary output as alarm output		limit, change of flow direction or error		
pulse output				
• pulse value	units	0.01...1000		
• pulse width	ms	0.05...1000		
inputs				
		The inputs are galvanically isolated from the transmitter.		
number		max. 4, on request		
• temperature input				
type		Pt100/Pt1000		
connection		4-wire		
range	°C	-150...+560		
resolution	K	0.01		
accuracy		±0.01 % MV ±0.03 K		
• current input				
accuracy		0.1 % MV ±10 µA		
active input		$U_{\text{int}} = 24 \text{ V}$, $R_{\text{int}} = 50 \Omega$, $P_{\text{int}} < 0.5 \text{ W}$, not short-circuit proof		
• range	mA	0...20		
passive input		$R_{\text{int}} = 50 \Omega$, $P_{\text{int}} < 0.3 \text{ W}$		
• range	mA	-20...+20		
• voltage input				
range	V	0...1		
accuracy		0.1 % MV ±1 mV		
internal resistance		$R_{\text{int}} = 1 \text{ M}\Omega$		

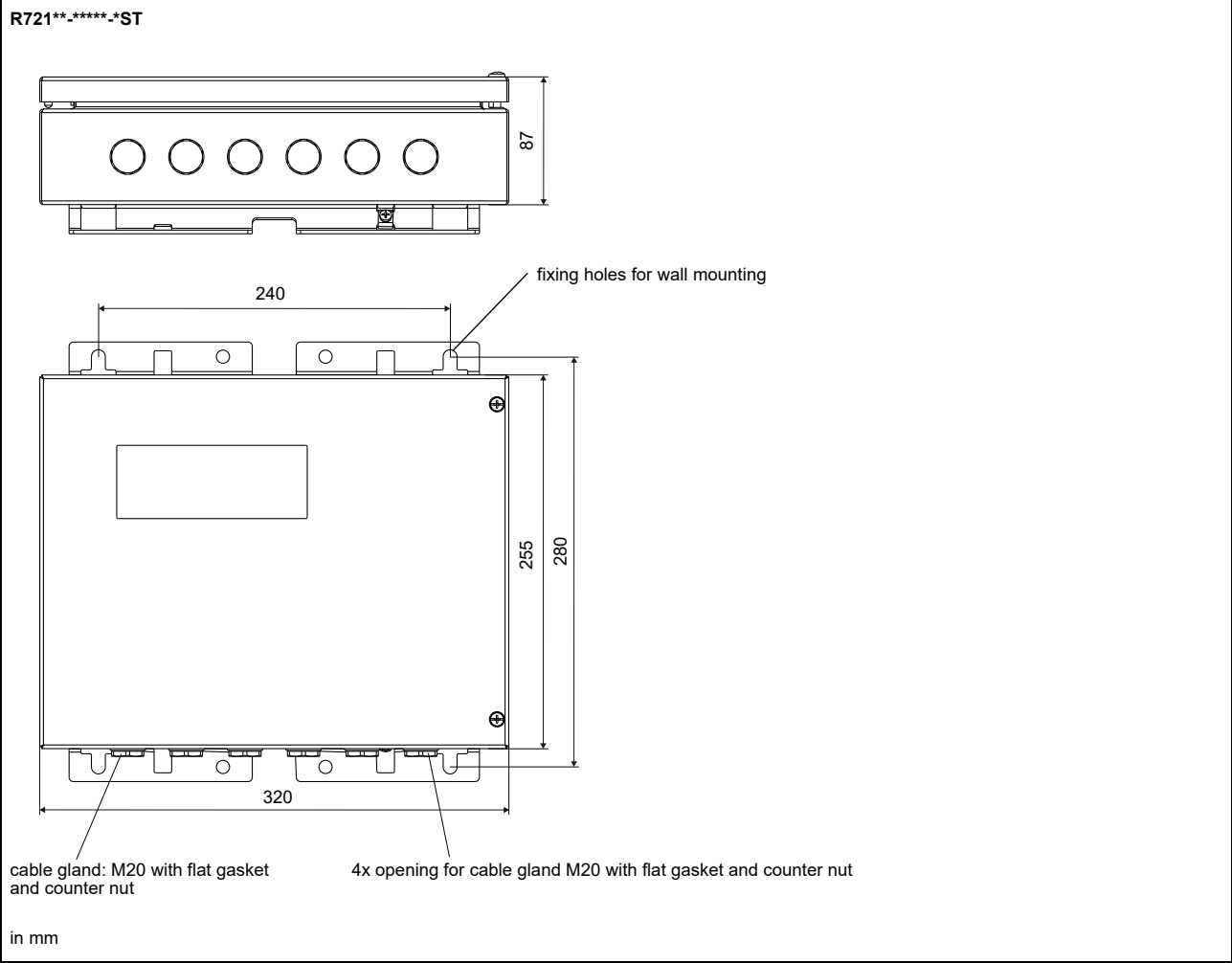
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Physical quantities

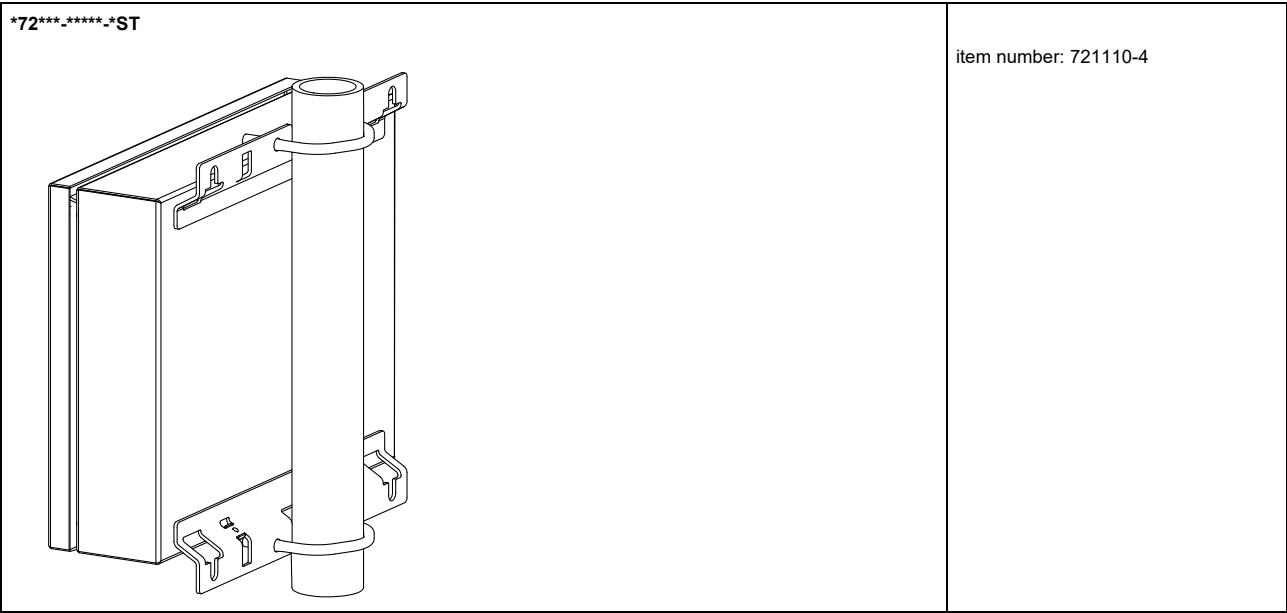
The available physical quantities depend on the fluid data set in the transmitter.

fluid data set	physical quantities	remark
	no fluid data set	refractive index, fluid temperature, $^{\circ}\text{Brix}$, wt% (saccharose)
SSF	standard fluid data set	refractive index, fluid temperature, $^{\circ}\text{Brix}$, wt% (saccharose), concentration
SCF	customised fluid data set	refractive index, fluid temperature, $^{\circ}\text{Brix}$, wt% (saccharose), further customised physical quantities
		application-specific fluid data set from FLEXIM database
		data set developed by FLEXIM in cooperation with the customer

Dimensions



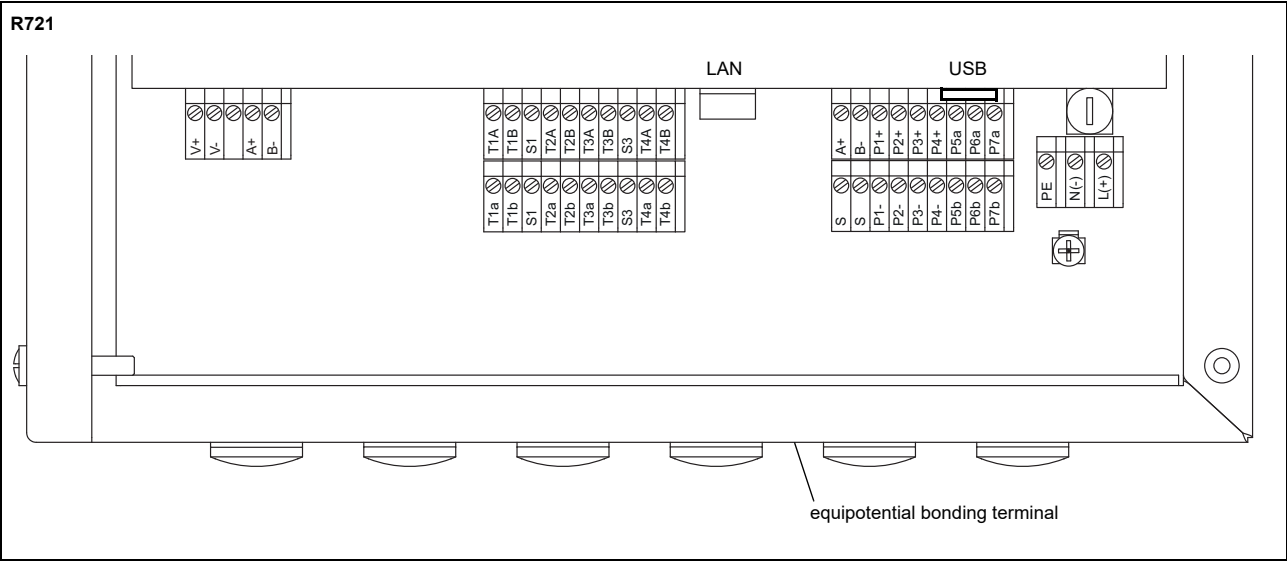
2" pipe mounting kit

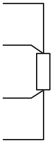


Storage

- do not store outdoors
- store within the original package
- store in a dry and dust-free place
- protect against sunlight
- keep all openings closed
- storing temperature: -20...+60 °C

Terminal assignment




power supply ¹				
terminal		connection (AC)		connection (DC)
PE		protective conductor		protective conductor
N(-)		neutral conductor		-
L(+)		line conductor		+
transducers				
terminal		transducer cable		
V+		yellow		
V-		green		
A+		brown		
B-		white		
outputs ^{1, 2}				
terminal	connection	terminal	connection	communication interface
P1+...P4+ P1-...P4-	current output, voltage output	A+	signal +	• Modbus RTU ¹ • HART ¹
		B-	signal -	
P5a...P7a P5b...P7b	digital output	S	shield	
		USB	type B Hi-Speed USB 2.0 Device	• service (FluxDiag/ FluxDiagReader)
		LAN	RJ45 10/100 Mbps Ethernet	• service (FluxDiag/ FluxDiagReader) • Modbus TCP
analog inputs ^{1, 2}				
terminal	temperature probe	passive sensor	active sensor	
T1a...T4a		not connected	not connected	
T1A...T4A		-	+	
T1b...T4b		+	not connected	
T1B...T4B'		not connected	-	
S1, S3		not connected	not connected	

¹ cable (by customer): e.g. flexible wires, with insulated wire ferrules, wire cross-section: 0.25...2.5 mm²

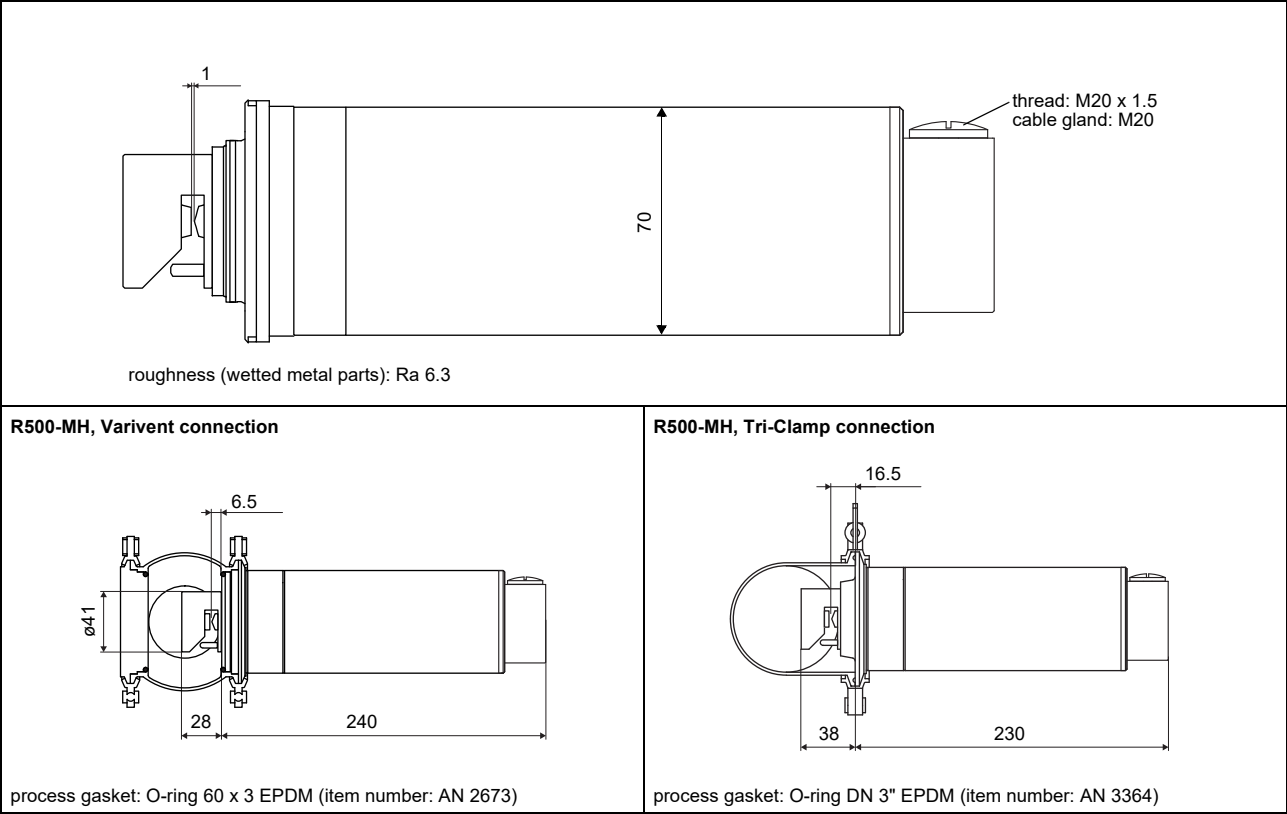
² The number, type and terminal assignment are customised.

Sensor

Technical data

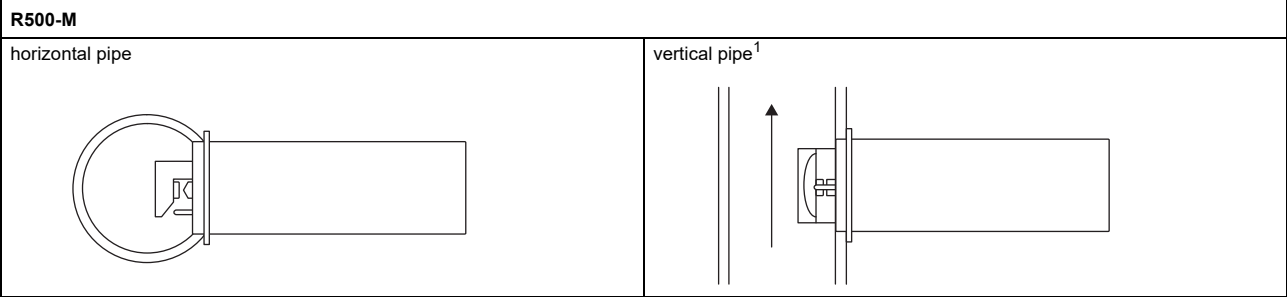
		R500	R500A1	R500 (FM)
order code		RS1-R500-MHV4EP-NN	RS1-R500-MHV4EP-A1	RS1-R500-MHV4EP-F1
process parameters				
fluid		all liquids with a turbidity < 10 000 FAU		
fluid temperature (depending on ambient temperature)	°C	-20...+150 (150 °C at an ambient temperature of 20 °C)	-20...+130	
fluid pressure		PN 10	150 psi	
measurement				
measurement principle		transmitted light refractometry		
measuring range		nD: 1.3...1.7 °Brix: 0...100		
accuracy (absolute)		nD: 0.000 2 (corresponds to 0.1 °Brix, typically 0.1 wt%)		
repeatability		nD: 0.000 02 (corresponds to 0.01 °Brix, typically 0.01 wt%)		
resolution (display)		nD: 0.000 001		
material				
housing		stainless steel 304 (1.4301)		
wetted parts		stainless steel 316L (1.4404)		
gaskets		EPDM		
prism		sapphire, nD ≈ 1.76		
degree of protection		IP54, wetted parts: IP67		
flange		for Varivent (N) or Tri-Clamp 3"		
dimensions		see dimensional drawing		
weight	kg	min. 2		
ambient temperature	°C	-40...+70		
explosion protection				
• ATEX/IECEx				
marking		-	II1G CE 0637 Ex I M1 II1D Ex ia op is IIC T4 Ga Ex ia op is I Ma Ex ia IIIC T120 °C Da Ta -40...+70 °C Tm -20...+130 °C	-
certification		-	IBExU06ATEX1075 X, IECEx IBE 10.0003X	-
• FM				
marking		-	-	 IS, Cl. I,II,III/ Div. 1/ GP. A,B,C,D,E,F,G / T4 Ta = -40°C to +70°C
temperature probe				
type		Pt1000		
resolution	K	0.01		
accuracy at 20 °C	K	0.15		
response time	s	5		

Dimensions



in mm

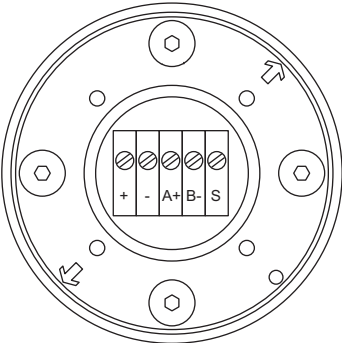
Sensor mounting positions



¹ The pipe always has to be completely filled. The preferred flow direction is upward, in exceptional cases downward.

Connection

Terminal assignment



terminal	connection
+	yellow
-	green
A+	brown
B-	white
S	shield

equipotential bonding terminal on housing cover

Sensor cable

		R500	R500A1
item number		TR10126	TR10125
type		LIYCY 2 x 2 x 0.75 grey	EB CY 2x2x0.75
length	m	max. 200	max. 200
weight	kg/m	approx. 0.106	approx. 0.106
ambient temperature	°C	-40...+80	-40...+80
properties		flame retardant according to IEC 60332-1-2	flame retardant according to IEC 60332-1-2
cable jacket			
material		PVC	PVC
outer diameter	mm	8.5	8.7
colour		grey	blue
shield		x	x

Sensor order code

1, 2	3...5	6	7	8, 9	10, 11	12, 13	14, 15	16...18	19	no. of character			
measurement principle	type	-	type of construction	design	material (wetted parts)	gaskets	-	explosion protection	certification	-	process pressure	flange	description
R	500												transmitted light refractometer
	M												standard sensor
	H												hygiene design
	V4												stainless steel 316L (1.4404)
	EP												EPDM
	A1												ATEX zone 0/1/IECEx zone 0/1
	F1												FM Class I Div. 1
	NN												not explosion-proof
	NN												-
	P10												PN 10
	A15												150 psi
	V												flange, compatible with Varivent N ¹
	T												flange, compatible with Tri-Clamp 3" ¹

¹ process connection by customer

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