

FLEXICAP 4-20...a loop powered capacitance transmitter for continuous level measurement

- A loop powered "stand alone" sensor
- Two wire 4-20mA operation for PLC's and PC's
- Zero and span adjustment in the termination head.
- For applications where zero and span can easily be adjusted in situ
- Suitable for relatively clean non-coating liquids including acids, chemical, oils, aqueous solutions, and non-hygroscopic solids
- No moving parts
- 1" B.S.P. mounting thread
- Unaffected by pressure or vacuum

Principle of Operation

The media in a metallic vessel acts as a dielectric, and if an electrode is immersed in it, a capacitor is formed of a certain capacitance value. As the level rises or falls this capacitance varies linearly, and the value can be converted into a usable 4-20mA output, proportional to the depth.

Electrode Types

All Flexicap 4-20 electrodes comprise:- A termination head (generally polypropylene) containing the plug-in encapsulated module, potentiometers for adjusting the zero and span, terminals, and an electrode of specified length extending from stainless steel mounting boss. The maximum length manufactured is 3m, longer lengths being supplied in the form of cable electrodes. If the media is electrically conducting insulated electrodes are required. These are generally 8mm stainless steel rod insulated with polypropylene. If the media is non-conducting bare electrodes are required. These are generally 8mm stainless steel rod (or other materials to order).



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Application Notes

- 1. Where plastic tanks are concerned, or where the dielectric constant is low, (e.g. oils), an earth reference is required. This can often be in the form of a concentric tubular electrode, (generally stainless steel).
- 2. Due to the varied nature, and varying moisture content possible with granular and powered material, advice should be sought from our technical department, before specifying.
- 3. Note that if non-conducting media is contaminated (e.g. water in oil), the output will be driven to full scale, regardless of the actual level.

Flexible Cable Electrode

Are used for lengths in excess of 3m. The light duty type generally comprises of a length of insulated borehole cable, but un-insulated wire cables can be used. In large hoppers containing solid media the forces on the cable are often very great, and a heavy duty woven galvanized or stainless steel cable is required with specially designed gravity weight and termination head.

Technical Specification

Supply: 24v dc loop (16v dc)

Output: 4-20mA into 500ohms max

@ 24v dc supply.

Insertion length: 3m max rigid electrodes

10m max flexible electrodes

Process connection: 1" B.S.P. as standard (other process

threads and flanges to order).

Process temperature: 100°C max

Ambient temperature: -20°C to +60°C

Process pressure: FCP3 = 300psi @ 20°C

FCP2, FCP4, FCP201 = 100psi @ 20°C

Electrode type: For conducting media fully insulated rod

or cable, for non-conducting media

un-insulated rod or cable

Electrode material: 316 stainless steel as standard

(monel or titanium to order)

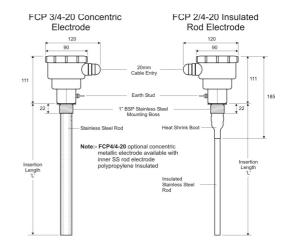
Electrode insulation: Polypropylene as standard

(PTFE and others to order)

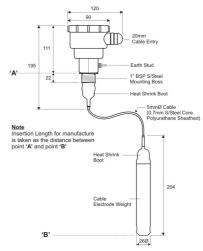
Termination housing: Polypropylene as standard

(others to order)

Electrical connections: 2 core screened cable



FCP 201/4-20 Flexible Cable Electrode



This product has been designed and complies to the relevant standards as listed in its certificate of conformity the installer/user must ensure compliance.

The crossed-out bin symbol, placed on the product, reminds you of the need to dispose of the product correctly at the end of its life.

Because of continuing development we reserve the right to change the specifications without notice

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