Rotary blade level indicator

Level limit switch for bulk goods

DF

Operating instructions

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Congratulation, we felicitate to your good choise. You have decided for a first class branded product, a rotary blade level indicator from the company MOLLET.

It satisfies highest international standards:

Functionality, versatileness, long service life and design

Thank you for having decided for our product.

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Competence in rotation

▶ **Please, read and follow these safety instructions first and take notice of the operating instructions.**

Safety instructions

1.1 The installation, initial operation and maintenance may be done by a qualified expert with electrical know-how only.

1.2 The connection of the single components as like as measuring blade, anti-buckling protection, shaft extension are permissible only with the attached pins.

1.3 For the electrical connection take notice of the local and statutory rules and regulations and/or the VDE 0100.

1.4 Before electrical connection, compare the supply voltage with the details at the data plate.

1.5 A fuse (with max. 4 A) has to be connected in series to the voltage supply.

1.6 Protect the signal contacts from voltage peaks when inductive loads are connected.

1.7 The device may put into operation with intact cap-sealing and if it is closed, only.

1.8 Switch off the power supply, before opening the device (touchdangerous voltage).

Cable entry

2.1 The level indicator will be delivered with a cable gland M20x1.5.

2.2 The second drill-hole is closed with a plug screw M20x1.5.
Optional a further cable gland can be delivered.

2.3 The cable gland and the plug screw were screwed on at the factory.
Please check if the cable gland or the plug screw were loose during the mounting or the transportation. If so, tighten it again.

2.4 The cable gland will be delivered with a PE sealing disc. With it, the level indicator is protected against dust and dirt entry during transportation and storage.
When the indicator is brought into the dusty area it has to be installed immediately at its destine place, the PE sealing disc has to be removed, a cable has to be pulled into the cable gland and the pressure screw has to be screwed on to maintain the type of protection.

ATTENTION
Excessive screw on may injure the type of protection

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By use in explosive hazardous areas read and follow the

special conditions and instructions for safe applicate

of the

explosive protection information

first and take notice of the operating instructions.

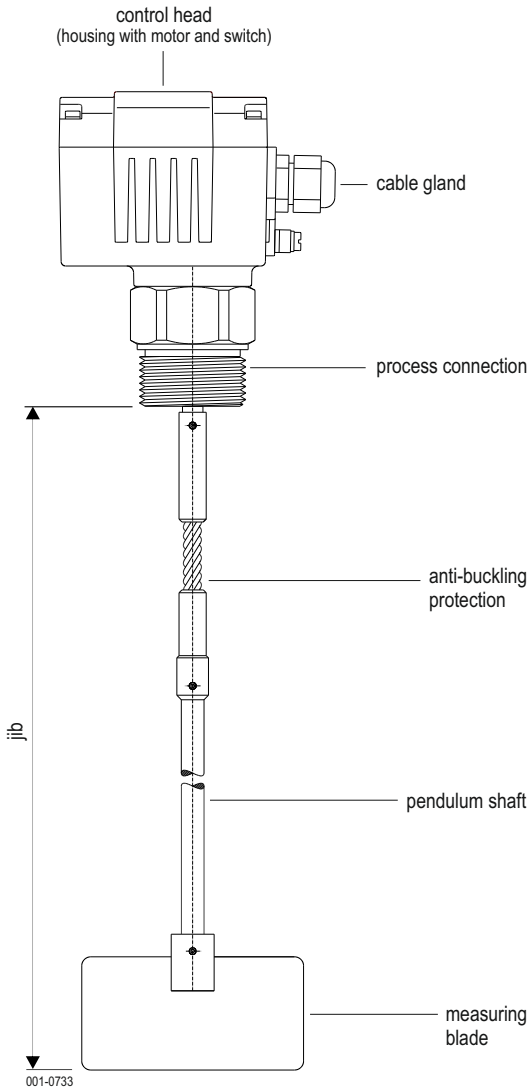
Operating instructions

1. Description

1.1 Intended use

The electromechanical level limit switch is monitoring the filling level of bulk goods in silos, bunkers, containers, hoppers, weighers, etc..

1.2 Construction



1.3 Function

The rotating measuring blade, projecting into the silo or container, is driven by a gearmotor.

If the bulk material is reaching the measuring blade, the rotation will be hindered and it will be stopped.

The return torque turns the pivoted motor from its end position and actuates the signal switch.
A second switch turns the motor off.

If the filling level of the bulk material sinks, the blade becomes freely again and a spring will turn back the motor into its original end position.
Thereby the motor will be turned on again and the signal switch will be switched back.

1.4 Technical data

Manufacturer	**MOLLET Füllstandtechnik GmbH**
Address	Industriepark RIO 103 74706 Osterburken
Name	rotary blade level indicator
Type	**DF**
Bulk goods temperature	Ts see data plate
Ambient temperature	Ta -20 °C ... +70 °C
Pressure range	p see data plate
Measuring blade speed	1 U/min
Response delay	approx. 1.20 sec.
Maintenance	none

1.5 Electrical data

Supply voltage		see data plate
Power consumption	Supply	**AC** 3.5 VA **DC** 3.5 W
Cable entry		cable gland M20 x 1.5
Type of protection	IP	IP 66 acc. to DIN 60529
Connection clamps		max. 1.5 mm²
Signal contact	Contact	change-over contact potentialfree
Switching voltage		4 V DC ... 250 V AC
Capacity of the contact		1mA ... 2A

The signal contact is a multivoltage and multicurrent switch. It is suitable for use in circuits with low currents and low voltages as well as for medium currents with control voltages up to 250 V ~AC.

Caution!

During the whole working life, the switch may be used in the same kind of circuit types, only.
When the switch has been used once with medium switching capacity, it cannot be used any more for the low switching capacity.

1.6 Materials

Housing		aluminium or stainless steel 1.4401
Process connection		aluminium or stainless steel 1.4301
Anti-buckling protection		stainless steel 1.4301
Pendulum shaft		stainless steel 1.4301
Measuring blade		stainless steel 1.4301
Sealing ring	(order code) **R0**	NBR, black
	R1	Viton/Teflon/VA
	R2	NBR, white, FDA conform
	R5	Teflon

2. Installation

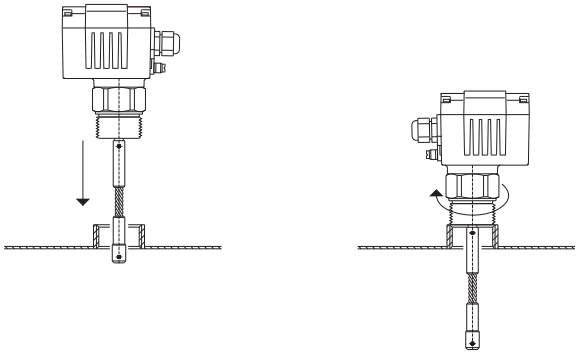
2.1 Preparation

- Read and follow the safety instructions and the operating instructions before mounting the device!
- Inspect if the delivery is complete.
  The delivery volume is different, depending on the options.

2.2 Mounting

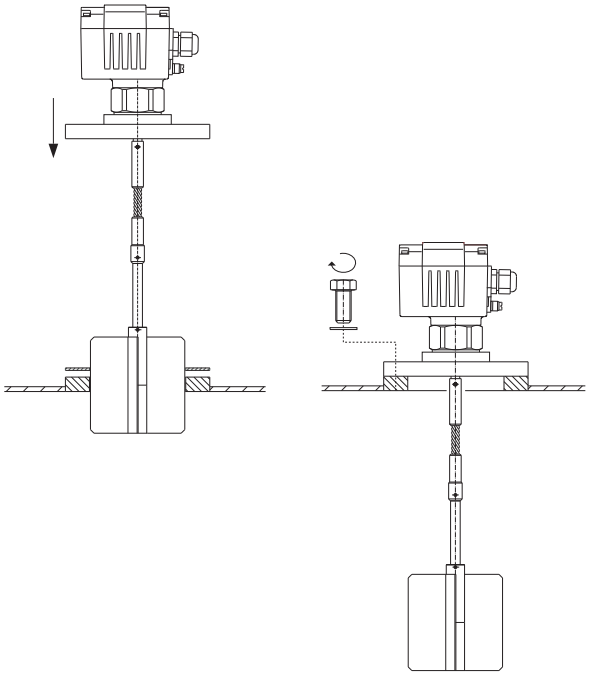
Thread connection

Put the level indicator together with the sealring at the provided position in the silo or container wall and screw it tightly by means of appropriate tools.



Flange connection

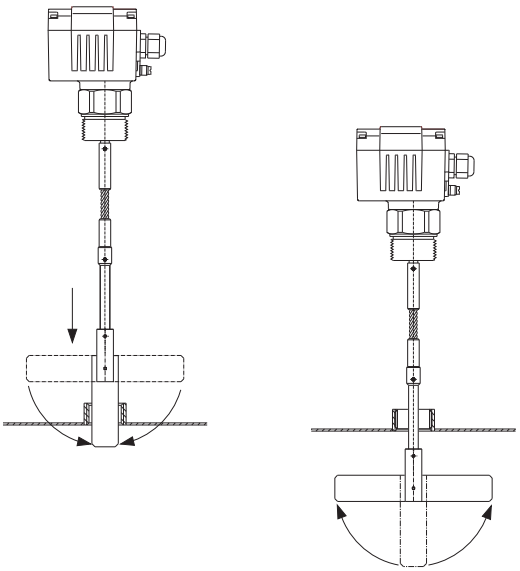
Put the level indicator together with the sealring at the container and fix the flange by means of suitable screws.



Hinged blade

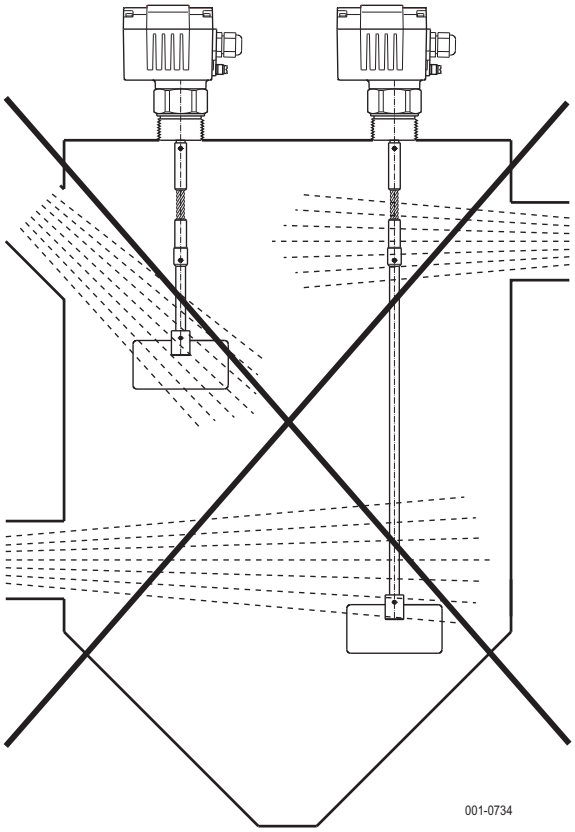
While installation with a hinged blade, please press both parts of the blade together and insert them through the connection socket.

In the container, the blade is unfolding itself.

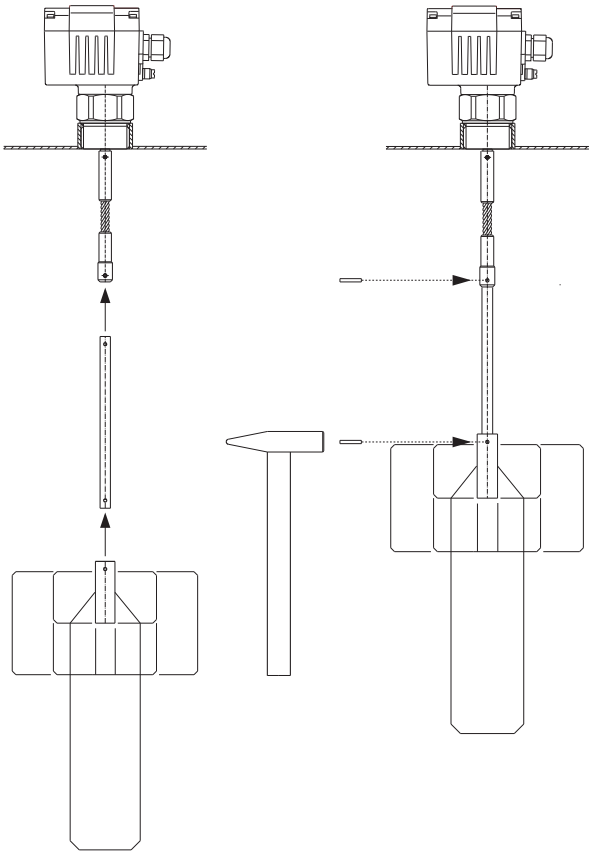


Attention!

The level indicator has to be installed in this way that the jib won´t be hit by the filling stream of incoming bulk goods.

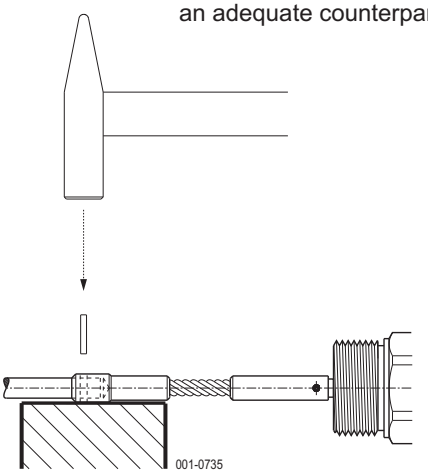


2.3 Mounting of the measuring blades



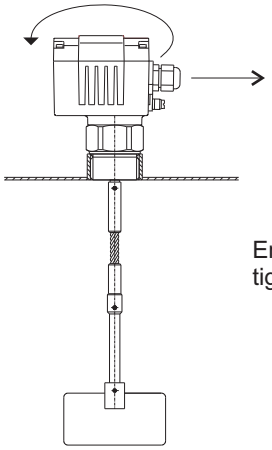
Attention!

During beating the pin into the shaft, you have to support the shaft with an adequate counterpart.



2.4 Orientation of the housing

After mounting, the housing has to be orientated by turning in such a away, that the cable gland is directed towards the cable duct.



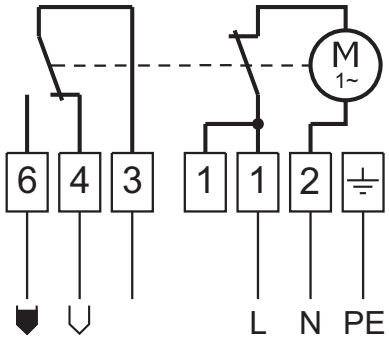
Attention!

Ensure that the cable is fixed tightly in the cable gland.

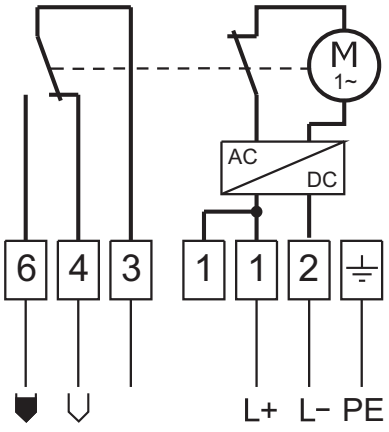
3. Electrical connection

- Install the wiring and electrical connection in compliance with the circuit diagrams.
- Run the cable between housing and cable protection, in order that the switches and the motor will not be hampered at their necessary movement.
- After the electrical connection the cap nut of the cable gland has to be screwed and please ensure that the cable is fixed strongly and tightly in the cable screwing.

3.1 Circuit diagram AC



3.2 Circuit diagram DC



Attention!

Wiring of the level indicator in a way that no undesirable switching function can occur in case of mains voltage failure.

4. Switching logics and function displays

Symbol signification

= under voltage

= full

= empty

= LED "OFF"

= LED "ON"

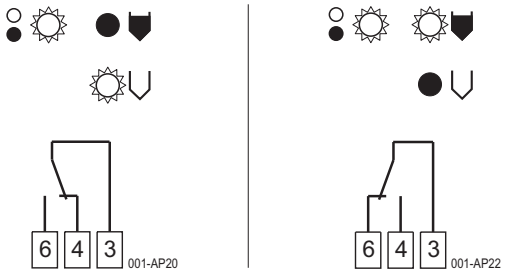
Arrangement and colours of the LEDs for function display

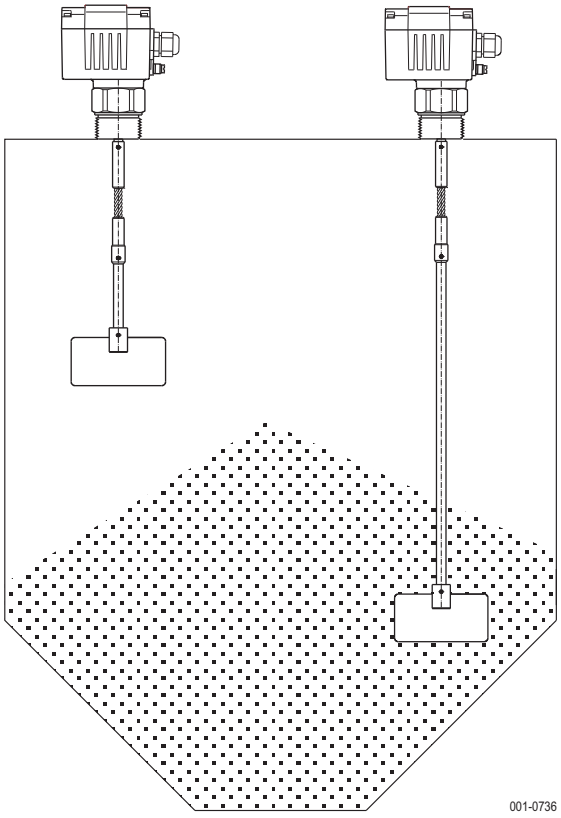
yellow

green

green

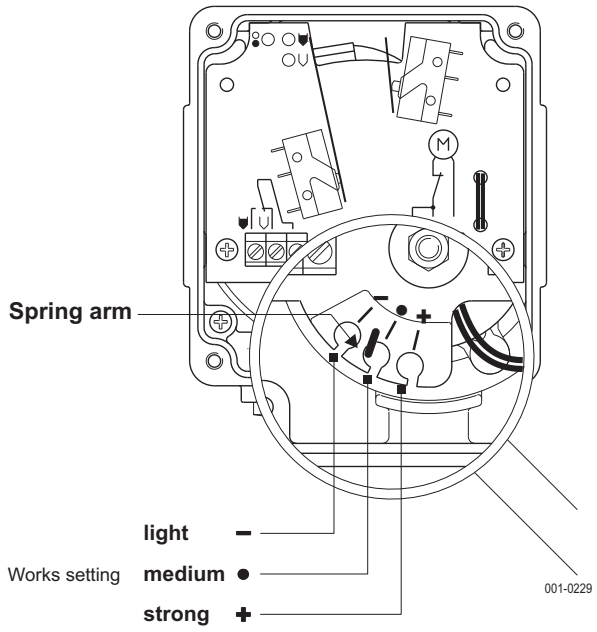
Switching logics





5. Setting of the sensitivity

As occasion demands, the sensitivity of the level indicator can be adjusted, referring to the characteristics of the bulk goods, by shifting the spring arm.



Three settings are possible:

1. **light** for very light bulk goods
2. **medium** suitable for almost all bulk goods
3. **strong** for sticking bulk goods

Fluidised bulk goods are lighter during filling and draining process. This has to be taken appropriately into consideration when setting the spring force and selecting the size of the measuring blade.

6. Use of the measuring blades

Lowest bulk density, the measuring blades can be used for.

	Bulk density ϱSS in	
Filling level up to 100mm above measuring blade	kg/l	t/m³
Filling level until measuring blade is compl. covered	t/m³	kg/l

Measuring blade	Blade size	Spring force setting light	Spring force setting medium
S1 Socket blade	100x30	0,25 / 0,4	0,35 / 0,6
S2 Socket blade	130x30	0,2 / 0,35	0,3 / 0,5
M1 Socket blade	90x28	0,15 / 0,3	0,2 / 0,5
M2 Socket blade	90x40	0,1 / 0,2	0,15 / 0,3
T0 Blade T200	68x220	0,15 / 0,3	0,25 / 0,5
T1 Blade T50	98x50	0,15 / 0,3	0,25 / 0,5
T2 Blade T100	98x100	0,1 / 0,2	0,2 / 0,45
T5 Blade T250	250x100	0,015 / 0,02	0,02 / 0,03
T8 Rubber blade	250x100	0,015 / 0,02	0,02 / 0,03
X1 Blade X50	98x50	0,15 / 0,3	0,25 / 0,5
X2 Blade X100	98x100	0,1 / 0,2	0,2 / 0,45
X3 Blade X200	180x100	0,025 / 0,05	0,075 / 0,15
XM Blade X40	44x50	0,25 / 0,4	0,35 / 0,6
K1 Hinged blade T230	200x30	0,05 / 0,08	0,07 / 0,12
SG Blade	126x8	0,45 / 0,55	0,65 / 0,75
TG Blade	98x8	0,5 / 0,6	0,7 / 0,8

7. Utilization

7.1 Putting into operation

- Commissioning of the rotary blade level indicator only, if the installation will be done correctly and if it will be fixed tightly with the electrical contact.
- During operation, the housing and the cable entry must be closed tightly.

7.2 Normal operation

- Use the rotary blade level indicator in its intended application only.
- Operate the level indicator within the intended temperature ranges for the ambient and bulk goods temperature.
- Protect the inside of the control head from soiling.
- When the indicator has to be damaged, you have to take the device out of operation immediately.

7.3 Inexpert handling

- Ignoring of the safety instructions and the operating instructions.
- Utilization of the rotary blade level indicator in not intended use.
- Mounting of spare parts which are no original parts.
- Remove, adding or change of assembling parts, unless this has been described in the documents of the manufacturer.
- Violation against applicable law and standards.

8. Maintenance and servicing

8.1 Maintenance

- In case of intended use, the rotary blade level indicator needs no maintenance.
- Remove deposits and stickings from the blades or wrinkles with a brush or with a scraper.
  Don´t use any force and don´t damage the sealring of the shaft.
- Inspect the assemblings inside of the container about signs of wear and tear, in regular intervals. Define the intervals of the control, depending on the bulk goods characteristics.

8.2 Servicing

- Damaged parts, contacts or connections have to be repaired immediately or being replaced with parts of the same kind.
- Until the complete restoration of the proper function, the rotary blade level indicator must not be used any more.

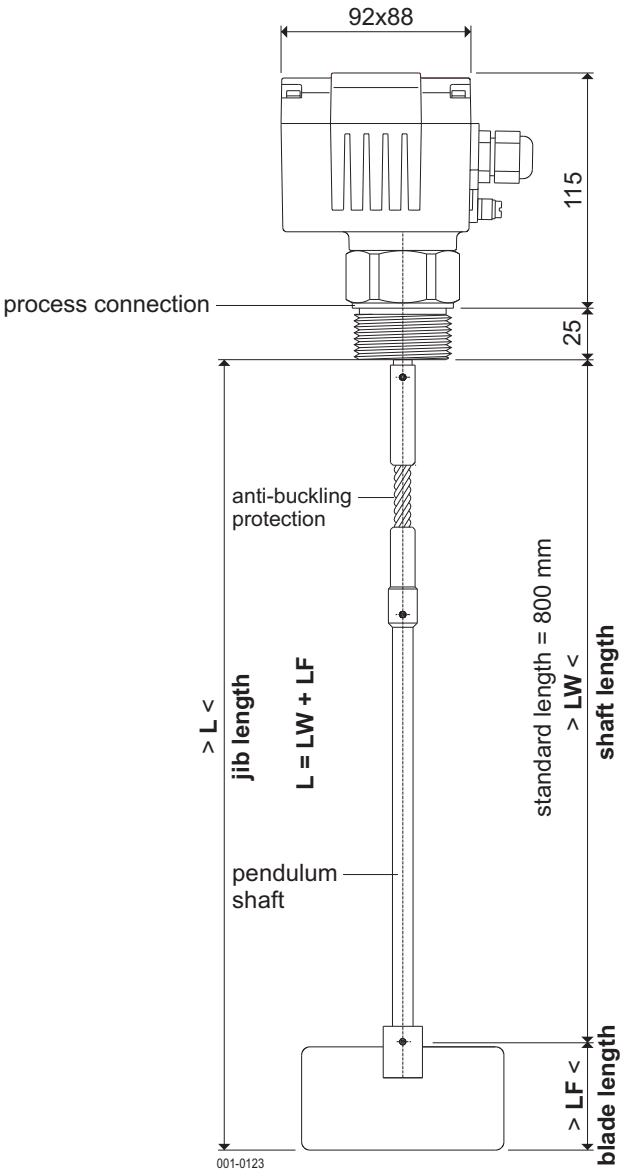
9. Storage

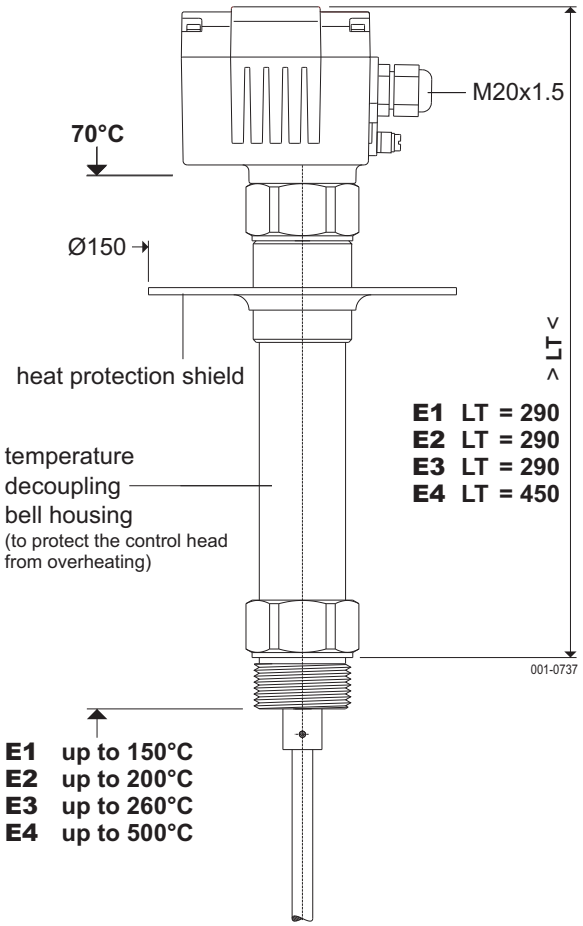
- While storage, the level indicator has to be protected from dust and humidity.
- Please ensure that the shaft of level indicators with jib extension will not be buckled or bended.

10. Disposal

- The level indicator can be recycled.
- The disposal applies to the valid environmental guidelines according to the location of the carrier and the local manufacturing conditions.

Dimensions

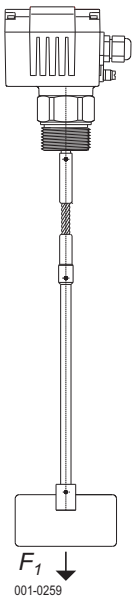




Application instructions

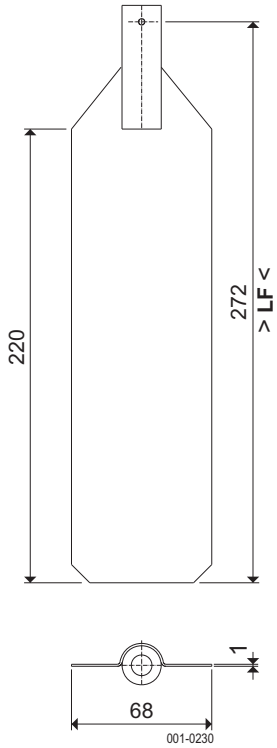
Mounting position **any**

max. permissible traction force F_1 max. **400 N**

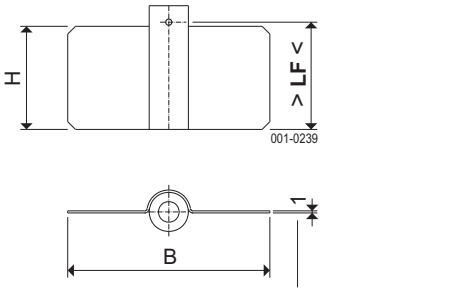


Measuring blades - dimensions

TO Blade



T Blade

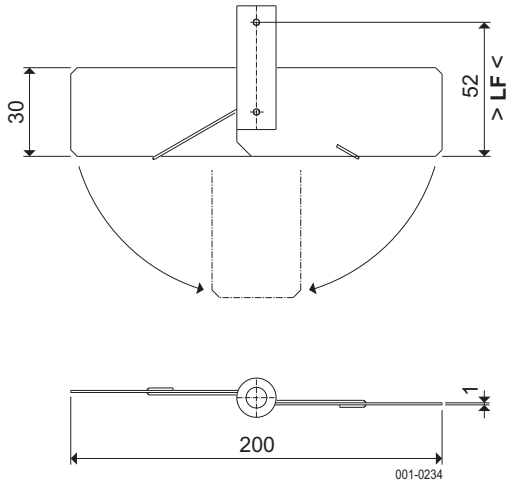


2 mm at **T1V** and **T2V**, reinforced

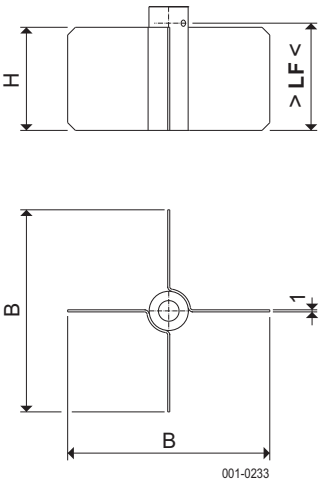
	B	H	LF
T1	98	50	52
T2	98	100	102
T3	200	100	102
T5	250	100	102
T8[1])	250	100	102

[1]) Blades 10 mm thick
in rubber NBR, black

K1 Hinged blade



X Blade



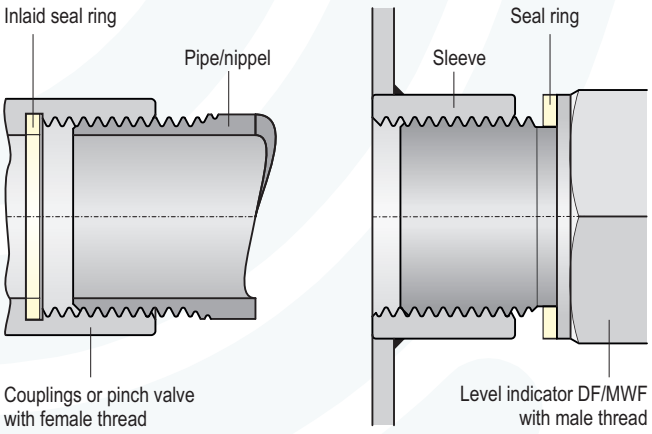
	B	H	LF
X1	98	50	52
X2	98	100	102
X3	180	100	102

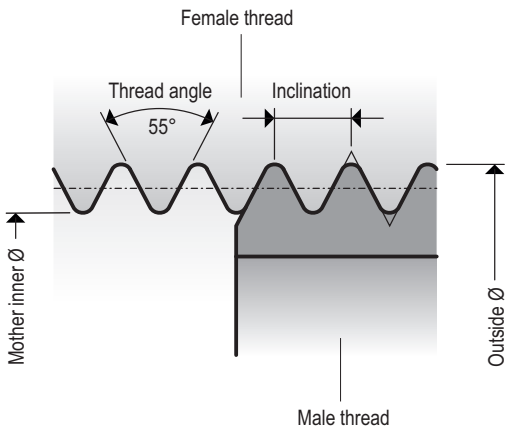
Planning information

Pipe thread DIN EN ISO 228-1

DIN ISO 228-1 (substitution for DIN 259)

Thread G	Outside Ø mm	Mother-inner Ø mm	Core hole Ø mm	Pitch per Insch	Inclination mm
G 1/8	9.73	8.85	8.80	28	0.907
G 1/4	13.16	11.89	11.80	19	1.337
G 3/8	16.66	15.39	15.25	19	1.337
G 1/2	20.95	19.17	19.00	14	1.814
G 3/4	26.44	24.66	24.50	14	1.814
G 1	33.25	30.93	30.75	11	2.309
G 1 1/4	41.91	39.59	39.25	11	2.309
G 1 1/2	47.80	45.48	45.25	11	2.309
G 2	59.61	57.29	57.00	11	2.309
G 2 1/2	75.18	72.86	72.60	11	2.309
G 3	87.88	85.56	85.30	11	2.309
G 3 1/2	100.33	98.01	97.70	11	2.309
G 4	113.03	110.71	110.40	11	2.309
G 4 1/2	125.73	123.41	123.10	11	2.309
G 5	138.43	136.11	135.70	11	2.309
G 6	163.83	161.51	161.20	11	2.309





All couplings and pinch valves supplied by MOLLET are manufactured for cylindric connections with not metallically sealed threads.

The same applies to the level indicators DF and MWF.

Tightness is achieved by seal rings.

Tightness can also be achieved e.g. with O-rings or sealant adhesive.

According to measurement charts the threads G acc. to DIN EN ISO 228-1 (substitution for DIN 259) have the same dimensions like the threads R acc. to DIN EN 10226-1 (substitution for DIN 2999). However, the tolerances acc. to DIN EN 10226-1 are for the inner diameter in the lower and for the outside diameter in the upper area.

It is therefore possible that cylindric male threads G acc. to DIN EN ISO 228-1 can not be screwed in parts (sleeves) with female threads R that are manufactured acc. to DIN EN 10226-1.

EU-Konformitätserklärung
EU Declaration of Conformity

Drehflügel-Füllstandmelder / Rotary blade level indicator

Produkt / Product	Version
MOLOSroto	DF11, DF21, DF22, DF23, DF24, DF245, DF25, DF257, DF26, DF27, DF28, DF30, DFAS

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