

Application, mode of operation

Application

The SITRANS LR radar level meter is used to measure the level of liquids and bulk materials. The measuring principle is largely independent of temperature and pressure. The device calculates the filling volume following input of the tank design; the mass can also be displayed if the density of the material is entered in addition.

The main applications of the SITRANS LR are found in:

- Chemical industry
- Petrochemical industry
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Power engineering.

Versions with the following types of protection are available for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (in preparation):

- II 2G EEx dem [ib] IIC T6,
- II 2G EEx d IIC T6 and
- the above types of protection with Ex zone 0 approval.

SITRANS LR is characterized by the following features:

- Level measurement independent of medium permits a wide range of application.
- Minimum maintenance requirements and wear as result of non-contact measurement.
- High long-term stability resulting from self-calibration since the device has a highly stable internal reference.
- High measuring accuracy and repeatability due to 24-GHz technology.
- Nominal diameters from DN 50 to DN 150, or according to customer requirements.
- Antenna extension available for long mounting glands and high temperatures.
- Antenna and flange made of stainless steel or according to customer requirements.
- Modular design.
- Double chamber housing, i.e. separate junction box and electronics area.
- EMC-tested to EN 50 081, EN 50 082 and NAMUR.
- Self-monitoring and diagnosis of all device functions.
- Analog output (4 to 20 mA) and digital output for limits or device status.
- Outputs electrically isolated from the power supply and from one another.
- HART communication.
- Simple menu-based operation with two-line display and four optical input elements; the device can be operated from the outside without opening the housing.

Mode of operation

Microwaves propagate in gases at the speed of light. The device transmits microwave signals from the container cover/gland to the surface of the medium and measures the runtime required for the signal to return to the device. The device has an antenna to generate a directional effect for the microwaves. The horn antennae have a very good directional effect and can be used with a gland diameter of 80 mm or more. A rod antenna made of Teflon is in preparation for more limited mounting conditions.

The frequency modulated continuous wave procedure (FMCW) used transmits a linear, frequency-modulated radar signal.

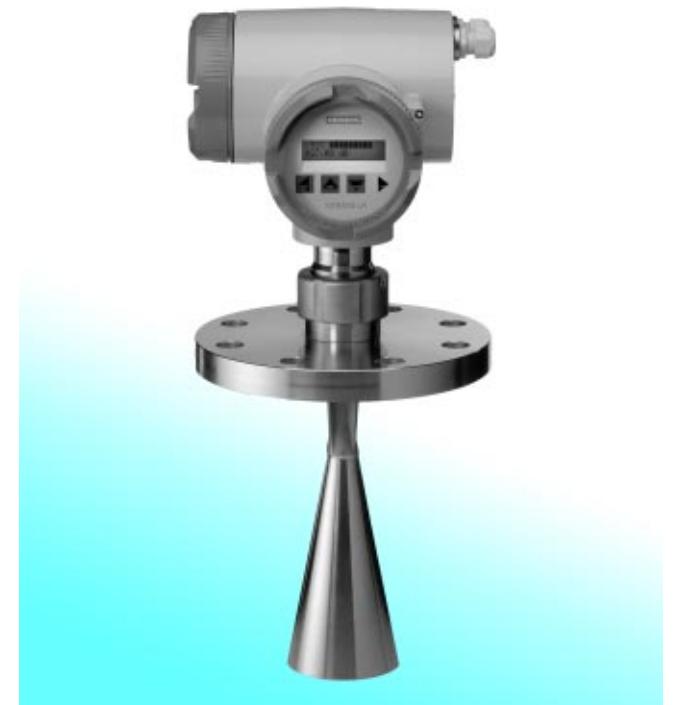


Fig. 1 SITRANS LR microwave level meter, nominal diameter DN 100

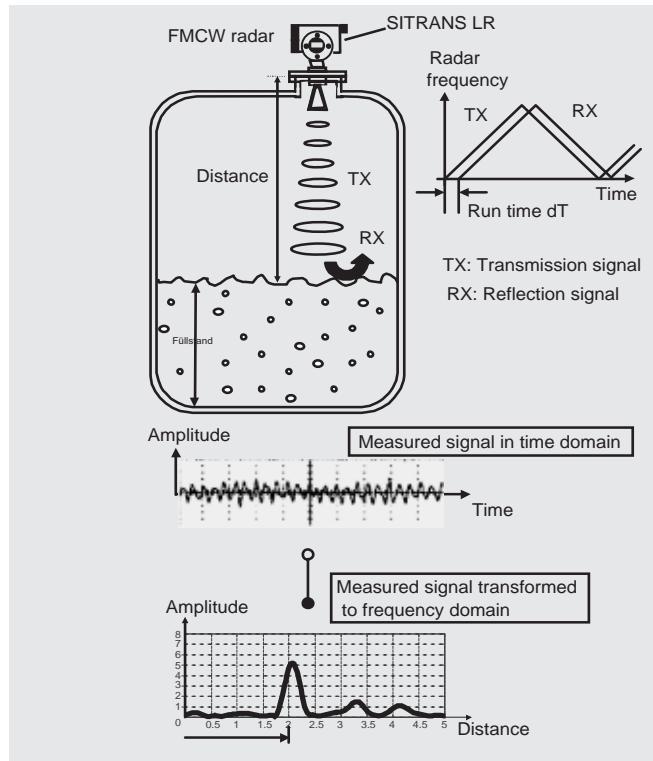


Fig. 2 Measuring principle

The offset frequency of the signal reflected from the surface of the medium is dependent on the runtime and results in an offset in the phase or frequency between the transmitted and received signals. The resulting signal is sinusoidal with a frequency in the kHz range. This frequency is proportional to the distance from the surface of the medium. Using a Fourier transformation, the measured signal is converted into an echo profile (see Fig. 2).

SITRANS LR Microwave Level Meter

Operation, technical data

Operation

The level meter (Fig. 3) can be operated using:

- Operating and display module or
- HART communicator or
- PC/laptop and software SIMATIC PDM.

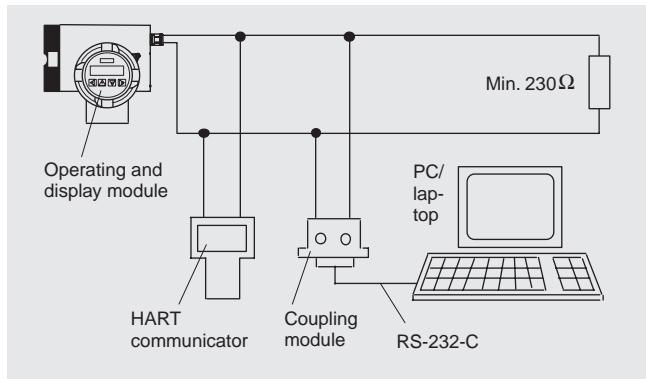


Fig. 3 Operation possibilities

The operating and display module (Fig. 4) permits simple operation without supplementary equipment. It is not necessary to open the housing. The individual functions and parameters are selected using a hierarchical, multi-language menu and four optical input elements. All parameters can then be specifically selected and modified, e.g.:

- Measuring range
- Physical dimensions
- Display parameters (configurable display)
- Display in level, volume or mass units
- Functions of analog output (level, volume, mass)
- Functions of digital output (device status or limit)
- Limits (level, volume, mass)
- Medium reflectivity.

The HART protocol is implemented via the analog output (current output). Using this communication facility, the device can be parameterized with the HART communicator or with a PC and SIMATIC PDM software.

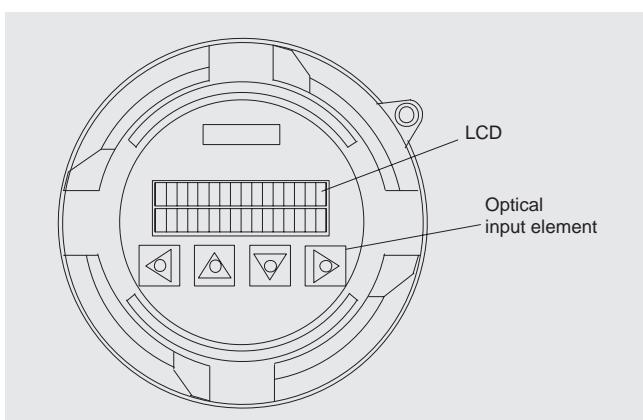


Fig. 4 Operating and display module

Technical data

Input

Measuring range
From bottom edge of antenna up to 45 m away from flange

Nominal diameters
DN 50/2 inch (only with rod antenna) (in preparation)
DN 80/3 inch
DN 100/4 inch
DN 150/6 inch

Nominal pressure to DIN
PN 64 (in preparation)
PN 40

Nominal pressure to ANSI
Class 300
Class 150

Output

Analog output

- Signal range
- Upper limit
- Signal on alarm
- Load

Digital output
4 to 20 mA
20 to 22.5 mA, adjustable
3.6 mA, 22 mA, 24 mA or Hold
Max. 600 Ω;
min. 230 Ω for communication

Electrical isolation
Relay, NC or NO function, max. DC 50 V, max. 200 mA, switching capacity max. 5 W, self-resetting fuse, $R_i = 9 \Omega$, configurable for device status or limit (level, volume or mass)

Outputs electrically isolated from power supply and from one another

Measurement uncertainty

Reference conditions
Flange temperature $25 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$, ambient temperature $25 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$, warming-up time 30 min

Local display/HART

Analog output
See Fig. 5
As Fig. 5, plus $\pm 0.1\%$ of measured value

Repeatability

$\pm 1\text{ mm}$

Rated operating conditions

Flange temperature range
 -40°C to $+100^\circ\text{C}$ or
 -40°C to $+250^\circ\text{C}$

Degree of protection
IP 65

Electromagnetic compatibility
To EN 50 081

• Emitted interference
• Noise immunity
To EN 50 082 and NAMUR

Ambient temperature range
 -40 to $+65^\circ\text{C}$
LCD: -20 to $+55^\circ\text{C}$
Observe temperature classes in potentially explosive atmospheres!

Storage temperature range
 -40 to $+85^\circ\text{C}$
LCD: -30 to $+80^\circ\text{C}$

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Technical data

Technical data (continued)

Design

Weight (with DIN flange, PN 40)

DN 80: approx. 12 kg
DN 100: approx. 14 kg
DN 150: approx. 20 kg

Materials

- Horn antenna
- Flange
- Waveguide bushing
 - Gasket
- Housing

Stainless steel, mat. No. 1.4581
Stainless steel, mat. No. 1.4571
PTFE (Teflon)
Perbunan, Teflon, Kalrez or Viton

Die-cast aluminum

Process connection

Flange to DIN 2527 or ANSI B16.5

Cable inlet

2 x Pg 13.5 or M20
or 1/2"-14 NPT

Displays and controls

Operation

4 optical control elements, menu prompting

Display

LCD, two lines with 16 characters each, configurable for following displays: level, volume, mass
Multi-display: 2 freely-selectable measured values are displayed simultaneously (level, volume, mass, temperature, ...)

Power supply

AC 120 to 230 V $\pm 15\%$
(50/60 Hz) or AC/DC 19 to 30 V

Power failure

No effect for at least 1 period
(> 20 ms)

Power consumption

Approx. 8 VA/9 W

Explosion protection

(in preparation)

II 2G EEx dem [ib] IIC T6
II 2G EEx dem IIC T6
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Communication

PC/Laptop or HART communicator with SITRANS LR level meter

Load with connection of:

- Coupling module
- HART communicator

230 to 500 Ω

230 to 600 Ω

Cable

2-wire screened: ≤ 3 km,
multi-core screened: ≤ 1.5 km

Protocol

HART, version 5.1

PC/laptop requirements

IBM-compatible,
main memory ≥ 64 Mbyte,
hard disk > 100 Mbyte,
RS 232 C interface,
VGA graphics

Software for PC/laptop

Windows 95/98 or NT and
SIMATIC PDM

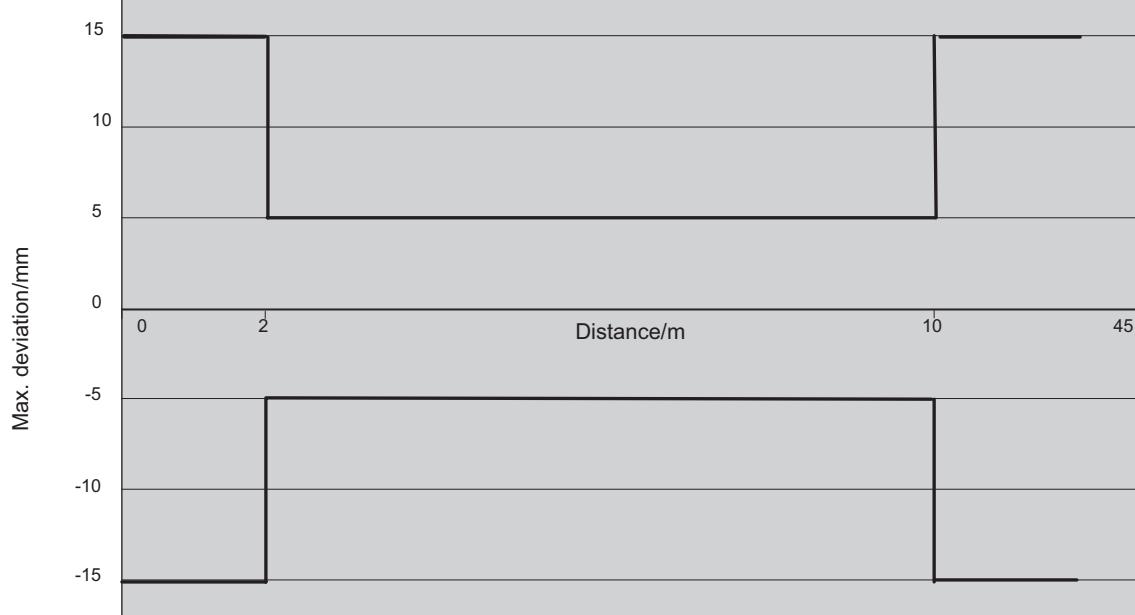


Fig. 5 Measurement uncertainty

SITRANS LR Microwave Level Meter

Installation instructions

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The radar level meter must be installed into the vessel taking into consideration the following guidelines.

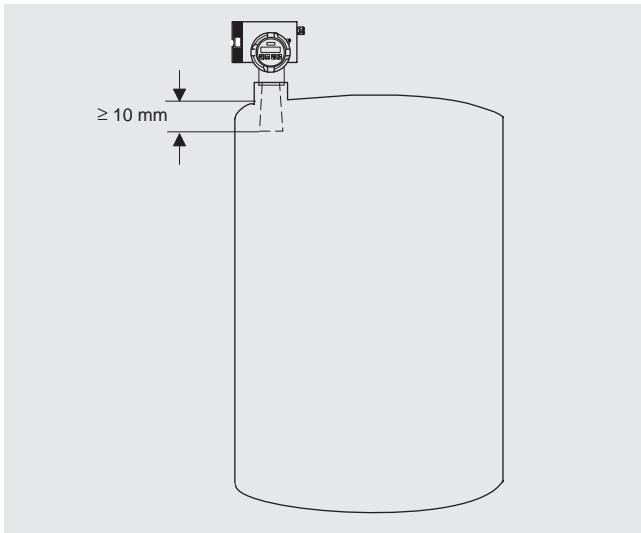


Fig. 6 Assembly on a pipe coupling

When assembling on a pipe coupling (Fig. 6), ensure that the bottom edge of the antenna projects at least 10 mm into the vessel. Antenna extensions must be used if necessary.

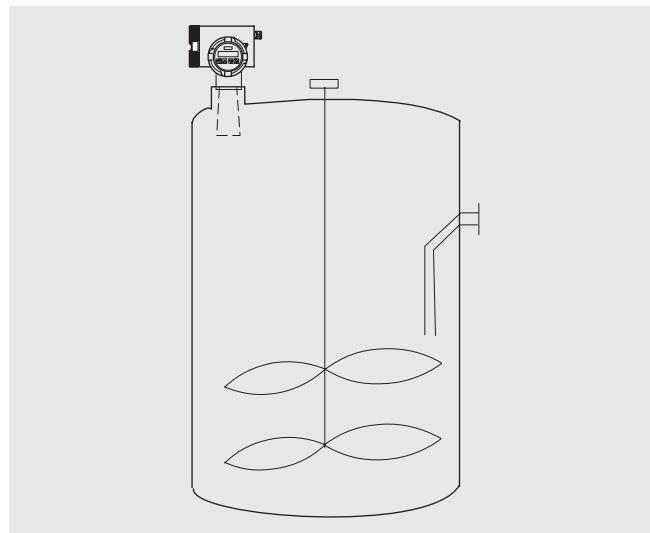


Fig. 8 Observe installation conditions

Do not install the device directly above fittings in the vessel (struts, pipes etc.) or above filling holes (Fig. 8). These result in interfering reflections which may affect the measurement value.

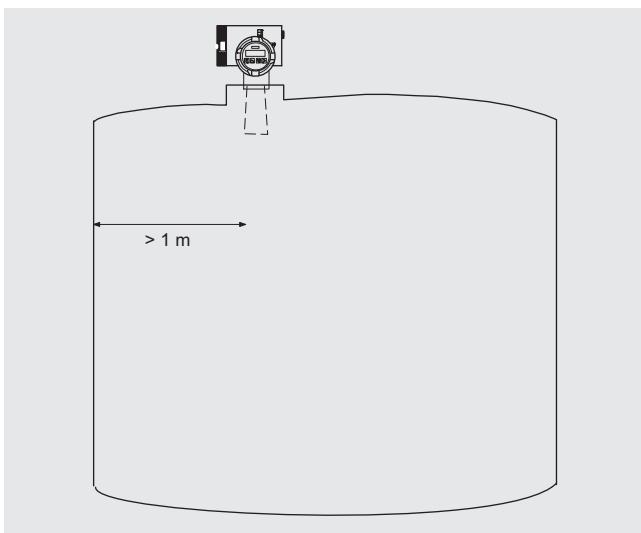


Fig. 7 Distance from wall of vessel

A minimum distance of 1 m from the wall of the vessel (Fig. 7) must be observed. A smaller distance results in less accurate measurements.

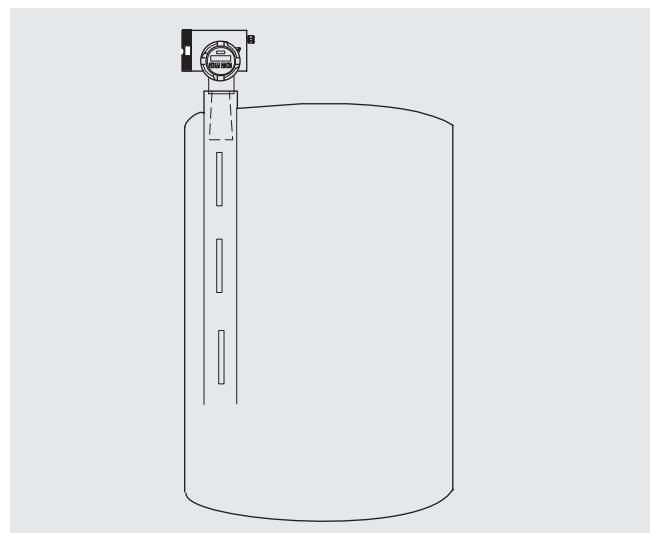


Fig. 9 Washing pipe assembly

Using the short horn antenna, the device can be fitted on a washing pipe above DN 80 (Fig. 9), or with the long horn antenna above DN 100. Interfering reflections resulting from holes and slots in the washing pipe can be minimized by rotating the device.

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Flange temperature range

-40 °C to +100 °C
-40 °C to +250 °C

Nominal diam. DN 50 / 2 inch ¹⁾

| Flange design | Nom. press. |
|---------------|-------------|
| DIN 2527 | DIN PN 40 |
| ANSI B16.5 | lb 150 |

Nominal diam. DN 80 / 3 inch

| Flange design | Nom. press. |
|---------------|------------------|
| DIN 2527 | DIN PN 40 |
| ANSI B16.5 | lb 150 lb 300 |

Nominal diam. DN 100 / 4 inch

| Flange design | Nom. press. |
|---------------|------------------------|
| DIN 2527 | DIN PN 40 DIN PN 64 |
| ANSI B16.5 | lb 150 lb 300 |

Nominal diam. DN 150 / 6 inch

| Flange design | Nom. press. |
|---------------|------------------------|
| DIN 2527 | DIN PN 40 DIN PN 64 |
| ANSI B16.5 | lb 150 lb 300 |

Version of rod antenna ^{1) 3)}

| Extension | Material |
|-----------|----------|
| Without | PTFE |
| 100 mm | PTFE |
| 200 mm | PTFE |

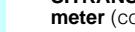
Version of horn antenna, long ⁴⁾

| Extension | Material ²⁾ |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Without | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| 100 mm | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| 200 mm | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| Without | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |
| 100 mm | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |
| 200 mm | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |

Version of horn antenna, short ⁵⁾

| Extension | Material ²⁾ |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Without | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| 100 mm | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| 200 mm | 1.4581/ flange 1.4571 |
| Without | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |
| 100 mm | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |
| 200 mm | Hastelloy ⁶⁾ |

Order No.

7ME4000- - -Z



Ordering data

SITRANS LR microwave level meter (continued)

Gasket process flange/bushing

NBR (Perbunan)
-40 °C to +100 °C
PTFE (Teflon)
-40 °C to +250 °C
FFPM (Kalrez)
-15 °C to +250 °C
FKM (Viton)
-20 °C to +250 °C

Output/communication

4 to 20 mA HART

Power supply

AC 115/230 V

- 2 x Pg 13.5 (not with EEx d)
- 2 x M20 x 1.5
- 2 x 1/2"-NPT

AC/DC 24 V

- 2 x Pg 13.5 (not with EEx d)
- 2 x M20 x 1.5
- 2 x 1/2"-NPT

Degree of protection

Without explosion protection
With explosion protection ¹⁾

- EEx d
- EEx dem
- EEx dem (ib) (only with 4 to 20 mA, only with AC/DC 24 V)

With explosion protection and zone 0 ¹⁾

- EEx d
- EEx dem
- EEx dem (ib) (only with 4 to 20 mA, only with AC/DC 24 V)

Local operation

Without operating panel
With operating panel

Order No.

7ME4000- - -Z



Order code

B11
B12
B13
B14
C12

Acceptance test certificate B to DIN 50049 Section 3.1 and EN 10204

¹⁾ In preparation

²⁾ Material of parts in contact with the process (flange, antenna extension)

³⁾ From DN 50 / 2 inch upward

⁴⁾ From DN 100 / 4 inch upward

⁵⁾ From DN 80 / 3 inch upward

⁶⁾ On request

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