

Gas density sensor

For gas density, temperature and pressure of insulating gases

Model GD-20 with Modbus[®] or analogue 4 ... 20 mA signal

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Applications

- Permanent monitoring of the relevant gas condition parameters in closed tanks
- For internal and external SF₆-insulated equipment
- Density measurement of alternative gases in electrical equipment or in the laboratory

Special features

- High-accuracy sensor technology
- Digital Modbus[®] RTU or analogue 4 ... 20 mA output signal
- IP67 ingress protection, optionally with IP6k9k field case
- Very good long-term stability and EMC characteristics
- Compact design



Fig. left: Model GD-20-D, plastic circular connector

Fig. centre: Model GD-20-D, metal circular connector

Fig. right: Model GD-20-A, metal circular connector

Description

Permanent monitoring

In order to prevent system failures in switchgear and network outages, the permanent monitoring of the gas density is essential.

The model GD-20 calculates the current gas density from the pressure and temperature using a complex virial equation in the gas density sensor's powerful microprocessor. Changes in pressure resulting from thermal effects will be compensated by this and will not affect the output value.

Modbus[®] fieldbus

The RS-485 interface communicates using the Modbus[®] RTU protocol. The instrument's output parameters and their units can be configured and read according to requirements. The GD-20 model can be freely configured ex-works for any defined gas mixture consisting of SF₆, N₂, CF₄, O₂, CO₂, 3M[™] Novec[™] 4710, He and Ar. The calculation is based on the partial pressure method of the individual gas components.

Signal stability

Due to its high long-term stability, the sensor is maintenance-free and requires no recalibration. Due to the hermetically sealed weld seam and a measuring cell design without sealing elements, the permanent sealing of the measuring cell is ensured.

The gas density sensor is also available with analogue output signal (4 ... 20 mA) for output of the compensated pressure (p at 20 °C [68 °F]) or SF₆ gas density in g/l.

Specifications

Digital sensor technology, model GD-20-D

Compensated pressure range in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F] (g/l SF ₆)	Pressure in bar abs.	Temperature	Output parameters	Output signal
0 ... 2 (12.28)	0 ... 2.4	-40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Density ■ Pressure at 20 °C [68 °F] ■ Pressure ■ Temperature 	Modbus® RTU
0 ... 3 (18.65)	0 ... 3.7			
0 ... 6 (38.87)	0 ... 7.5			
0 ... 8 (53.4)	0 ... 10.1			
0 ... 10 (68.96)	0 ... 12.9			
0 ... 12 (85.79)	0 ... 15.7			
0 ... 16 (124.64)	0 ... 21.3			

Accuracy specifications		
Accuracy ¹⁾		
Compensated pressure ranges in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F] (g/l SF ₆) 0 ... 2 (12.28) 0 ... 6 (38.87) 0 ... 3 (18.65)	For -40 ... -20 °C [-40 ... -4 °F]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±2 % (standard) ■ ±1.5 % (option)
	For -20 ... +80 °C [-4 ... +176 °F]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±1.25 % (standard) ■ ±0.75 % (option)
Compensated pressure ranges in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F] (g/l SF ₆) 0 ... 8 (53.4) 0 ... 10 (68.96) 0 ... 12 (85.79) 0 ... 16 (124.64)	For -40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±1.25 % (standard) ■ ±0.6 % (option)
Pressure accuracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±1 % at 20 °C [68 °F] (standard) ■ ±0.2 % at 20 °C [68 °F] (option) 	
Temperature accuracy	±1.5 K	
Reference conditions	Per IEC 61298-1	

1) Specifications apply to measurement of the compensated pressure over the entire temperature range from -40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]; valid only for pure SF₆ gas and a gas mixture consisting of 6 % 3M™ Novec™ 4710, 5 % O₂ and 89 % CO₂.

Analogue sensor technology, model GD-20-A

Compensated pressure range in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F] (g/l SF ₆)	Accuracy ¹⁾	Output parameters	Output signal
0 ... 2 (12.28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±2 % (standard) ■ ±1.5 % (option) 	Absolute pressure at 20 °C [68 °F]	4 ... 20 mA
0 ... 3 (18.65)			
0 ... 6 (38.87)			
0 ... 8 (53.4)			
0 ... 10 (68.96)			
0 ... 12 (85.79)			
0 ... 16 (124.64)			

1) Specifications apply to measurement of the compensated pressure over the entire temperature range from -40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]; valid only for pure SF₆ gas. Accuracy is achieved after a maximum of 60 minutes operating time.

Density range in g/l SF ₆ (compensated pressure in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F])	Accuracy ¹⁾	Output parameters	Output signal
0 ... 10 (1.64)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ±2 % (standard) ■ ±1.5 % (option) 	SF ₆ gas density in g/l	4 ... 20 mA
0 ... 16 (2.59)			
0 ... 25 (3.97)			
0 ... 40 (6.16)			
0 ... 60 (8.87)			
0 ... 80 (11.33)			

1) Specifications apply to measurement of the compensated pressure over the entire temperature range from -40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]; valid only for pure SF₆ gas. Accuracy is achieved after a maximum of 60 minutes operating time.

Pressure reference

Absolute

Long-term stability at reference conditions

±0.1 % per year for the density signal

Overload safety and burst pressure

Compensated pressure range in bar abs. at 20 °C [68 °F] (g/l SF ₆)	Overload safety in bar abs.	Burst pressure in bar abs.
0 ... 2 (12.28)	6.2	10
0 ... 3 (18.65)	14.5	24
0 ... 6 (38.87)	14.5	24
0 ... 8 (53.4)	31	52
0 ... 10 (68.96)	31	52
0 ... 12 (85.79)	31	52
0 ... 16 (124.64)	62	103

Case

Case	
Case material	316 L
Case options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Field case ■ Cable outlet ■ Metal cable outlet, shield optionally connected (heavy-duty version)

Suitable for the following gases

- SF₆
- N₂
- CF₄
- O₂
- CO₂
- 3M™ Novec™ 4710
- He
- Ar

Gas mixtures and components can be individually configured and combined ex-works. The calculation is based on the physical principle of the partial pressure method. The gas mixture cannot be changed subsequently.

Output signal

Output signal	
Voltage supply	DC 10 ... 30 V
Power consumption	
Model GD-20-A	≤ 0.75 W
Model GD-20-D	≤ 0.45 W
Maximum permissible load R_A (model GD-20-A)	$R_A \leq (U_B - 9.5 \text{ V}) / 0.023 \text{ A}$ with R _A in ohm and U _B in V
Time response	
Settling time ¹⁾	< 10 ms
Switch-on time ²⁾	≤ 500 ms

1) e.g. with any sudden pressure spikes

2) Time after switching on until the first measured value is output.

Process connections

- G ½ B
- G ¼ B
- G ¾ B JIS
- ¼ NPT
- DN 6 female via adapter
- DN 8 female via adapter
- DN 20 female via adapter
- Malmquist (M30x2) female evia adapter
- G ½ JIS
- M20 x 1.5

Electrical connections

Electrical connection digital versions (model GD-20-D)

- Modbus[®]-RTU via RS-485 interface
- Circular connector M12 x 1 metal (5-pin)
- Circular connector M12 x 1 plastic (5-pin)

Circular connector M12 x 1 (5-pin)



1	-	-
2	U ₊	Supply voltage
3	U ₋	Mass
4	A	Signal RS-485
5	B	Signal RS-485

Electrical connection analogue version (model GD-20-A)

- Circular connector M12 x 1 metal (5-pin)
- Circular connector M12 x 1 plastic (5-pin)

Circular connector M12 x 1 (5-pin)



1	U ₊	Supply voltage
2	-	-
3	U ₋	Mass
4	-	-
5	-	-

Output parameters

Output parameters digital versions (model GD-20-D)

- Absolute pressure at 20 °C [68 °F]: bar, MPa, kPa, psi, Pa, N/cm²
- Gauge pressure based on 1,013 mbar at 20 °C [68 °F]: bar, MPa, kPa, psi, Pa, N/cm²
- Density: g/litre, kg/m³
- Temperature: °C, °F, K
- Absolute pressure: bar, MPa, kPa, psi, Pa, N/cm²
- Gauge pressure based on 1,013 mbar: bar, MPa, kPa, psi, Pa, N/cm²

Output parameters analogue version (model GD-20-A)

Absolute pressure at 20 °C [68 °F] or gas density in g/l for SF₆ gas as 4 ... 20 mA current signal

Operating conditions

Operating conditions		
Vibration resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5 g, 15 ... 2,000 Hz, for versions with field case ■ 20 g, 30 ... 2,000 Hz, for versions without field case 	
Shock resistance		
Single shock loads	500 g (1.4 ms, 1 shock, 3 axes)	
Continuous shock	100 g (4 ms, 10,000 shocks, 3 axes)	
Permissible temperature ranges		
Ambient temperature	-40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]	
Storage temperature	-40 ... +70 °C [-40 ... +158 °F]	
Permissible air humidity	≤ 95 % r. h. (non-condensing)	
Ingress protection ¹⁾		
M12 x 1 plastic	IP67, with mating connector	
M12 x 1 metal	IP67, with mating connector	
Cable outlet plastic	IP67, with cable	
Cable outlet metal	IP67, with cable	
Field case	IP6k9k, with cable/blind plug	
Electrical safety		
Model GD-20-D	Reverse polarity voltage U ₊ vs. U ₋	DC 30 V
Model GD-20-A	Reverse polarity voltage U ₊ vs. U ₋	DC 40 V

1) The respective IP ingress protection applies to electrical outputs with plug-type design when plugged in or with cable/blind plug, respectively. The mating connector must be suitable for the required ingress protection.

EMC tests

EMC tests	
Immunity to EMF	30 V/m (at 80 MHz to 6 GHz)
Immunity against surge voltages (surge) per IEC 61000-4-5	1 kV, non-symmetrical, cables to ground, RS485A to RS485B, U ₊ vs. U ₋
ESD per IEC 61000-4-2	8 kV contact discharge, 15 kV indirect discharge, 8 kV indirect discharge
Immunity against conducted HF signals in accordance with IEC 61000-4-6	10 V at 150 kHz to 80 MHz
Immunity against fast transients (burst) per IEC 61000-4-4	4 kV

Approvals

Logo	Description	Country
CE	EU declaration of conformity	European Union
	EMC directive	
	EN 61326 emission (group 1, class B) and immunity (industrial application)	
	RoHS directive	

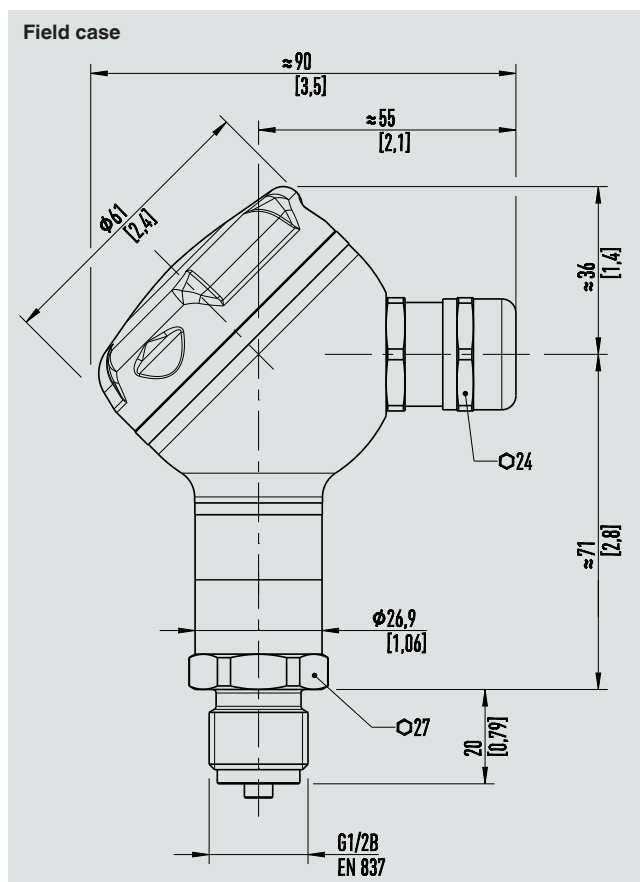
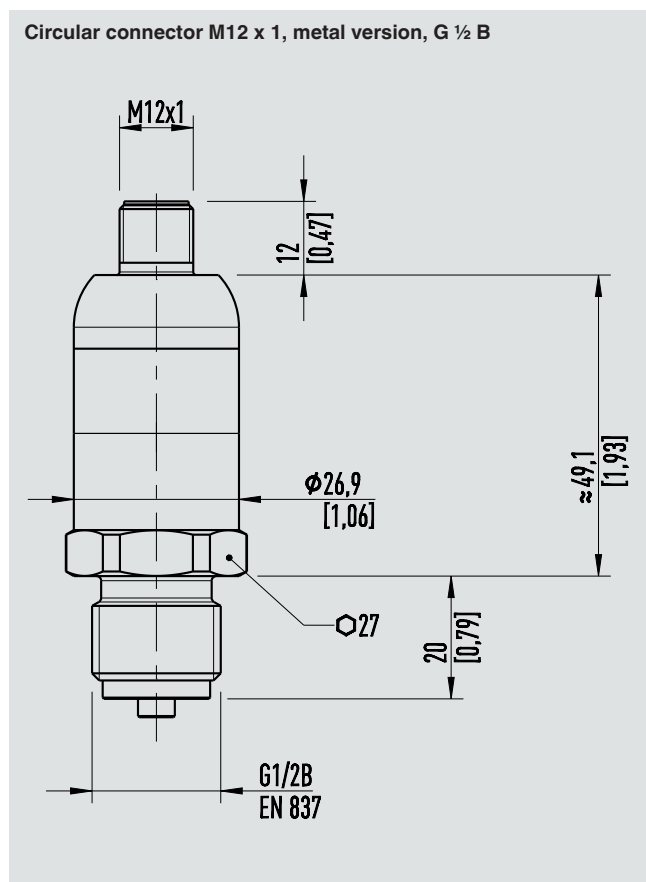
Manufacturer's information and certificates

Logo	Description
-	China RoHS directive

For approvals and certificates, see website

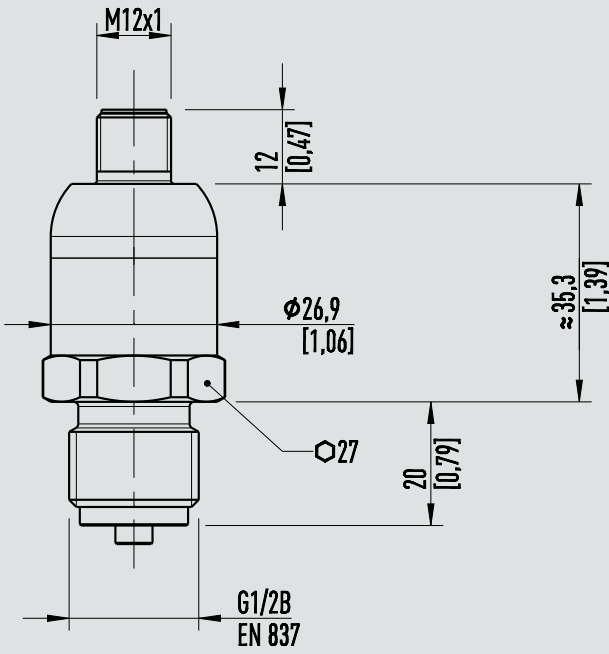
Dimensions in mm [in]

Examples of analogue versions, model GD-20-A

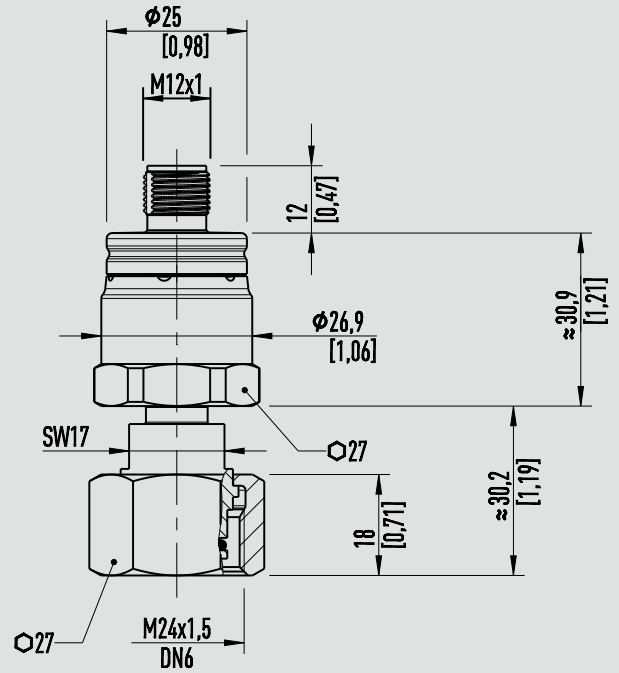


Examples of digital versions, model GD-20-D

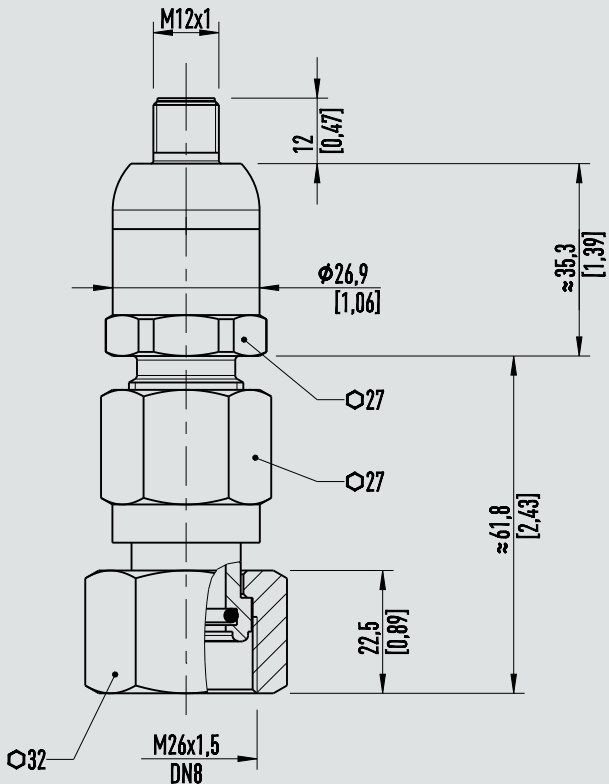
Circular connector M12 x 1, metal version, G 1/2 B



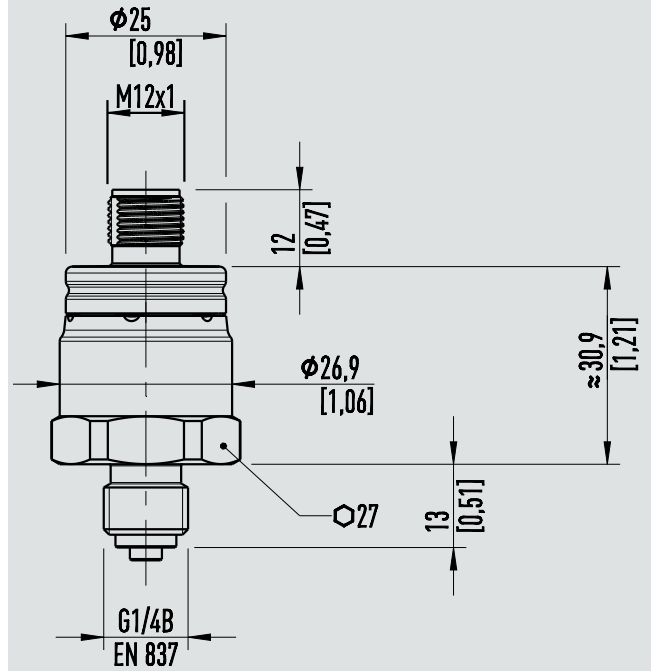
Circular connector M12 x 1, plastic version, adapter DN 6



Circular connector M12 x 1, metal version, adapter DN 8



Circular connector M12 x 1, plastic version, G 1/4 B



Optional versions, model GD-20-A

Designation	Case ingress protection	Temperature range in °C	Shield provided by customer	Shield connected on the instrument side	Assignment	
					U ₊	U ₋
Cable outlet 2 m, plastic	IP67	-40 ... +80 °C [-40 ... +176 °F]	Yes	-	Brown	Blue
Cable outlet 5 m, plastic			Yes	-		
Cable outlet 10 m, plastic			Yes	-		
Cable outlet 2 m, SS			Yes	-		
Cable outlet 5 m, SS			Yes	-		
Cable outlet 10 m, SS			Yes	-		
Cable outlet 2 m, shield connected, SS			Yes	Yes		
Cable outlet 5 m, shield connected, SS			Yes	Yes		
Cable outlet 10 m, shield connected, SS			Yes	Yes		
Field case	IP6k9k		-	-	1	2

Ordering information

Compensated pressure range / Accuracy / Gas mixture / Process connection / Electrical output / Optional version

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