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# Level Limit Switch *liquiphant FDL 30/31 and FDL 35/36*

**Safety sensor for all liquids.  
The vibration limit switch Liquiphant II.  
For Ex area (EEx ia) and with separate terminal  
chamber for extremely rugged conditions.**



Liquiphant II  
with aluminium  
housing T3 having  
separate terminal  
chamber for extremely  
rugged conditions  
(FDL 35, FDL 36).

Liquiphant II  
with aluminium,  
plastic or  
stainless steel  
housing for standard  
applications  
(FDL 30, FDL 31):

- Level sensors
- As compact version or with extension tube
  - With various process connections

## Safety Level Limit Switches

The safety Liquiphant FDL sensors are always used when increased safety is required, e.g. for limit detection in explosion hazardous areas. The sensors are connected to the switching units FTL 320 / 370 / 372.

## Features and Benefits

- Operational safety: Monitoring signal cabling for short-circuits and breakage, function monitoring of the electronic insert, the piezocrystal unit and the sensor fork.  
The tines are continuously monitored for corrosion.
- Universal application: Operates safely with no maintenance in all types of liquid and is independent of turbulence, electrical properties, solids and gas contents, foam or build-up.
- Accurate switching: A constant switchpoint with millimetre accuracy without the need for calibration.
- Vibration resistant: Thanks to its improved and patented drive electronics, the Liquiphant is unequalled in its tolerance to external vibrations.
- Proven in practice: One million vibration limit switches installed.

## Application

Liquiphant FDL sensors are used for level detection in all types of liquid. The intrinsically safe sensor circuit (EEx ia) means that they are approved for use in explosion hazardous areas. When used with the Nivotester FTL switching unit, the sensors can monitor the upper and lower level limits in tanks and vessels and are suitable for all liquids

- with temperatures between  $-40\text{ °C}$  and  $+150\text{ °C}$  ( $-40\text{ °F}$  and  $+300\text{ °F}$ )
- with viscosities up to  $10,000\text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$  (cSt)
- with densities greater than  $0.5\text{ g/cm}^3$ .  
The plastic-coated or Hastelloy versions are available for particularly corrosive liquids.

# Measurement Principle

## Operating Principle of the Liquiphant

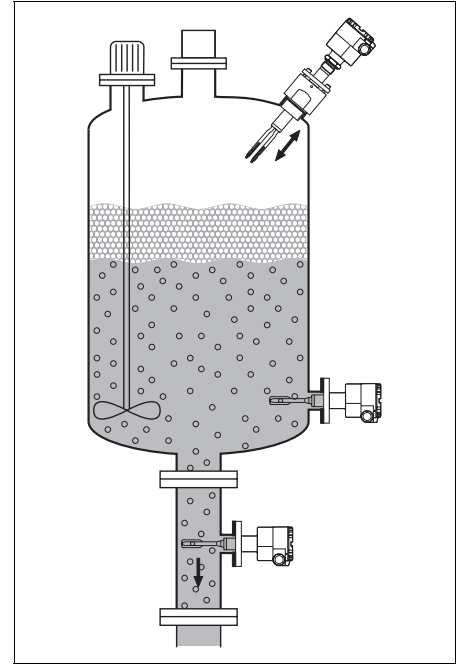
The sensor in the form of a tuning fork is made to vibrate at its resonant frequency by a piezocrystal drive unit. Its resonant frequency changes when the sensor is immersed in the liquid. This frequency change is detected and then converted into a switching signal by the Nivotester FTL switching unit. The switch-over mode for minimum or maximum detection enables the level limit switch to be used for each application in the required fail-safe mode.

## Installation

A wide range of application-specific designs, process connections and high corrosion-resistant materials allows limit detection of all types of liquids in tanks and pipes.

A few examples are given here:

- Top mounting to monitor the maximum level.  
With an optional sliding sleeve to set the switchpoint during commissioning.
- Side mounting to monitor the minimum level.
- Mounting in a pipe as dry-run protection for the pump.



The limit switch with greater operational safety, even for liquids which are adhesive, causing build-up, corrosive, agitated, sparkling or foaming.

# Complete Measuring System

The complete level limit switch consists of the sensor and the switching unit.

## Sensor versions

- Liquiphant FDL 30  
Sensor as a compact version
- Liquiphant FDL 31  
Sensor with extension tube

Polyester housing (F10)  
Aluminium housing with epoxy resin coating (F6) or stainless steel housing (F8).  
Protection: IP 66

- Liquiphant FDL 35  
Sensor as a compact version
- Liquiphant FDL 36  
Sensor with extension tube

Aluminium housing with separate terminal chamber (T3)

- Electronics chamber and terminal chamber are completely separated from one another to ensure operation under extremely rugged conditions.
- Interference-immune to electromagnetic fields up to 30 V/m.

An overspill protection to VbF or WHG (Germany) consists of:  
Sensor Liquiphant FDL 30 / 31 / 35 / 36 and  
Switching unit Nivotester FTL 320 / 370 / 372

Switching units with intrinsically safe EEx ia sensor circuits in Racksyst format:

- Nivotester FTL 370, single channel unit
  - Nivotester FTL 372, two-channel unit
- In Minipac format:
- Nivotester FTL 320

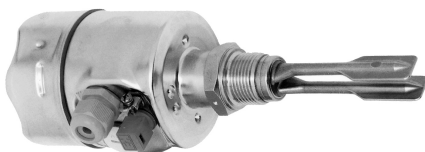
Housing F6/F10



Housing T3

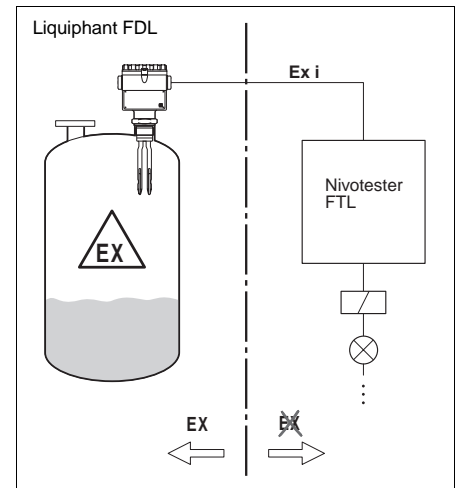


Housing F8



Liquiphant sensors FDL 30/31 or FDL 35/36

Nivotester switching units FTL 320/370/372



# Versions

## Process Connections

Application-specific process connections and designs ensure an ideal adaptability to the mounting requirements

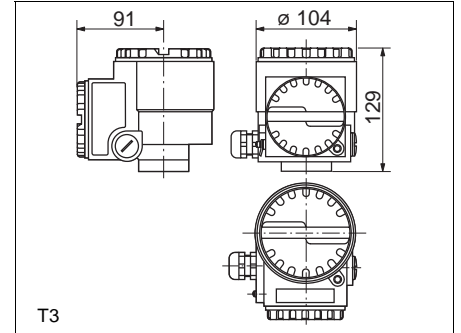
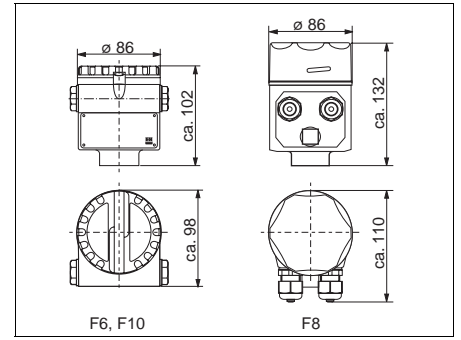
- Threaded boss G 1 A or 1" NPT
- Flanges according to various standards: DIN, ANSI, JIS.  
Nominal diameters from DN 32 or 1 1/4"

For particularly hygienic requirements, e.g. food processing:

- Milk pipe coupling
- Triclamp® coupling
- Weld-in socket for flush mounting  
Polished fork and extension tube.

Process connection materials  
Stainless steel 316 Ti (1.4571) or Hastelloy C (2.4610), the flange version is also available with an ECTFE- (Halar®) coating, extension tube up to 6 m (with PFA up to 1 m).

Note: The threaded boss and Triclamp process connections (and weld-in socket) are also approved for explosion hazardous areas (except for Zone 0 in Germany).



Above:  
Housing dimensions  
for FDL 30, 31

Below:  
Dimensions of housing  
with separate  
connection  
compartment  
for FDL 35, 36.

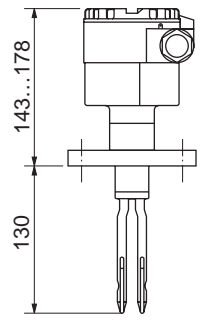
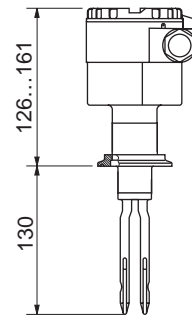
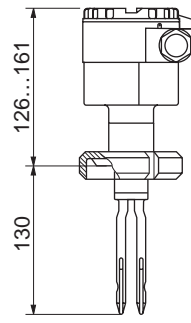
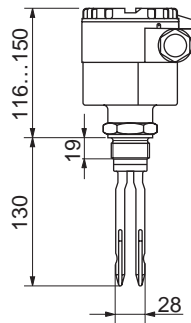
**Threaded boss**  
G 1 A or  
1 - 1 1/2 NPT

**Pipe coupling**  
DIN 11851, DN 50

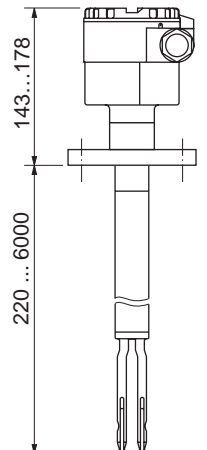
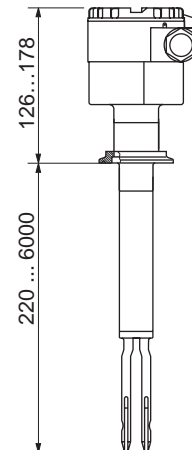
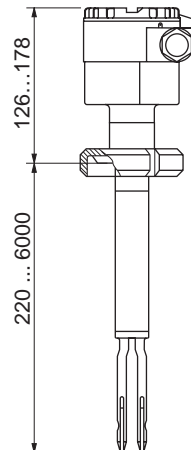
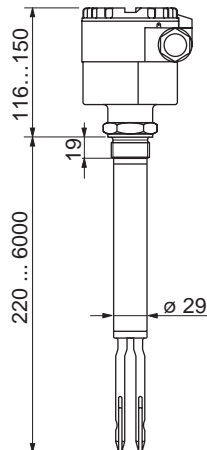
**Triclamp coupling**  
ISO 2852, 2"

**Flange version**  
DIN, ANSI, JIS

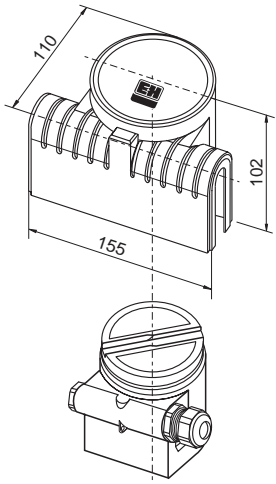
FDL 30 / FDL 35  
Compact versions



FDL 31 / FDL 36  
Extension tube version



# Installation



**All-Weather Hood for housing F6, F10;**  
Made of polyamide. The all-weather hood protects the sensor from excessive temperature and from condensation forming in the housing which can occur with wide temperature variations.

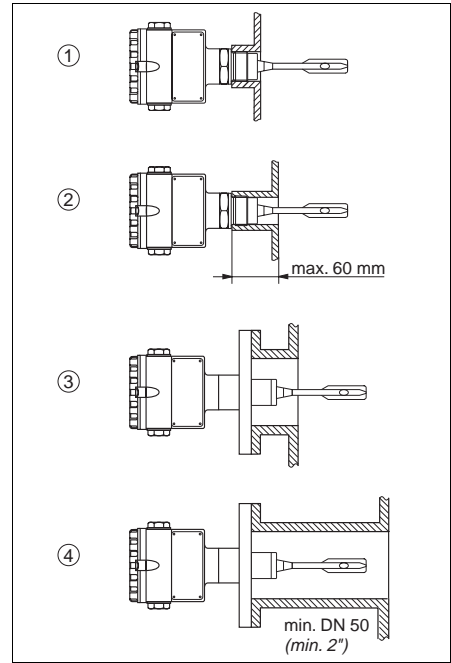
When mounting the Liquiphant note that:

- Vibration of the tines must not be blocked, e.g. due to adhering material.
- If build-up occurs, then ensure a sufficient distance to the tank or pipe wall.

## Nozzle Mounting

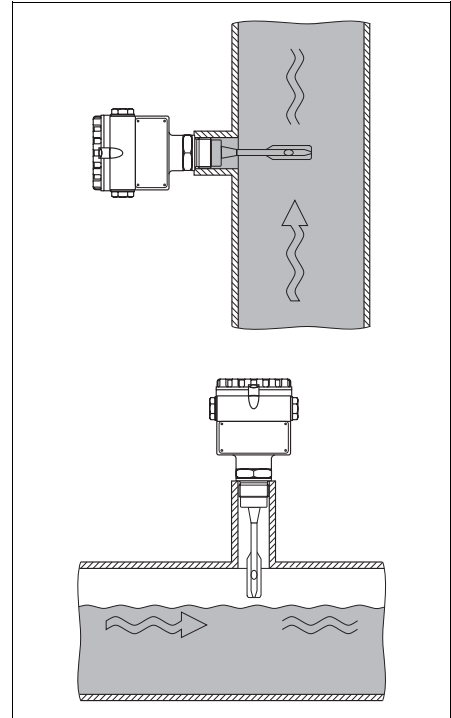
When mounting the sensor in a nozzle, the viscosity of the liquid should be taken into account:

1. Generally:  
The process connection should be flush with the tank wall.
2. With low viscosity liquids:  
mount the sensor so that the liquid can flow out of the nozzle and uncover the tines.
3. With high viscosity liquids  
nozzle max. 60 mm long (with a 1"-nozzle).  
Recommended: A nozzle with a larger diameter should be used.
4. Tuning fork in pipe:  
min. DN 50 with low viscosity liquids.



## Pipe Mounting

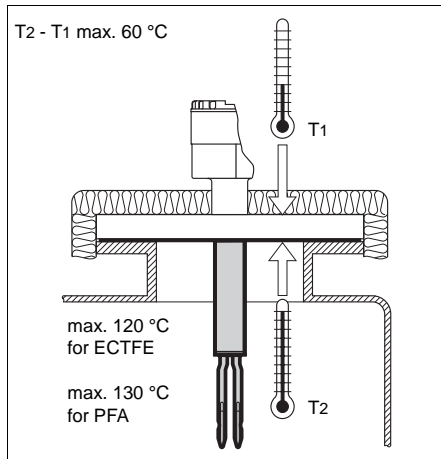
- When used for dry-run protection of pumps, the Liquiphant should be mounted in a vertical pipe.
- When determining the length of the nozzle, take the pipe diameter into account.
- When mounted in a horizontal pipe, partial pipe filling can be detected if the correct nozzle length is chosen.



## Liquiphant with plastic coating

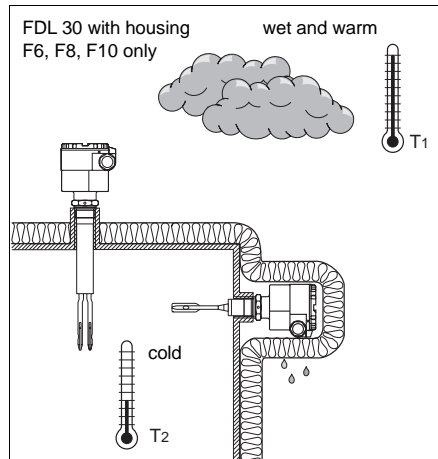
- Maximum operating temperature for ECTFE 120 °C (250°F) and for PFA 130 °C (270 °F).
- The temperature difference  $T_2 - T_1$  between the inner and outer surfaces of the flange must not exceed 60 °C (140 °F). If necessary, insulate the outer surface of the flange.

Liquiphant with plastic coating (ECTFE or PFA).

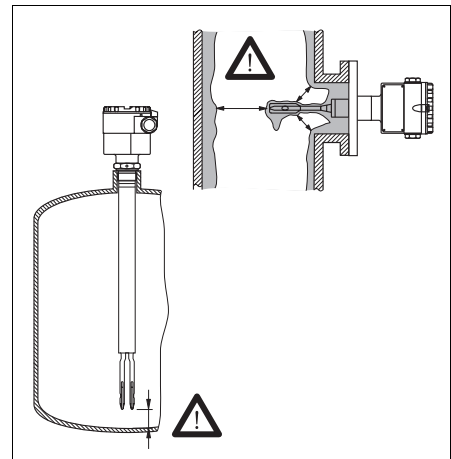


For humid environments or cold media, to avoid condensate forming within the housing:

install a FDL 31, min. length 220 mm, or insulate the housing.



The fork tines may not touch the tank or pipe wall or any build-up



# Connection

## CE Mark

The device fulfils the legal requirements of the following EC Guidelines:  
 Guideline 89/336/EC (Electromagnetic compatibility),  
 Guidelines 73/23/EC and 93/68/EC (Low Voltage Appliances).

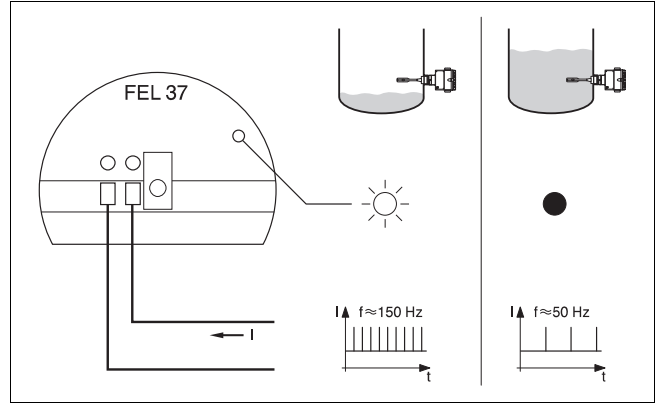
Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC):  
 Immunity to EN 50082-2 and industrial standard NAMUR, at field strength 10 V/m (FDL 30, 31), at field strength 30 V/m (FDL 35, 36).  
 Emission to EN 50081-1.

For general information on electromagnetic compatibility (test methods, installation hints) see TI 241F/00/en.

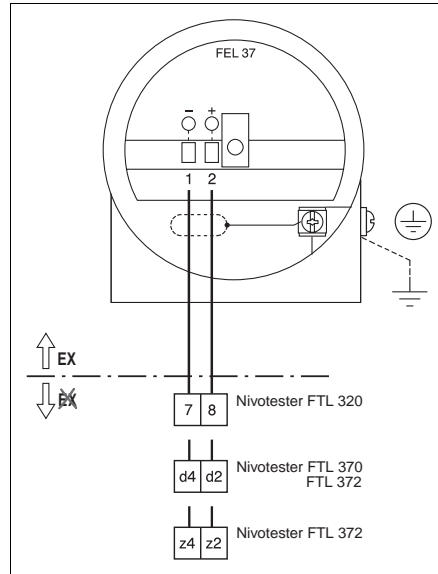
The Nivotester FTL switching unit and the FEL 37 electronic insert in the Liquiphant FDL sensor are electrically connected via commercially available two-core installation cable or via two cores of a multicore cable. Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM) confers high interference immunity on signal transmission.

All appropriate regulations must be observed when laying intrinsically safe cabling in explosion hazardous areas!

Transmission frequency with covered and exposed tines.



Electrical connection of the Nivotester FTL switching unit to the FDL sensor.



## Electrical Data

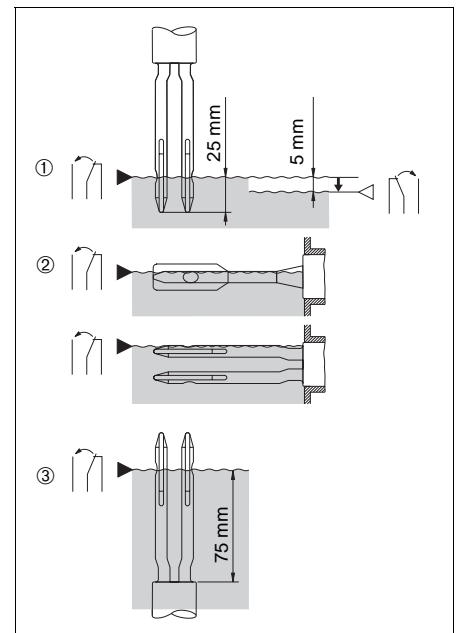
Connection terminals: for max. 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup>  
 Cable entry:  
 see product structure  
 Cable resistance: max. 25 Ω per core  
 Power supply: approx. 11.4 V  
 Operating current: approx. 4 ... 10 mA  
 Signal transmission:  
 Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM)  
 Pulsed current: approx. 10 mA, superimposed on the operating current  
 Explosion protection: EEx ia II C T3...T6

## Setting the Switchpoint

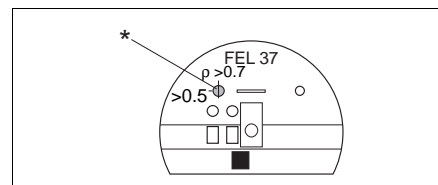
If the switchpoint is to be set with millimetre accuracy, then please refer to the diagram opposite:

1. Top mounting
2. Side mounting with the tines next to each other or above one another
3. Mounting from below

Switchpoint data are related to water (density 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). For use in extremely light liquids (liquefied gas - LPG), the switch on the Liquiphant should be set to "Density 0.5".



\*Switch for liquid density:  
 $\rho > 0.5$  e.g. for liquefied gas  
 $\rho > 0.7$  standard setting



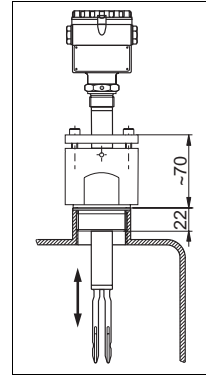
# Accessories

## Sliding Sleeve

High pressure sleeve for Liquiphant with extension tube FDL 31 / 36.  
Internal pressure in vessels up to 40 bar.  
For infinitely variable setting of the switchpoints during commissioning.  
Up to 6000 mm extension tube (without coating).

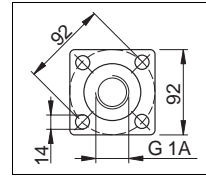
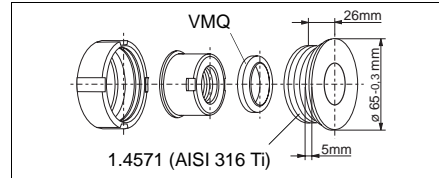
Length tolerances

max. 1 m tube length: + 0 mm / - 5 mm  
max. 3 m tube length: + 0 mm / - 10 mm  
max. 6 m tube length: + 0 mm / - 20 mm



**High pressure sleeve** for FDL 31, FDL 36. with G1 1/2A or 1 1/2 - 11 1/2 NPT threaded boss and bright pipe.

**Weld-in socket** for FDL 30/35 with G 1A thread for flush mounting.  
Order No. 215159-0000



**Loose flanges** for FDL 30/31 or FDL 35/36

# Technical Data

## Operating Data

Operating data in tank:  
max. 40 bar (600 psi), see fig. below  
Test pressure: max. 60 bar (900 psi)  
Operating temperature in tank:  
-40 °C...+150 °C (-30 °F ... +300 °F)  
Ambient housing temperature:  
-20 °C...+70 °C (-4 °F ... +158 °F)  
Liquid viscosity: max. 10000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s  
Minimum density of liquid: 0.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
Switching hysteresis: approx. 5 mm  
Switching delay:  
when covered approx. 0.4 s,  
when exposed approx. 1 s  
Fail-safe mode : min./max. selectable  
Switching display:  
LED on the electronic insert

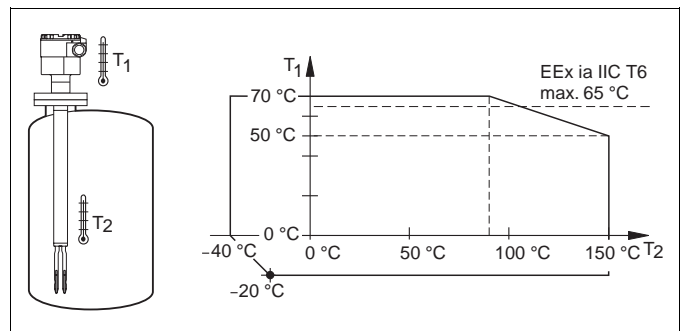
## Sensor Materials

- Stainless steel 1.4581 (~AISI 316 Ti), polished as required
- Stainless steel 1.4581 (~AISI 316 Ti), with ECTFE or PFA coating, together with coated flanges
- Hastelloy C (2.4610)

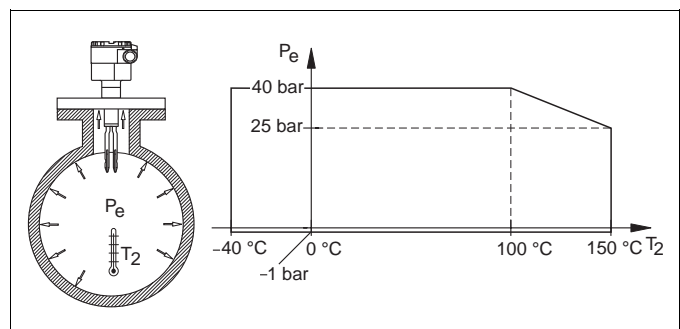
## Certificates

- Certificate of conformity (CENELEC) KEMA No. Ex - 92.C.8494
- German national test certificate: (Zone 0, overspill protection to VbF) PTB No. III B/S 2243 F
- General type approval (DIBt) Z-65.11-16

The maximum permissible temperature  $T_1$  at the housing depends on the operating temperature  $T_2$  in the tank.  
 $x \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} = (1.8x + 32) \text{ } ^\circ\text{F}$



The maximum permissible pressure  $p_e$  in the vessel depends on the temperature  $T_2$  in the vessel.  
1 bar = 14.5 psi



# Product Structure

Other process connections, materials, electronic inserts, housings on request

- Liquiphant FDL 30 Compact version
- Liquiphant FDL 35 Compact version

FDL 30, FDL 35												
FDL	-					Product designation						
							<b>Certificate</b>					
							R Version for non-hazardous areas					
							G EEx ia IIC T6 (CENELEC)					
							F PTB, EEx ia IIC T6 (Zone 0) Overspill protection to VbF, WHG					
							0 FM, IS, Class I,II,III, Div. 1, Groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G					
							S CSA, IS, Class I,II,III, Div.1, Groups A,B,C,D,E,F,G					
							Y Other certificate					
							<b>Process connection, material</b>					
							GR2 Threaded boss G1 A, AISI 316 Ti (1.4571)					
GN2 Threaded boss 1" NPT, AISI 316 Ti												
ME2 Pipe coupling DIN 11851 DN 50, AISI 316 Ti												
TE2 Triclamp (ISO 2852) 2", AISI 316 Ti												
..... For flanges see separate table on next page												
YY9 Other process connection												
<b>Fork surface finish</b>												
A Standard (material same as process connection)												
B Polished (with process connection in AISI 316 Ti only)												
Y Special finish												
<b>Electronics</b>												
7 FEL 37, two-wire PFM transmission												
<b>Housing, cable entry</b>												
FDL 30 / FDL 31												
K Polyester housing F10, IP 66, Pg 16 (IP 66)												
O Polyester housing F10, IP 66, M 20x1.5												
R Aluminium housing F6, IP 66, Pg 16 (IP 66)												
T Aluminium housing F6, IP 66, 1/2 NPT												
U Aluminium housing F6, IP 66, G 1/2												
V Aluminium housing F6, IP 66, M 20x1.5												
1 Stainless steel housing F8, IP 66, Pg 13,5 (IP 66)												
2 Stainless steel housing F8, IP 66, G 1/2												
3 Stainless steel housing F8, IP 66, M 20x1.5												
4 Stainless steel housing F8, IP 66, 1/2 NPT												
FDL 35 / FDL 36												
E Aluminium housing, IP 66, Pg 16 (IP 66)												
G Aluminium housing, IP 66, 3/4 NPT												
H Aluminium housing, IP 66, G 1/2												
J Aluminium housing, IP 66, M 20x1.5												
Y Special housing												

- Liquiphant FDL 31 With extension tube
- Liquiphant FDL 36 With extension tube

FDL 31, FDL 36												
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							Y Other certificat					
							<b>Process connection, material</b>					
							GR2 Threaded boss G1A, AISI 316 Ti (1.4571)					
GN2 Threaded boss 1" NPT, AISI 316 Ti												
SR2 Sliding sleeve G1 1/2A, AISI 316 Ti												
ME2 Pipe coupling DIN 11851 DN 50, AISI 316 Ti												
TE2 Triclamp (ISO 2852) 2", AISI 316 Ti												
..... For flanges see separate table on next page												
YY9 Other process connection												
<b>Fork surface finish</b>												
A Standard (material same as process connection)												
B Polished												
process connection GR2, GN2, ME2, TE2 and with extension tube »G« or »4«												
<b>Sensor length, extension tube material</b>												
Plastic coating with flanges only												
Min. length 220 mm, max. length 6000 mm												
mm / in												
A / 1 AISI 316 Ti (1.4571)												
B / 2 AISI 316 Ti/ECTFE coated (with flange only)												
C / 3 Hastelloy C												
G / 4 AISI 316 Ti, polished												
Y Special length, special material (e.g. PFA)												
<b>Electronics</b>												
7 FEL 37, two-wire PFM transmission												
<b>Housing, cable entry</b>												
as FDL 30 / FDL 35 – see above												



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