



Instructions in accordance with directive 2014/34/EU

TÜV 99 ATEX 1496 X

Filling Level Sensors type VISY Stick ... and type TORRIX Ex ...

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I Range of application

The filling level sensors are designed for continuous measurement of liquid levels. Floats are used to measure the liquid levels. These slide on a sensor tube. For interface or water detection, a second float can be mounted on the sensor tube. In addition, the density of the liquid can be determined via a density module. The temperature measuring chain VISY-Stick ... Temp ... is used to measure temperatures at different heights and does not use any floats.

The power supply for the devices VISY-Stick ... and the forwarding of the measured data to a superordinate evaluation system is provided by isolating amplifier VP-... or VPI or, in the case of the sensor VISY-Stick ... TLS, e.g. by the TLS-... console from Veeder-Root. If an RS-485 interface is used, the sensor VISY-Stick ... RS485 can be used.

The filling level sensors TORRIX Ex ... can be produced with different interfaces. These are, for example, interfaces "4 ... 20 mA" (TORRIX Ex ... and TORRIX Ex C...), "RS-485" (TORRIX Ex RS485...) or TAG (TORRIX Ex TAG...). The filling level sensors TORRIX Ex SC... are connected to the isolating amplifier VP-... or VPI.

II Standards

The device is designed according to the following European standards

EN IEC 60079-0:2018	Equipment – General requirements
EN 60079-11:2012	Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"
EN 60079-26:2015	Equipment with Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga

III Instructions for safe ...

III.a ... use

The approval applies to equipment types VISY-Stick ... and TORRIX Ex ...

The devices are designed as intrinsically safe apparatuses and are approved for use in potentially explosive areas. The "advanced" (TORRIX Ex ...-A, VISY-Stick Advanced ...) and "flexible" filling level sensors (TORRIX Ex ... Flex, VISY-Stick ... Flex ...) as well as types with plastic coating against very aggressive media (TORRIX Ex ... PL) can be used for all gases of groups IIA and IIB. The temperature measuring chain VISY-Stick ... Temp ... and all other filling level sensors can be used for all gases of groups IIA, IIB and IIC. In addition, all devices can be used for dust groups IIIA, IIIB and IIIC.

To use a non-conductive plastic floats in potentially explosive areas with gases of group IIC the hazard of static charging must be prevented. Here a few conditions need to be observed:

- The use of the float in strongly flowing, non-conductive liquids is forbidden;
- There must be no agitator/mixer in the tank;
- Frictions on non-conductive components are to be avoided;
- The float must not be cleaned in a dry state.

III.b ... assembling and dismantling

The assembly and disassembly must solely be carried out with the power disconnected!

Prior to the installation, it may be necessary that the float/s or the density module is disassembled. During the assembly it must be ensured that the float/s or the module is/are mounted the right way on the sensor tube.

Only with the TORRIX Ex ... with screw terminals the opening of the sensor head is planned. Further disassembly may damage the filling level sensor and void its approval.



III.c ... installation

All wiring operations must solely be carried out with the power disconnected. Special rules and regulations, including EN 60079-14 and local installation regulations, must be observed.

If a device is supplied with screw-in unit, the thread of the screw-in unit must be fitted with a suitable sealing material, screwed into the existing sleeve and tightened. In case of a riser installation the plastic centring aid is plugged onto the sensor head. Then allow the sensor to slide into the riser tube until it stands firmly on the bottom. If the filling level sensor is supplied without process fitting, the installer is responsible for compliance with the Ex requirements.

General information (see also EN 60079-26, Clause 4.3):

If a device is installed into the boundary wall between zone 0 and zone 1, it is essential to ensure that a minimum protection of IP66 or IP67 is achieved after installation.

Through the process connection, there may be an opening in the boundary wall to the area requiring EPL Ga. There is then the risk of the release of flammable gas and the flame entrance.

Flexible filling level sensor (TORRIX Ex ... Flex ..., VISY-Stick ... Flex ...)

This type can be produced with different sensor bases to serve for stabilizing the sensor. A base can be a magnetic base. The magnet is then encapsulated in an electricity conducting plastic and can therefore be used in potentially explosive areas.

If this version is manufactured without a fixture, it may only be used in non-flowing liquids or it must be ensured that it does not turn, e.g. by a protective tube or by a weight as a sensor foot.

LPG filling level sensor VISY-Stick ... LPG ...

The adjustable installation kit for LPG tanks was developed to allow the sensor to be installed and removed at any time without any additional work and without having to open the tank. The adjustable installation kit for LPG tanks consists of a jacket pipe with special LPG float made of BUNA and a 3/4" NPT cutting ring fitting. In the case of installation with a cutting ring fitting, the position of the sensor can no longer be altered after the union nut has been tightened.

Environmental sensor VISY-Stick Sump ...

This environmental sensor can be fixed with the mounting kit.

When wiring the sensor to the associated apparatus (preferably blue coloured cable), the approved inductance and capacitance of the associated apparatus must not be exceeded. The terminals of the sensor must be connected to the same terminals of the isolating amplifier.

For the filling level sensors with screw terminals type TORRIX Ex ... and TORRIX Ex HART ... the terminal designation is "+" and "-" For devices with M12 plug, the pin assignments are as follows:

Pin	TORRIX Ex SC ... VISY-Stick ...	TORRIX Ex C ... TORRIX Ex TAG ... VISY-Stick ... TLS	TORRIX Ex RS485 ... VISY-Stick ... RS485	M12 cable (female)
1	+	+	+	
2	A		A (+)	
3	-	-	-	
4	B		B (-)	

Table 1: Pin assignment of the sensors

The sensors must be integrated into the potential equalization of the hazardous area. A PA connecting terminal on the sensor head is available for integration of the devices into the potential equalization.



General information (see also EN 60079-14:2013, clause 6.4.1):

Exposed conductive parts need not be separately connected to the equipotential bonding system if they are firmly secured to and are in conductive contact with structural parts or piping which are connected to the equipotential bonding system.

III.d ... adjustment

For the operation the sensors, no Ex-relevant adjustments are necessary.

III.e ... putting into service

Before putting into service, all devices must be checked for correct connection and installation. The electrical supply, including the connected devices, must be checked.


III.f ... maintenance (servicing and emergency repair)

The apparatus is generally maintenance-free. In the case of a defect, this must be returned to the manufacturer FAFNIR or one of its representatives.

In accordance with the requirements for dielectric strength according to EN 60079-11, Clause 6.3.13 there is compliance with the insulation test between the intrinsically safe circuit and the chassis of the device with a voltage of 500 V_{AC}.

Warning: The type VISY-Stick Sump ... and floats made of non-conductive plastic must only be cleaned with a damp cloth, to minimize the risk of electrostatic charging.

IV Equipment marking

- 1 Manufacturer: FAFNIR GmbH, 22525 Hamburg
- 2 Type designation: TORRIX Ex ... / VISY-Stick ...
- 3 Certificate number: TÜV 99 ATEX 1496 X
- 4 Ex marking:
- 4a according to directive:
 II 1 GD
II 1/2 G
II 2 G
- 4b according to standards:
TORRIX Ex ...

Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T160 °C Da

TORRIX Ex ...-A / TORRIX Ex ... Flex / TORRIX Ex ... PL

Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T160 °C Da

TORRIX Ex SC... / VISY-Stick ... / VISY-Stick (Flex) Temp

Ex ia IIC T6...T5 Ga
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T135 °C Da



*TORRIX Ex SC...-A / TORRIX Ex SC... Flex / TORRIX Ex SC... PL /
VISY-Stick Advanced ... / VISY-Stick ... Flex ...*

Ex ia IIB T6...T5 Ga
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T135 °C Da

*TORRIX Ex C... / TORRIX Ex RS485... / TORRIX Ex TAG... /
VISY-Stick ... RS485 / VISY-Stick (Flex) Temp RS485*

Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T125°C Da

*TORRIX Ex C...-A / TORRIX Ex C... Flex / TORRIX Ex C... PL /
TORRIX Ex RS485...-A / TORRIX Ex RS485... Flex / TORRIX Ex RS485... PL /
TORRIX Ex TAG...-A / TORRIX Ex TAG... Flex / TORRIX Ex TAG... PL /
VISY-Stick Advanced ... RS485 / VISY-Stick ... Flex ... RS485*


Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T125°C Da

VISY-Stick ... TLS / VISY-Stick (Flex) Temp TLS

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga
Ex ia IIC T4...T3 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIC T4...T3 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T195°C Da

VISY-Stick Advanced ... TLS / VISY-Stick ... Flex ... TLS

Ex ia IIB T4 Ga
Ex ia IIB T4...T3 Ga/Gb
Ex ia IIB T4...T3 Gb
Ex ia IIIC T195°C Da

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| 5 | *Warning marking: | WARNING – Potential electrostatic charging hazard – See instructions |
| 6 | CE marking: |  0044 |
| 7 | Technical data: | See instructions for technical data |



V Technical data

The following electrical input values apply to the filling level sensors:

Electrical variable	TORRIX Ex SC... VISY-Stick ...	VISY-Stick ... TLS	TORRIX Ex ... TORRIX Ex C... TORRIX Ex RS485... TORRIX Ex TAG... VISY-Stick ... RS485
$U_i \leq$	15 V	13 V	30 V
$I_i \leq$	60 mA	200 mA	100 mA / 200 mA*
$P_i \leq$	100 mW	625 mW	1 W
$C_i <$	10 nF	20 nF	10 nF
$L_i <$	100 μ H	410 μ H	20 μ H

Table 2: Electrical input data of filling level sensors

When using the equipment in potentially explosive gas atmospheres please consult table 3 to table 5 for the maximum temperatures depending on temperature classes and category respectively equipment protection levels.

Type TORRIX Ex SC... / VISY-Stick ...

Temperature class	T_a	T_F
Category 1G resp. EPL Ga (filling level sensor completely installed in zone 0)		
T6	-20 °C ... +50 °C	
T5, T4, T3, T2, T1	-20 °C ... +60 °C	
Category 1/2G resp. EPL Ga/Gb (sensor head installed in zone 1, Sensor pipe in zone 0)		
T6	-40 °C ... +50 °C	-20 °C ... +50 °C
T5	-40 °C ... +65 °C	-20 °C ... +60 °C
T4, T3, T2, T1	-40 °C ... +85 °C	
Category 2G resp. EPL Gb (filling level sensor completely installed in Zone 1)		
T6	-40 °C ... +50 °C	-40 °C ... +85 °C
T5	-40 °C ... +65 °C	-40 °C ... +100 °C
T4	-40 °C ... +85 °C	-40 °C ... +135 °C
T3		-40 °C ... +200 °C
T2		-40 °C ... +300 °C
T1		-40 °C ... +450 °C

Table 3: Service temperatures of the filling level sensors in basic version (without interface board)

* The permissible input current I_i depends on the ambient temperature T_a



Type TORRIX Ex ... / TORRIX Ex C... / TORRIX Ex RS485... / TORRIX Ex TAG... / VISY-Stick ... RS485

Temperature class	T _a	T _F
Category 1G resp. EPL Ga (filling level sensor completely installed in zone 0)		
T6	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +25 \text{ °C}$	
T5	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +55 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$	
T4, T3, T2, T1	-20 °C ... +60 °C	
Category 1/2G resp. EPL Ga/Gb (sensor head installed in zone 1, Sensor pipe in zone 0)		
T6	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +25 \text{ °C}$	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +25 \text{ °C}$
T5	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +55 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +55 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -20 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$
T4, T3, T2, T1	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +85 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +70 \text{ °C}$	-20 °C ... +60 °C
Category 2G resp. EPL Gb (filling level sensor completely installed in Zone 1)		
T6	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +25 \text{ °C}$	-40 °C ... +85 °C
T5	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +55 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +40 \text{ °C}$	-40 °C ... +100 °C
T4	$I_i \leq 100 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +85 \text{ °C}$ $I_i \leq 200 \text{ mA: } -40 \text{ °C ... } +70 \text{ °C}$	-40 °C ... +135 °C
T3		-40 °C ... +200 °C
T2		-40 °C ... +300 °C
T1		-40 °C ... +450 °C

Table 4: Service temperatures of the filling level sensors with 4 ... 20 mA, RS-485 or TAG interface
Type VISY-Stick ... TLS

Temperature class	T _a	T _F
Category 1G resp. EPL Ga (filling level sensor completely installed in zone 0)		
T4, T3, T2, T1	-20 °C ... +60 °C	
Category 1/2G resp. EPL Ga/Gb (sensor head installed in zone 1, Sensor pipe in zone 0)		
T4	-40 °C ... +75 °C	-20 °C ... +60 °C
T3, T2, T1	-40 °C ... +85 °C	
Category 2G resp. EPL Gb (filling level sensor completely installed in Zone 1)		
T4	-40 °C ... +75 °C	-40 °C ... +135 °C
T3	-40 °C ... +85 °C	-40 °C ... +200 °C
T2		-40 °C ... +300 °C
T1		-40 °C ... +450 °C

Table 5: Service temperatures of the filling level sensors with TLS interface

For use in category 1G resp. 1/2G, the following applies:

The process pressure for the media must be between 0.8 bar and 1.1 bar where explosive vapour-air mixtures are present. If no explosive mixtures are present, the equipment may also be operated outside this area according to the manufacturer's specification.



It must be ensured through appropriate measures that the temperature (T_a) for the respective temperature class is not exceeded at any point on the sensor head.

General information (see also EN IEC 60079-0, Clause 1):

Zone 0 exists only under atmospheric conditions:

Temperature range: -20 °C ... +60 °C
 Pressure range: 0.8 bar ... 1.1 bar
 Oxidants: Air (oxygen content about 21 %)

When using the equipment in potentially explosive dust atmospheres please consult table 6 for the maximum ambient temperatures depending on the maximum surface temperature and dust layer.

Category 1D resp. equipment protection level Da (filling level sensor installed in zone 20)

Maximum surface temperature		Ambient temperature T_a
dust layer ≤ 5 mm	immersed in dust	
Types TORRIX Ex SC... / VISY-Stick ...		
$T_a + 30$ °C	135 °C	-40 °C ... +85 °C
Types VISY-Stick ... TLS		
135 °C		-40 °C ... +77 °C
$T_a + 110$ °C	Observe EN 60079-14*	-40 °C ... +85 °C
Types TORRIX Ex C... / TORRIX Ex RS485... / TORRIX Ex TAG... / VISY-Stick ... RS485		
$I_i \leq 100$ mA: $T_a + 40$ °C	Observe EN 60079-14*	-40 °C ... +85 °C
$I_i \leq 200$ mA: $T_a + 55$ °C		-40 °C ... +70 °C
Types TORRIX Ex ...		
$T_a + 75$ °C	Observe EN 60079-14*	-40 °C ... +85 °C

Table 6: Service temperatures for potentially explosive dust atmospheres

The filling level sensors achieve a degree of protection:

Protection rating IP68

VI Special conditions of use

1. When using Titanium Floats or Sump Environmental Sensors, the risk of ignition due to impact or friction shall be avoided.
2. When using plastic floats, there is a danger of ignition due to electrostatic discharge.

* For the assessment of the temperature clause 5.6.3.3 of EN 60079-14:2013 can consult
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