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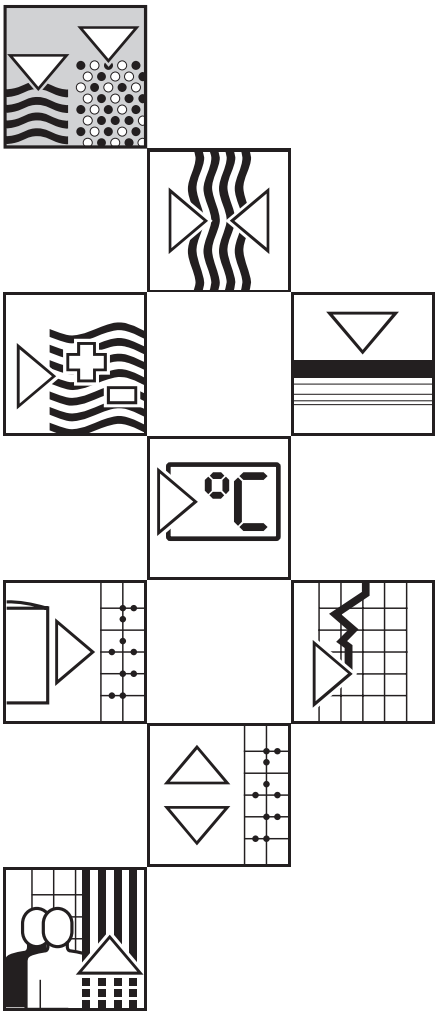
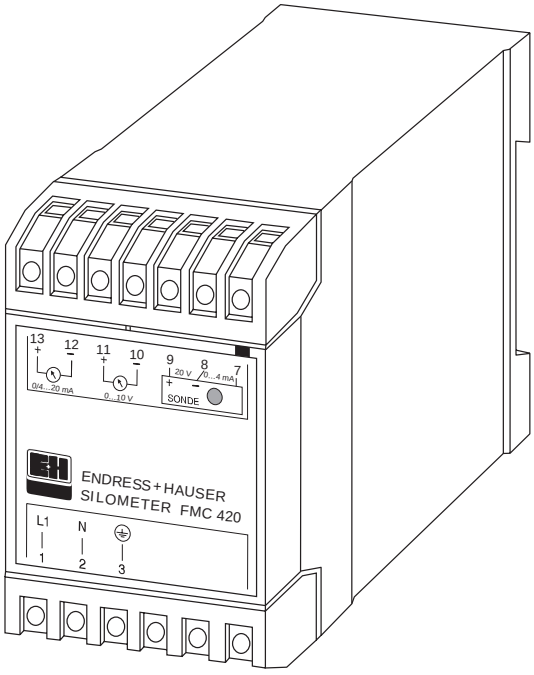
FMC 420
Level measurement

Operating Instructions





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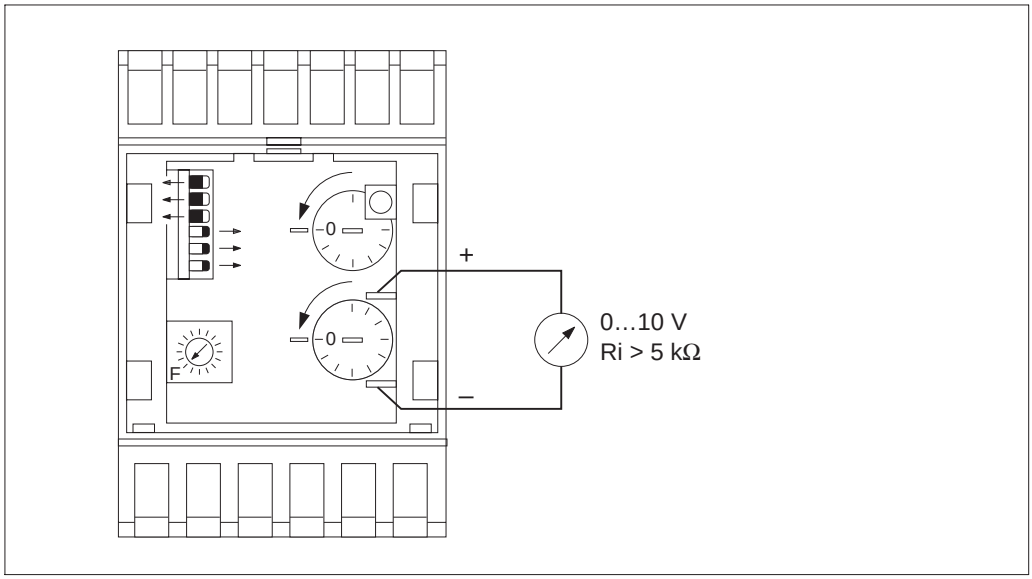

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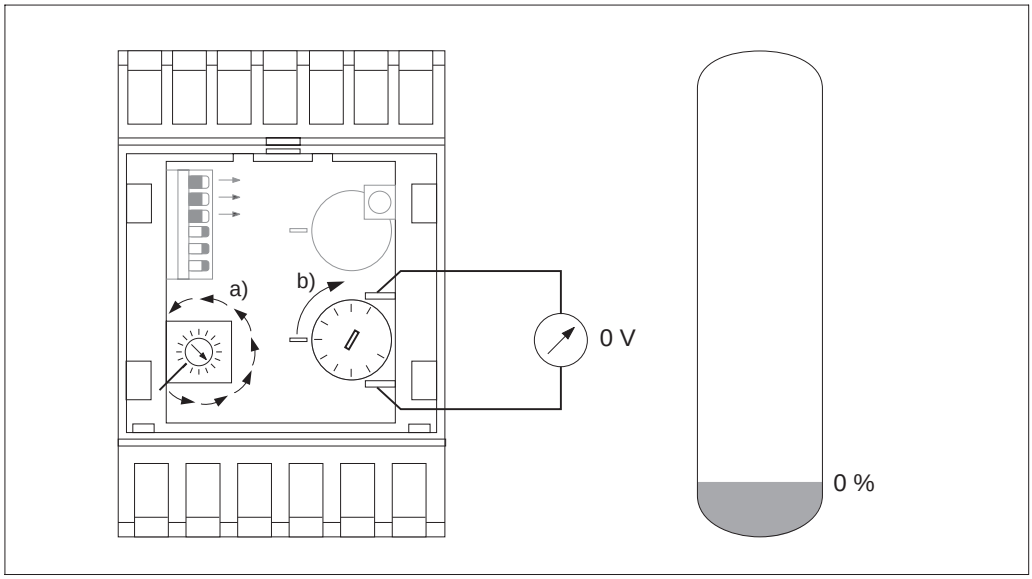

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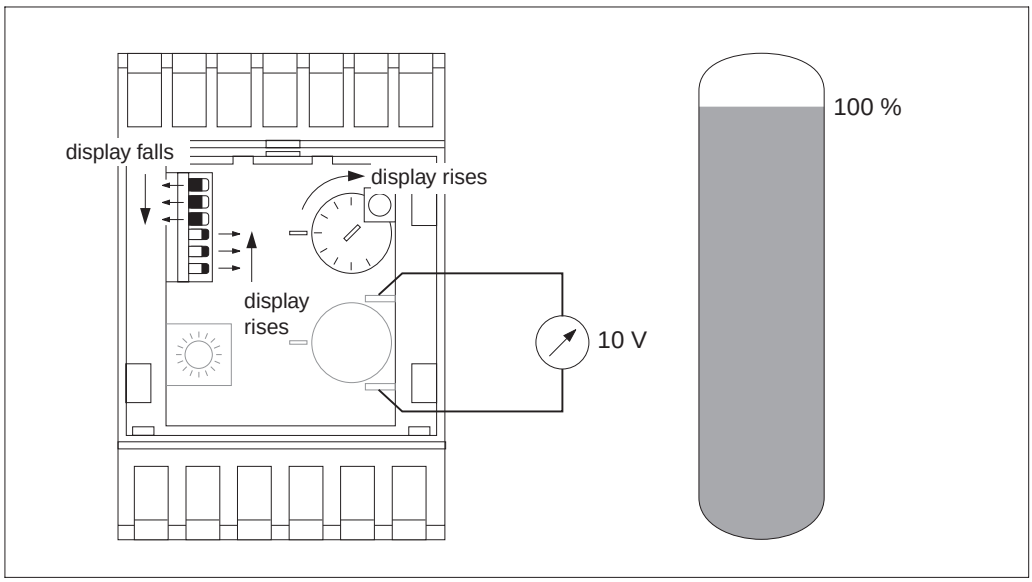

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1.1 Special notes on safety

Approved usage

The Silometer FMC 420 is designed for continuous level measurement in liquids and is to be installed in non-explosion hazardous areas.
See Technical Data for limit values.

Installation, commissioning, operation

The device has been designed to operate safely in accordance with current technical, safety and EU standards. If installed incorrectly or used for applications for which it is not intended, however, it is possible that application-related dangers may arise, e.g. product overflow or explosion in an ignition-hazardous atmosphere.
For this reason, the instrument must be installed, connected, operated and maintained by personnel that are authorised by the user of the facility and who are suitably qualified. The manual must have been read and understood, and the instructions followed. Modifications and repairs to the device are permissible only when they are expressly approved in the manual.

1.2 General notes on safety

In order to highlight safety-relevant or alternative operating procedures in the manual, the following conventions have been used, each indicated by a corresponding icon in the margin.

Safety conventions

Symbol	Meaning
 Note!	**Note!** A note highlights actions or procedures which, if not performed correctly, may indirectly affect operation or may lead to an instrument response which is not planned.
 Caution!	**Caution!** Caution highlights actions or procedures which, if not performed correctly, may lead to personal injury or incorrect function of the instrument.
 Warning!	**Warning!** A warning highlights actions or procedures which, if not performed correctly, will lead to personal injury, a safety hazard or destruction of the instrument.

Electrical symbols

	**Direct voltage** A terminal to which or from which a direct current or voltage may be applied or supplied.
	**Alternating voltage** A terminal to which or from which an alternating (sine-wave) current or voltage may be applied or supplied.
	**Grounded terminal (functioning ground terminal)** A grounded terminal, which as far as the operator is concerned, is already grounded by means of an earth grounding system.
	**Protective grounding** A terminal which must be connected to earth ground prior to making any other connection to the equipment.
	**Equipotential connection** A connection must be made to the plant grounding system which may be of type e.g. equipotential line or neutral star according to national or company practice.

2 Application

The Silometer FMC 420 is used for continuous level measurement in liquid tanks.

The complete programme of capacitance and hydrostatic probes (pressure sensors) enables measurement to be carried out:
- in aggressive media
- at high pressures and in vacuum
- at high and low temperatures
- in high and low viscous liquids
- in media tending to form build-up

etc.

2.1 The Measuring System

Components of the measuring system:
- Transmitter: Silometer FMC 420
- Sensor:
  - capacitive probe with electronic insert (transmitter) EC 11 Z or EC 72 Z
    or
  - hydrostatic probe (pressure sensor) Deltapilot S with transmitter FEB 11 or FEB 11 P

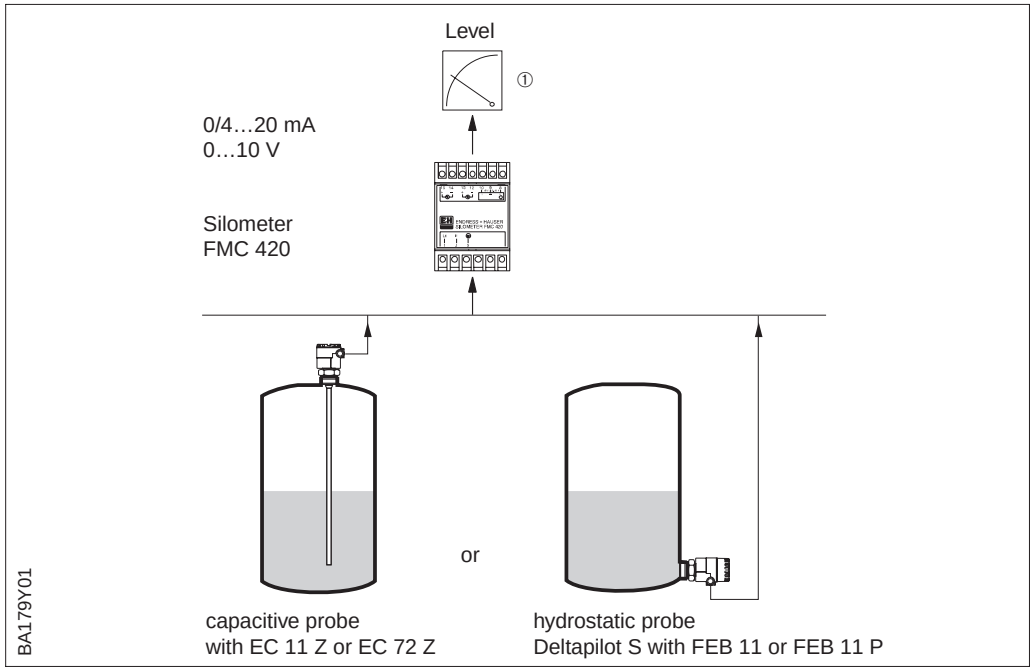


Fig. 1
The measurement system

① Level-proportional analogue output signal for current and voltage

2.2 Function

The Silometer FMC 420 supplies the sensor with its integrated transmitter with direct current and receives from it a level-proportional signal of approx. 0…4 mA.
The standardised signals 0…10 V and 0…20 mA (or 4…20 mA) are available at the Silometer output for remote display of the level.

A green LED indicates stand-by.

3 Mounting

Silometer FMC 420

- Compare the product designation on the nameplate of your instrument with that of the product structure (see below) to ensure that the correct instrument is being mounted.
- Install the Silometer in a control cabinet or in a protective housing (accessory).
- Observe the permissible ambient temperature (see technical data) and the minimum distance between instruments (Fig. 2)

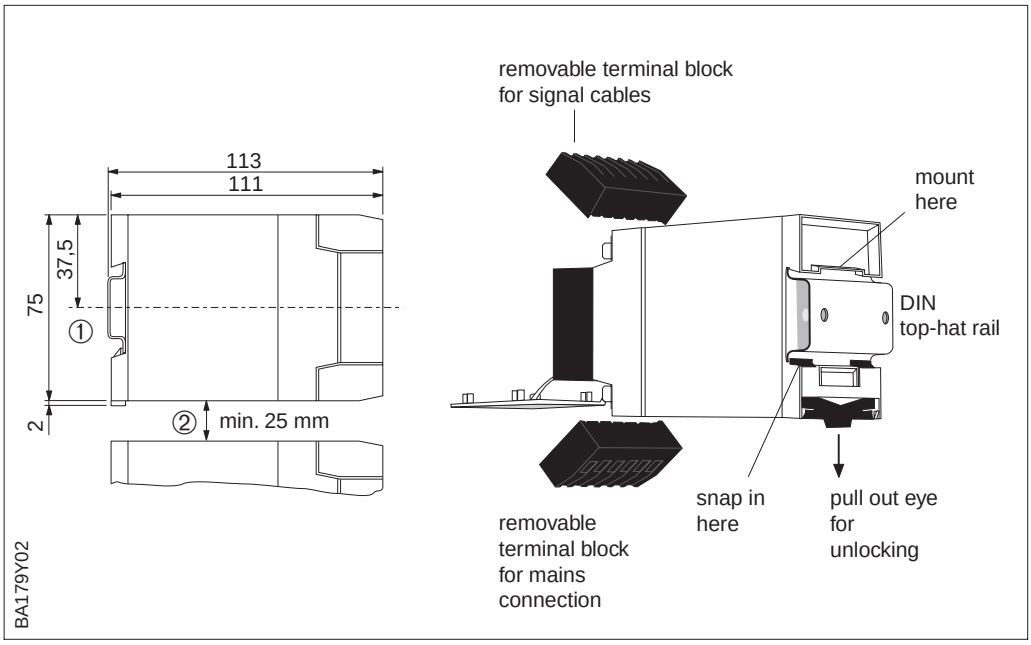


Fig. 2
left:
Dimensions in mm
of the Silometer
in Minipac version
Housing width: 50 mm
① Mounting on a DIN top-hat rail 35 x 7.5 or 35 x 15
② Observe minimum interval to the next row of instruments above and below.

right:
Silometer FMC 420
Mounting, removal

100 mm = 3.94 in

Probes

Note the mounting recommendations in the Technical Information brochures for the probes.

FMC 420 Silometer

Certificates, Approvals
R Standard (not certified)
C CSA version

Version
0 Minipac housing, 50 mm, with terminal strip
9 Other

Power Supply
J AC 240 V, 50/60 Hz
A AC 220…230 V, 50/60 Hz
F AC 115 V, 50/60 Hz
B AC 110 V, 50/60 Hz
D AC 24 V, 50/60 Hz
Y Other

Analogue Outputs
1 0/4…20 mA, 0…10 V
9 Other

FMC 420 - | | | | | Product designation

Product structure

4 Electrical Connection

The Silometer may only be connected by trained personnel.

Connect the probe with the electronic insert

Use screened three-core cable, cable resistance max. 25 Ω.

Note!

Note!
For general installation instructions with strong interference sources, see Technical Information TI 241F/00/en.

If grounding the cable screening at both ends is not possible then ground the screening preferably at the probe housing (vessel potential).

After connecting, screw down the cover of the probe securely and seal the cable entry tightly.

Connecting the signal outputs

You may connect as many peripheral instruments as required to the 0…10 V voltage output, such as voltmeters, plotters, limit signal switches, etc. in parallel provided the total load resistance is larger than 5 kΩ.
The voltage output is resistant to short-circuiting.
You may connect as many peripheral instruments as required in series to the 0…20 mA or 4…20 mA current output, such as ammeters, plotters, controllers, etc. provided the total load resistance is smaller than 500 Ω.

Note!

Note!
The current and voltage outputs are galvanically connected, i.e. only one of the two outputs may be grounded (current *or* voltage output).

The signal outputs are galvanically isolated from the vessel by a capacitor and are potential-free. They are also galvanically isolated from the power supply.

Changing the power supply

Ensure that the power voltage agrees with that stated on the nameplate on top the housing and check the power voltage at the mounting point.
The power voltage in the instrument can be altered as required depending on the version delivered.

① Remove the terminal blocks (Points a and b)
② Open the front panel (Points c and d)
③ Remove the instrument from the housing: hold by the lower and upper black plastic part and pull forward with sufficient force.

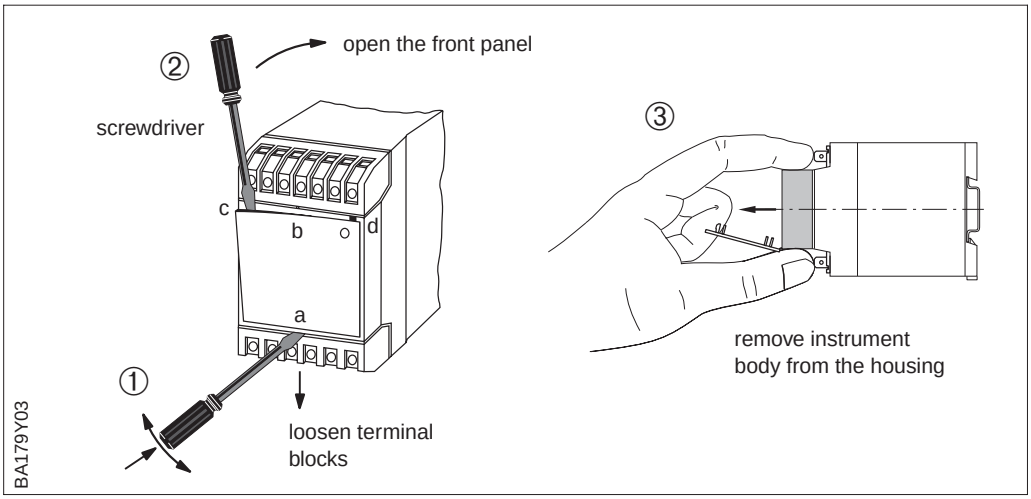
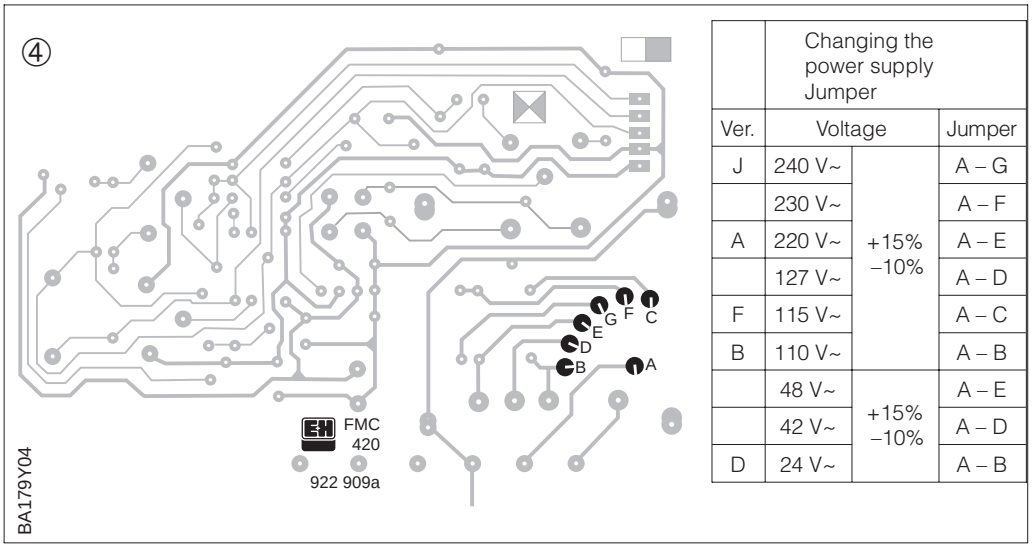


Fig. 3
Opening the instrument

④ Resolder jumper for power supply

- Assemble the instrument
- Change the power supply specifications on the nameplate



	Changing the power supply Jumper		
Ver.	Voltage		Jumper
J	240 V~	+15% −10%	A – G
	230 V~		A – F
A	220 V~		A – E
	127 V~		A – D
F	115 V~		A – C
B	110 V~		A – B
	48 V~	+15% −10%	A – E
	42 V~		A – D
D	24 V~		A – B

Fig. 4
Changing the power voltage by soldering a jumper onto the circuit board.
Versions ("Power supply") see Product Structure on Page 7.
Versions J, A, F, B can be set to an AC voltage between 110 V and 240 V, Version D to an AC voltage between 24 V and 48 V.

Connect the power supply

Ensure a mains switch and fine-wire fuse are connected near to the instrument.
Recommended fine-wire fuse:

Voltage	Fuse
24 V… 48 V	500 mA, slow-blow
110 V…240 V	100 mA, slow-blow

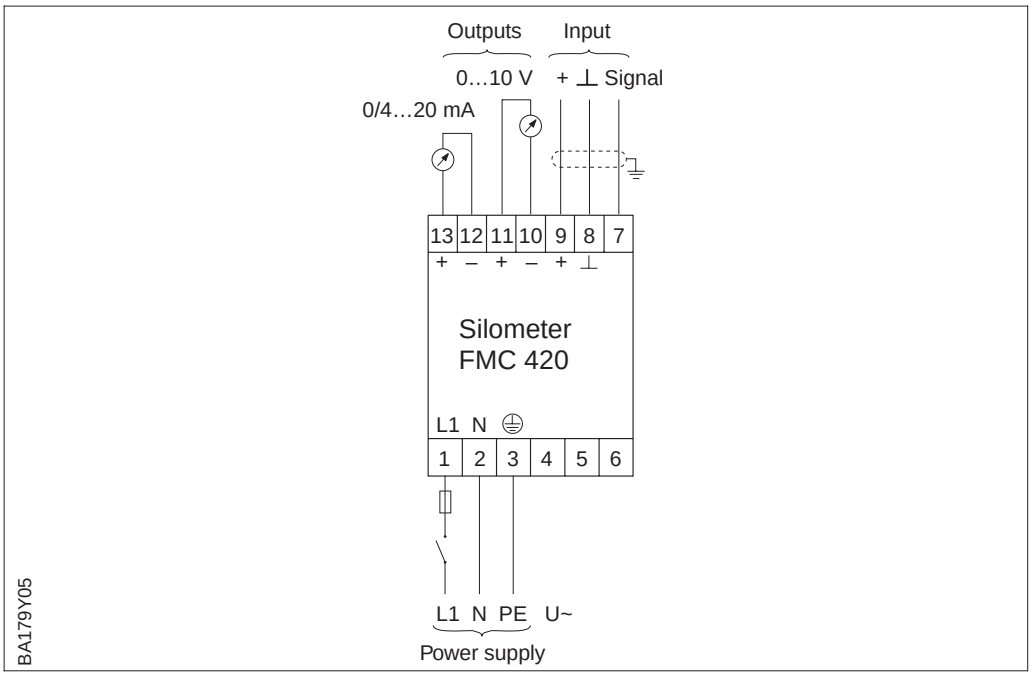


Fig. 5
Electrical connection FMC 420

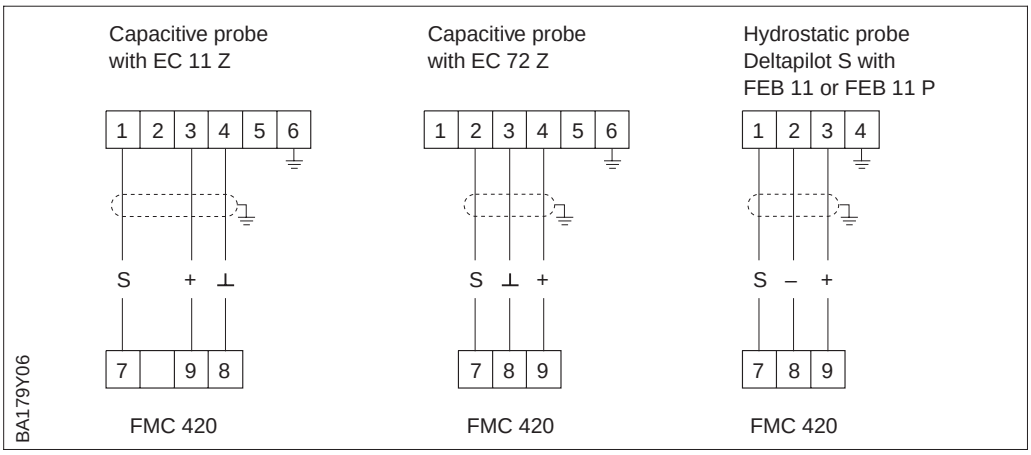


Fig. 6
Connecting probes to the Silometer (input)

5 Calibration

5.1 Preparing for calibration

Switch on the power supply to the Silometer.

Note!
Turn off any regulation and control devices until the Silometer is calibrated in order to avoid unchecked processes.


Note!

The calibration elements (see Fig. 7) are easily accessible by opening the front panel.

Selecting the output current

Check whether the switch for the output current is in the right position (Fig. 7).

Switch closed: 0…20 mA
Switch open: 4…20 mA

Adjustable measuring ranges

The test current is adjusted which the Silometer FMC 420 receives from a transmitter built into a capacitive or hydrostatic probe.
With capacitive probes a test current of 1 μA is equivalent to approx. 1 pF probe capacitance.
With hydrostatic probes a test current of 1.5 mA is equivalent to approx. the nominal pressure (max. measuring range).

The zero point can be set with an input current between 40 μA and 360 μA.
The measuring range can be set for full calibration with a change in current between 20 μA and approx. 4 mA.

Zero point and measuring range calibration have no effect on one another.

Connecting an instrument

For calibration connect an accurate voltmeter with a range 0…10 V, R_i > 5 kΩ to the solder pins behind the front panel.

Caution!
Calibrate the instrument first with an empty and then with a full vessel or if this is not possible, with a partially filled vessel.


Caution!

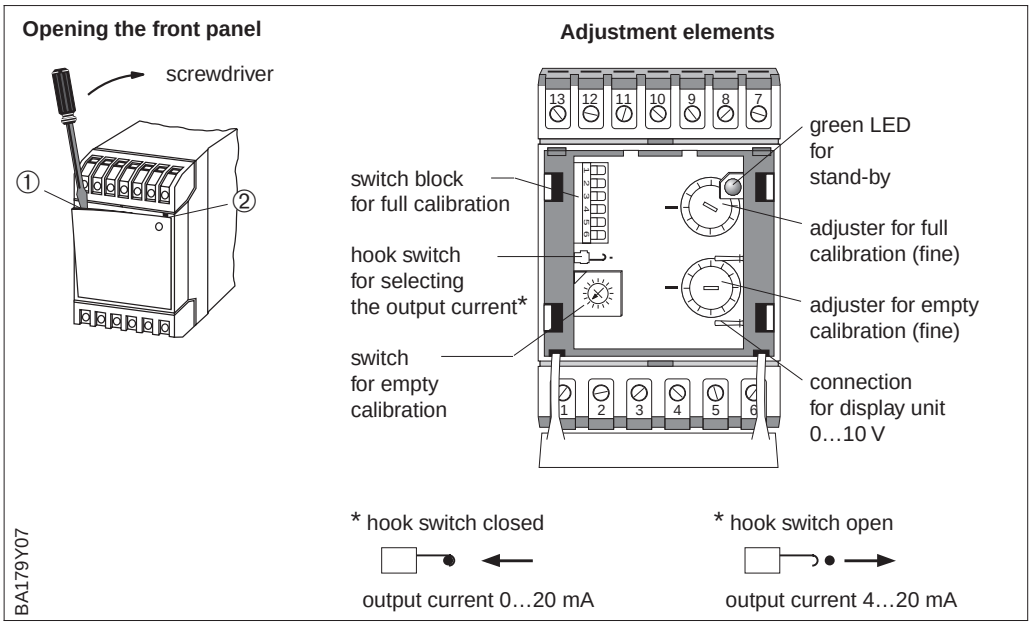


Fig. 7
Adjusting elements

Basic settings

- Turn both (fine) adjusters for empty and full calibration anticlockwise to the left stop.
- On the upper switch block, switch the three lower switches to the right and the three upper switches to the left (mid amplification)
- Turn the lower switch to "F".

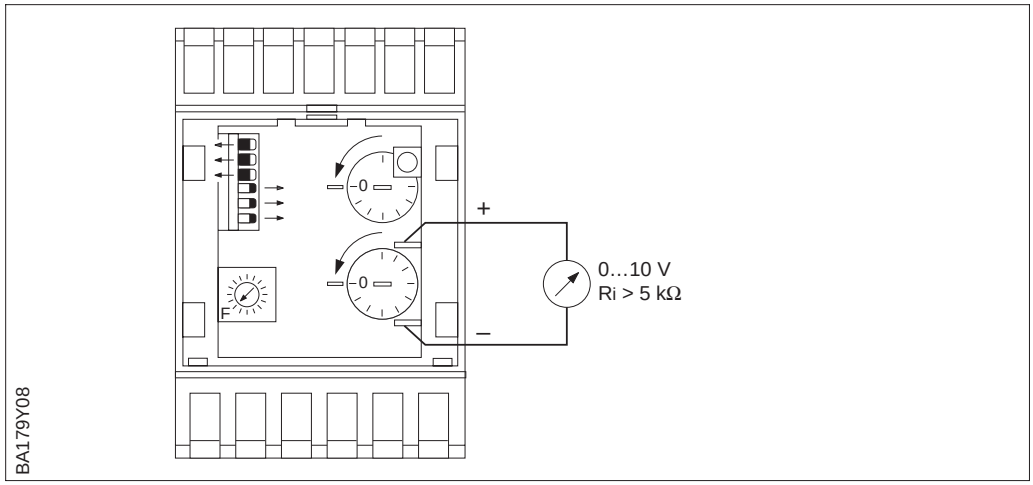


Fig. 8
Basic settings

5.2 Calibration with an empty vessel (0%)

a) Turn the lower switch by steps anticlockwise until the display is below 0.
b) Turn the (fine) adjuster for empty calibration clockwise until the display is exactly at 0.

- In level measurement with capacitance probes, you can raise the amplification to check the settings by switching the three upper switches on the upper switch block to the right. If necessary, make a minor correction of the zero point with the (fine) adjuster.
- Until the vessel is filled and full adjustment carried out, you can set the measuring range (amplification) as required:
  – Switch all switches on the upper switch block to the right (maximum amplification, display exceeds 100% on filling)
  – Switch all switches on the upper switch block to the left (smallest amplification, only slight change on the display on filling)
  – Set in the middle according to experience met in practice

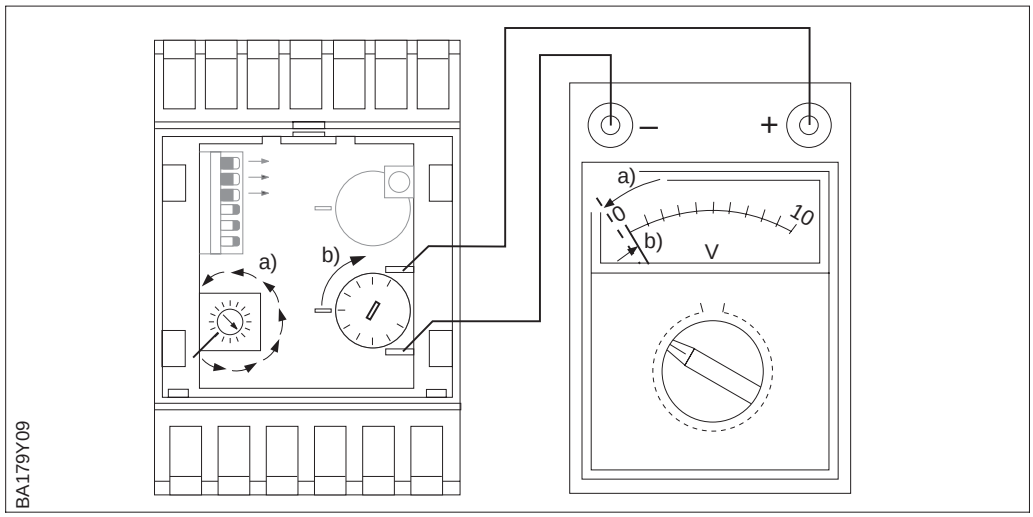


Fig. 9
Calibration with an empty vessel (zero point calibration)

5.3 Calibration with a full vessel

- Fill the vessel as much as possible and measure the level accurately.
- By means of the switches on the upper switch block for full adjustment and the (fine) adjuster for full calibration move the display to the reading corresponding to the level,
  e.g.: 100% full: 10 V
  85% full: 8.5 V

If, starting from the top, you switch the switches one after the other to the left, the display will fall.
If, starting from the bottom, you switch the switches one after another to the right, the display will rise.
Intermediate values can be set with the (fine) adjuster for full adjustment.

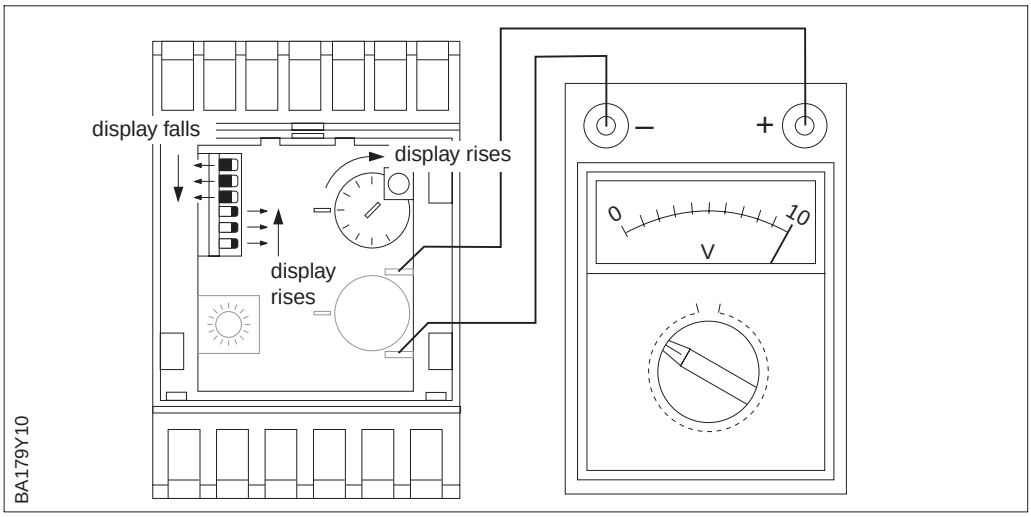


Fig. 10
Calibration with a full vessel (span calibration)

6 Technical Data

Construction	Housing:	Row housing (Minipac design) in light grey plastic, front panel blue
	Mounting:	On DIN top-hat rail according to EN 50022-35 x 7.5 or EN 50022-35 x 15
	Dimensions:	See Page 7, Fig. 2
	Housing width:	50 mm
	Weight:	0.3 kg
	Type of protection to DIN 40050:	Housing IP 40, Terminals IP 20
	Permissible ambient temperature:	–20..+60 °C (0..140 °F) for single mounting –20..+50 °C (0..120 °F) for row mounting without interval –20..+85 °C (0..185 °F) for storage
Electrical connection	Terminals:	Removable terminal blocks, non-interchangeable, black; 1 x 6-pole, 1 x 7-pole
	Max. cross section:	(fine-wire) 1 x 0.5 mm^2 to 1 x 2.5 mm^2 or 2 x 0.5 mm^2 to 2 x 1.5 mm^2
	Without terminals:	Flat plug 0.8 x 6.3 to DIN 46244
	Power supply connection, AC:	220 V, –10% … 230 V, +10%, 50/60 Hz
	Versions, AC:	240 V, 115 V, 110 V, 24 V, each +15%, –10%, 50/60 Hz
	Power consumption:	max. 3.3 W (4.4 VA)
	Probes:	See Measuring System
	Connection cable to sensor:	3-core, screened, max. 25 Ω per core
	Power supply for sensor:	approx. 20 V (from Silometer FMC 420)
	Adjustable input signals for zero point:	approx. 40… 360 μA (approx. 30…350 pF for capacitive measurement)
	for measuring range:	approx. 20…4000 μA (equiv. to pF)
Electromagnetic compatibility	to EN 61326-1	Class B device
Signal outputs	Analogue level signal Voltage: Current:	0…10 V, R_L min. 5 kΩ 0…20 mA, can be switched to 4…20 mA, RL max. 500 Ω
	Setting time:	0.5 s typical for an input signal step of 1 mA
	Linearity error, effects of power supply and load:	< 0.5% (voltage output)

7 Supplementary Documentation

❑ System components Minipac
Technical Information TI 009F/00/en

❑ Electronic inserts EC 11 Z, EC 72 Z
Technical Information TI 270F/00/en

❑ Electronic inserts FEB 11/11 P
Technical Information TI 257F/00/en

8 Replacing an instrument

The Silometer FMC 420 can be easily replaced without loosening the individual wires:

- Switch off power supply
- Remove terminal blocks, see Fig. 3 on Page 8.
- Pull eye on the housing of the instrument downwards for unlocking with a screwdriver and remove the Silometer from the DIN top hat rail. See Fig. 3 on Page 8
- Clip the new instrument onto the DIN top hat rail
- Insert terminal blocks and snap in
- Carry out settings as for the old instrument
- A calibration must always be carried out after replacing a Silometer or electronic insert due to the tolerances of the new module.

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