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NIVOSWITCH

R-400, R-400 Ex
VIBRATING FORK LEVEL SWITCH

1. APPLICATION

A NIVOSWITCH R-400 type vibration forks are applicable for level switching or flow switching tasks of normal and explosive liquids. Overflow or dry run protection, as well as pump control, is also possible with the NIVOSWITCH vibration forks in low/high fail-safe operation mode.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

2.1 GENERAL DATA

R-400 / R-400 Ex		
Medium pressure	40 bar (580 psi), PP flange: 6 bar (87 psi) see "Temperature diagrams"	
Insertion length	69...3000 mm (0.225...10 ft)	
Material of wetted parts	DIN 1.4571, ECTFE / PFA coating	
Medium temperature	-40...+130 °C (-40...+266 °F) see table in 5.1 and diagrams	
Ambient temperature	-40...+70 °C (-40...+158 °F) see table in 5.1 and diagrams R□□-4□□-L Ex; R□□-4□□-M and -4□□-K -25...+70 °C (-13...+158 °F)	
Medium-density	≥ 0.7 kg/dm ³	
Medium viscosity	≤ 10000 mm ² /s (cSt)	
Response time	When immersed	0.5 sec
	When free	When free: ≤ 1 s see response time diagram
Output mode indication	Bi-color (LED)	
Operation test	Output can be changed by test magnet	

2.2 TWO-WIRE DC, NORMAL AND EX APPROVED VERSION

TYPE	R□□-4□□-6 R□□-4□□-8Ex	R□□-4□□-K R□□-4□□-L Ex	R□□-4□□-7 R□□-4□□-9Ex
Electrical connection	Connector		3 m (10 ft) cable (2 x 0.5 mm ² [AWG20])
Ingress Protection	IP65	IP67	IP68
Output	DC current change: When free: 9 ± 1 mA; When immersed: 14 ± 1 mA		
Consumption	< 0.5 W		
Power supply (U)	15...29 V DC Provided by the PKK-312-8Ex remote switching unit for the Ex-version		
Setting operation mode	By switch on the remote switching unit (Low fail-safe - "L", High fail-safe - "H")		
Electrical protection	Class III.		
Ex marking (R□□-4□□-□Ex, R□□-4□□-□Ex)	II 1G Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga		
Ex marking (R□□-4□□-□Ex)	II 1G Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga		
Intrinsically safe data	U _i = 29 V; I _i = 100 mA; P _i = 1.4 W; C _i = 7 nF; L _i = 0 mH For temperature classes see 5.1.		
Reference document number	rcm4004m0600h_10		

USER'S MANUAL



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2.3 WIRE AC AND 3-WIRE DC VERSIONS

TYPE	2-WIRE AC		3-WIRE DC		
	R□□-4□□-1	R□□-4□□-2	R□□-4□□-3	R□□-4□□-M	R□□-4□□-4
Electrical connection (wire cross section)	Connector	3 m (10 feet) integral cable, 4 x 0.75 mm ² (AWG18) (max cable length 30 m [100 feet])	Connector		3 m (10 feet) integral cable, 5 x 0.5 mm ² (AWG20) (max. cable length 30 m [100 feet])
Mechanical protection	IP65	IP68	IP65	IP67	IP68
High/low mode setting (Low fail-safe - "L", High fail-safe - "H")	Connection within connector	Wire selectable	Switch selectable	Connection within connector	Wire selectable
Output	2-wire AC, for serial connection		Field selectable, PNP/NPN transistor switch		Field selectable, galvanically isolated PNP/NPN transistor switch
Output protection	-		Reverse polarity, overcurrent and short-circuit protection		
Supply voltage	20...255 V AC, 50/60 Hz		12...55 V DC		
Consumption	Depending on load		< 0.6 W		
Voltage drop (in switched-on state)	< 10.5 V		< 4.5 V		
Electrical protection	Class I		Class III		
Current load	max. continuous		I _{max} = 350 mA DC / U _{max} = 55 V DC		
	min. continuous		-		
	max. impulse		-		
Residual current (in switched off state)	< 6 mA		< 100 μA		

2.4 ACCESSORIES

- User's manual
- EU- declaration of conformity
- 1 × Sealing ring (2 mm [0.079"] thick Klinger Oilit)
- Warranty Card
- 1 × RPS-101 type test magnetic-screwdriver (optional)
- Sliding sleeve for adjustable types: RPH-112 (optional)

2.5 ORDER CODES

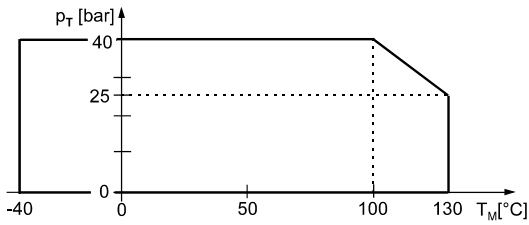
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TYPE	CODE	PROCESS CONNECTION	CODE	PROBE LENGTH	CODE	OUTPUT / CERTIFICATES	CODE
Tube + plastic (ECTFE / PFA) coated fork	B	1" BSP	M	Short (69 mm [2.7"])	00	2-wire AC + connector	1
Tube + fork: 1.4571	C	1½" BSP	H	Standard (125 mm [4.9"])	01	2-wire AC + cable	2
Tube + highly polished fork	G	1" NPT	P	0.2...3 m (0.66...10 feet)	02...30	3-wire DC + connector	3
Tube + fork: 1.457, without reed sensor ⁽¹⁾	E	1½" NPT	N			3-wire DC + cable	4
		DN50 PN16 PP DIN	F			2-wire DC + connector	6
		DN50 PN40 1.4571 DIN	G			2-wire DC + cable	7
		ANSI 2" RF150 PP	A			2-wire DC + connector + Ex	8
		ANSI 2" RF600 1.4571	B			2-wire DC + cable + Ex	9
		JIS 10K 50A PP	J			2-wire DC + M12 connector	K
		JIS 40K 50A 1.4571	K			2-wire DC + M12 connector + Ex	L
		TriClamp 1½"	T			3-wire DC + M12 connector	M
		TriClamp 2"	R				
		DN40 Pipe coupling	D				
		DN50 Pipe coupling	E				

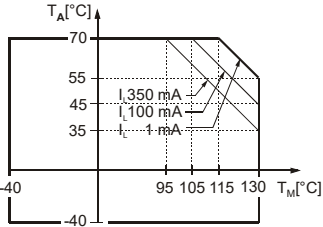
Note: Flanged versions have 1" process connection

* Ex version with Ex mark

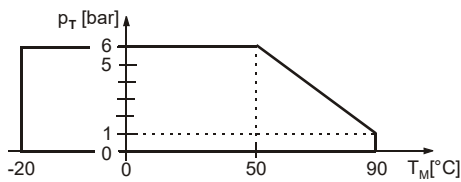
2.6 TEMPERATURE DIAGRAMS



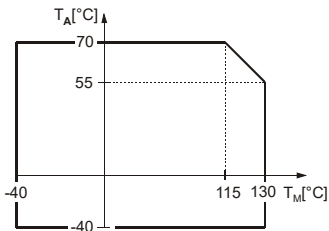
Pressure [p_T] as a function of temperature [T_M] for all versions (except PP flanged version)



Temperature limits of DC versions, [IL] load current

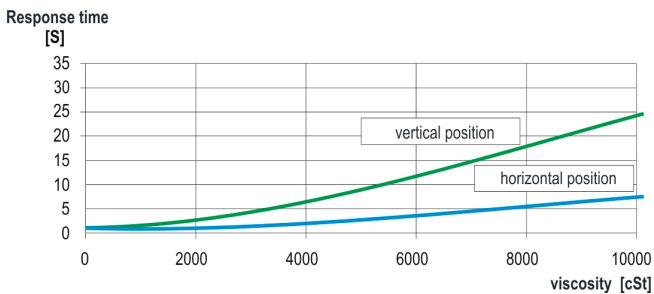


Pressure [p_T] as a function of temperature [T_M] for PP flanged version

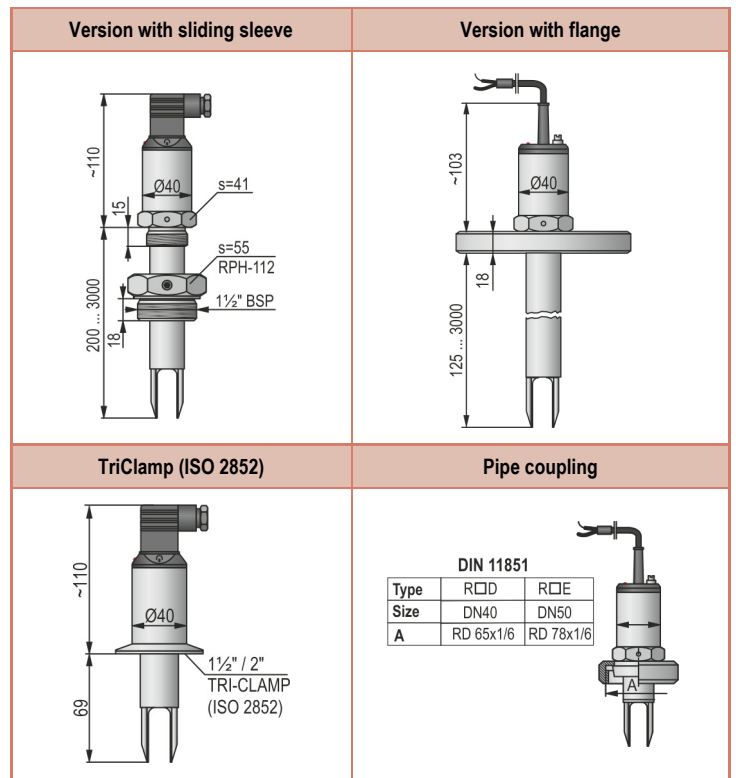
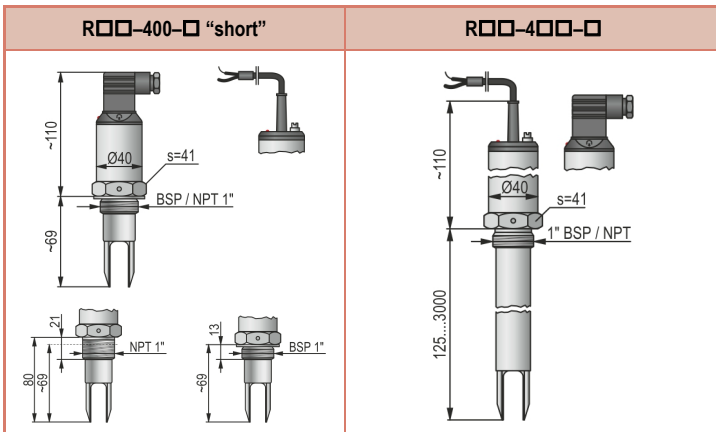


Temperature limits of AC versions, [T_A] ambient temperature [T_M] medium temperature

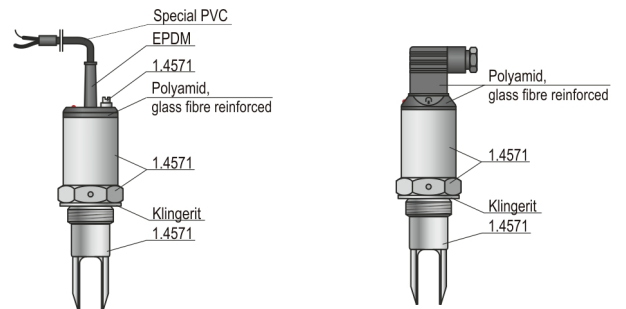
2.7 RESPONSE TIME DIAGRAM (WHEN GETTING FREE)



2.8 DIMENSIONS

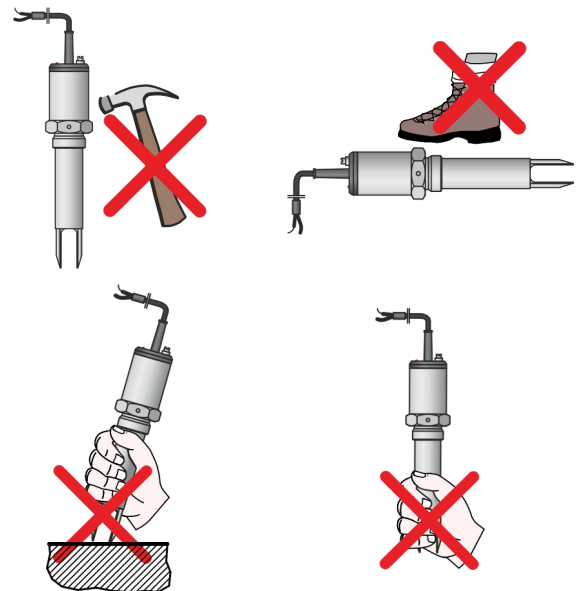


2.9 MATERIALS

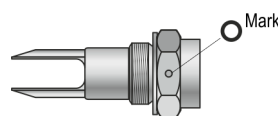


3. INSTALLATION

Prevent the device from any mechanical damage.



For positioning the fork-tines, use the marking on the hexagonal neck.



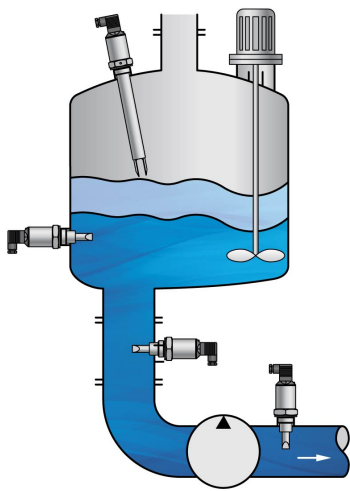
- If directional positioning of the fork-tines is needed (side mounting), use the Teflon (PTFE) tape to seal the thread and position the fork-tines to the desired direction
- In this case vertical positioning of the fork-tines is suggested.

Low viscosity liquids

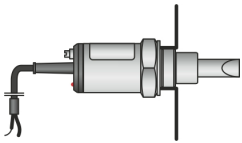
On applications, where the fork-tines are easily freed from the process medium, any of the mountings shown to the right is possible.

High viscosity liquids

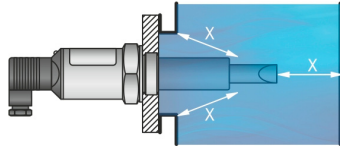
On applications, where the fork-tines are not freed easily from the process medium, horizontal mounting is recommended.



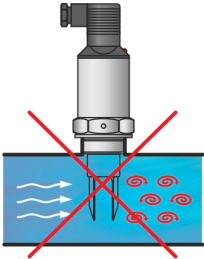
Installation options



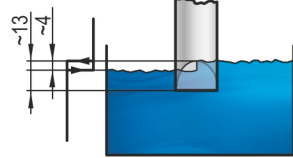
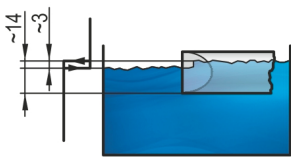
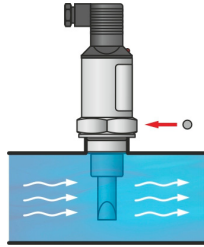
Threaded version



Flanged version, critical distances $x > 5 \text{ mm (0.2")}$



For pipe mounting, fork-tines must be parallel to the direction of flow



Switching point and differential for water at 25 °C (77 °F)

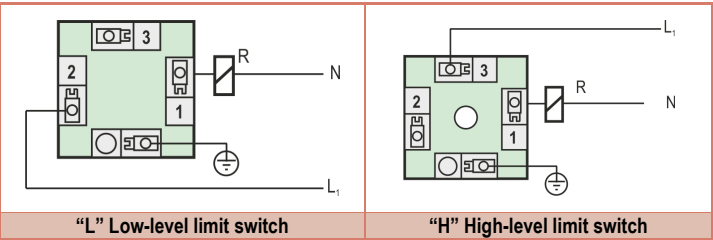
The switching point, as well as the switching differential, depends on the liquid density and mounting position.

4. WIRING

4.1. 3-WIRE AC VERSIONS R□□-4□□-1 (connector)
R□□-4□□-2 (cable)

Do not power up the device without a load connected in series with the unit and without grounding it!

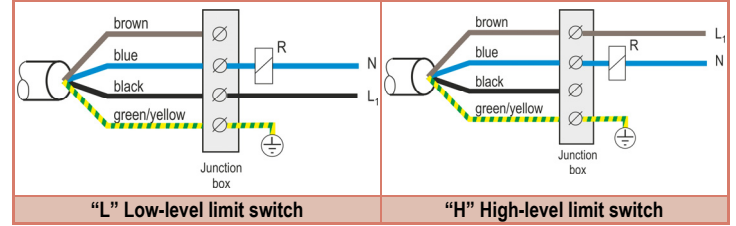
4.1.1. Version with connector R□□-4□□-1



Terminal block cover can be rotated in 90° steps to ensure appropriate cable positioning.

4.1.2. Version with cable R□□-4□□-2

This version is with 4-wire cable equipped. Only one of the black and brown wires is used, dependent on the operating mode (High or Low). Provide also a terminal block connection for the unused wire.

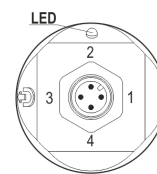


4.2. 3-WIRE DC VERSIONS

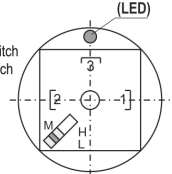
In case of overload caused by a short circuit, the transistor will switch on and off, and LED will start to blink.

4.2.1. Version with connector

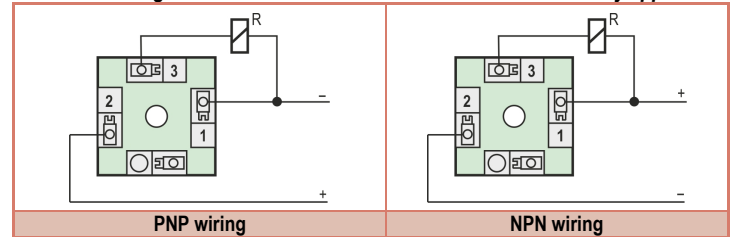
R□□-4□□-M, R□□-4□□-3



"M" - Operation mode
H = High - level limit switch
L = Low - level limit switch

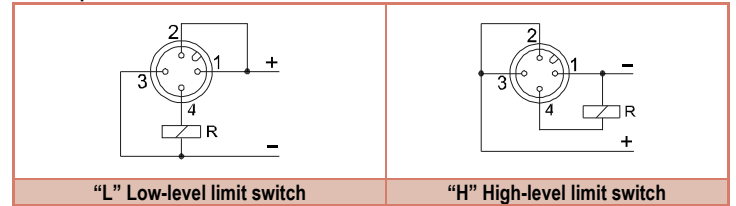


4.2.1.1. Wiring of 3-wire DC version with connector in case of relay application

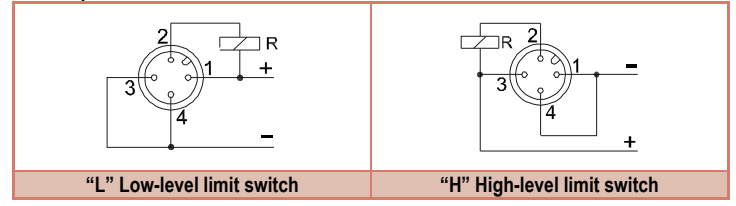


Terminal block cover can be rotated in 90° steps to ensure appropriate cable positioning.

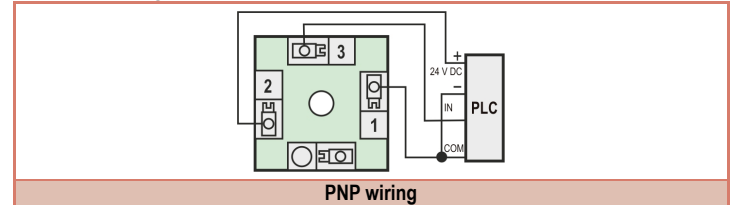
PNP output



NPN output

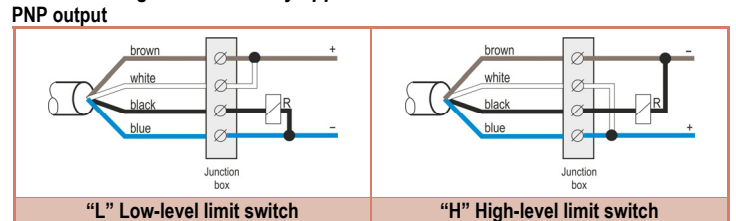


4.2.1.2. Wiring of 3-wire DC version with connector in case of PLC application

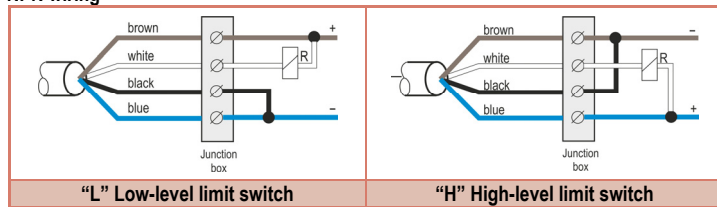


4.2.2. Version with cable R□□-4□□-4

4.2.2.1. Wiring in case of relay applications

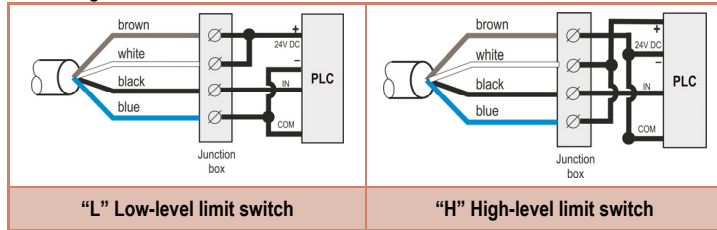


NPN wiring



4.2.2.2. Wiring in case of PLC applications

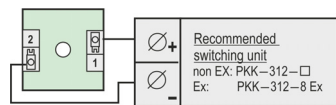
PNP wiring



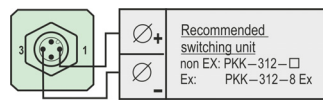
4.3. 2-WIRE DC VERSIONS, NORMAL OR EX

4.3.1. Version with connector

R□□-4□□-6
R□□-4□□-8Ex

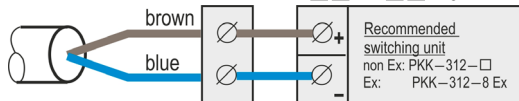


R□□-4□□-K
R□□-4□□-LEx



4.3.2. Version with cable

R□□-4□□-7
R□□-4□□-9Ex



5. PUTTING INTO OPERATION, ADJUSTMENT

Check connecting of the wires and position of the mode of operation switch (if there is). After connection and power up the tuning fork is operational.

Operation diagram of the NIVOSWITCH:

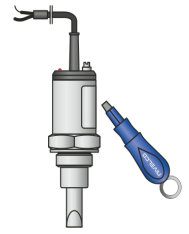
Power supply	Fork	Mode	Display (LED)	Output
ON	Immersed	High	Red	OFF
		Low	Green	ON
	Free	High	Green	ON
		Low	Red	OFF
NONE	Free or immersed	H or L	Not Lit	OFF

Operation diagram of the 2-wire DC version

Fork	Display (LED)	Output
Immersed	Red	14 ± 1 mA
Free	Green	9 ± 1 mA

OPERATION TEST

Correct operation of the switching circuit of an installed device can be tested with the optional test magnet (RPS-101). Moving the test magnet in front of the marking on the cover of the housing the device must perform a switching (LED changes color).



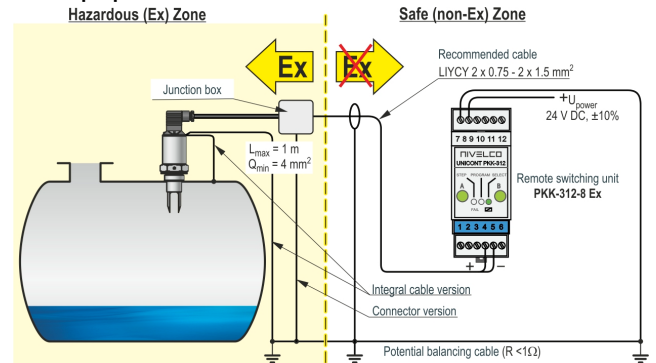
5.1. APPLYING EX APPROVED MODELS

Applying Ex-approved models take into consideration the table of allowed temperatures listed below.

Temperature classification	T6	T5	T4
T _{ambient}	70 °C (158 °F)	60 °C (140 °F)	60 °C (140 °F)
T _{medium}	70 °C (158 °F)	75 °C (167 °F)	130 °C (266 °F)

Table of possible temperatures

Installation proposal



5.2 CONDITIONS OF SAFE OPERATION

ATEX II 1G Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga and II 1G Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga approved vibrating forks should be powered by intrinsically safe [Ex ia IIC or IIB] certified and approved devices.

The cleaning of these units are allowed only with a wet rag.

Junction box shall be applied for R□□-4□□-9Ex versions with cable connection. Junction box shall meet the appropriate protection requirements.

The instrument has built-in overvoltage protection, so:

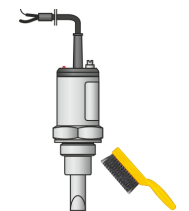
- Outer grounding of the electric housing shall be connected to the steel silo wall with a minimal 4 mm² (AWG12) cross-sectioned, shielded copper cable — outside the Zone 0 — within the distance of 1 m (3.3 ft) from the boundary of the Zone 0.
- According to point 6.3.12 of EN 60079-11 standard dielectric strength test is not allowed to perform with the instrument.

To avoid the danger of electrostatic charge accumulation, in case of the coated version R□□-4□□-□ type the following safety rule shall be observed:

- Measured medium shall be an electrostatic conductor, electrical resistivity of the medium shall be ≤ 10⁴ Ω.
- Speed of the filling and emptying process shall be chosen properly according to the measured medium.

6. MAINTENANCE, REPAIR

In some instances, the sensor probe may need occasional cleaning to remove surface deposits. This must be carried out gently, without harming the vibrating section of the vibrating fork.



Before returning the device for repairs, it must be cleaned carefully, the parts in contact with the medium that might contain harmful substances must be decontaminated. Our official form ([Returned Equipment Handling Form](#)) must be enclosed. Download it from our website www.nivelco.com. The device must be sent with a declaration of decontamination. Please provide a statement in the declaration that the decontamination process is completed, the device is clean and free from harmful materials, and there are no hazardous substances on it.

7. STORAGE CONDITIONS

Ambient temperature: -25...+60 °C (-13...+76 °F)
Relative humidity: max. 98%

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