

# Installation and Maintenance Instruction Manual

**Absolute pressure gauge, model A5400/A6400**  
for industrial application



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## 1 General remarks

### 1.1 Purpose of this Manual

This Operating Manual contains fundamental and essential advice to be followed for the installation, operation and servicing of the device. It must be read without fail before assembly and start-up of the device by the fitter, the operator and the specialist personnel responsible for the device. This Operating Manual must be available at the point of use at all times.

The following sections about general safety information (2) and also the following specific advice regarding the intended purposes (2.2) and through to disposal (10.3) contain important safety information which, if not followed, may result in risks for people and animals, or to property and buildings.

### 1.2 Symbols

#### Warning



This indicates a possibly hazardous situation where failing to follow advice may result in risks to people, animals, the environment and buildings.



#### Information

This emphasizes key information for efficient, fault-free operation.

### 1.3 Limits of liability

Failure to respect this safety information, the envisaged uses or the limit values relating to use indicated in the technical data for the device may result in risk or to injury to people, the environment or the plant.

Claims for compensation for damage against the device supplier are excluded in such an eventuality.

### 1.4 Copyright

This Operating Manual may only be copied and passed on as a complete document without the special permission of the publisher.

### 1.5 Warranty

For the product described here, we offer a warranty pursuant to Section 6 Guarantee in Respect of Defects in our General Terms and Conditions of Delivery and Payment.

### 1.6 Manufacturer's address, customer services

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## **2 Safety**

### **2.1 General sources of hazards**

Pressure gauges are pressurized parts where failure can result in hazardous situations. The selection of pressure gauge should be made in accordance with the rules set out in EN 837-2.

### **2.2 Use in accordance with intended purpose**

The devices are only to be used for the intended purpose as described by the manufacturer.

The devices are used for direct display of absolute pressure.

For each use scenario, the corresponding set-up regulations must be respected.

The usage in explosion risk areas is not allowed.

### **2.3 Operator's responsibility**

Safety instructions for proper operation of the device must be respected. They are to be provided by the operator for use by the respective personnel for installation, servicing, inspection and operation. Risks from electrical energy and from the released energy of the medium, from escaping media and from improper connection of the device must be eliminated. The details for this are to be found in the corresponding applicable set of regulations and in sector-specific instances of use, the guidelines and the regulations supplied by local utilities companies.

The device must be taken out of service and secured against inadvertently being restarted, if the presumption is that risk-free operation is no longer possible (see Chapter 9: Faults).

Conversion works or other technical alterations to the device by the customer are not permitted. This also applies to installation of spare parts. Possible conversions or alterations may only be carried out by the manufacturer.

The operational safety of the device is only guaranteed where it is used for its intended purpose. The specification of the device must be adapted to the medium used in the plant. The limit values indicated in the technical data must not be exceeded.

The safety information detailed in this Operating Manual, existing national regulations for accident prevention, and the operator's internal regulations regarding working, operations and safety must be respected.

The operator is responsible for all specified servicing, inspection and installation works being carried out by authorized and qualified specialists.

### **2.4 Staff qualifications (target group assessment)**

The device may only be installed and started up by specialist staff who are familiar with installation, start-up and operation of the product.

Specialist staff are people who are able to assess the work assigned to them on the basis of their specialist training, their knowledge and experience and their knowledge of the relevant standards, and can identify possible risks.

### **2.5 Signs/Safety markings**

The pressure gauge and its surrounding packaging carry markings. These markings show the article number, measurement range and manufacturer. The pressure gauge can be provided with additional signs and safety markings advising on special conditions:

- Advice on the filling liquid
- Advice on calibration
- Oil-can deleted (if oxygen is used)
- Silicone-free (for use in the automotive industry)

### **2.6 Safety equipment**

This device is fitted with a plug capable of being blown out. For a description, please refer to Chapter 6.3.4.

The window of model A5400/A6400 uses safety glass.

## 2.7 Environmental protection

This device may optionally contain a filling liquid (e.g. glycerin or silicone oil). The provisions set out in the regulation such as REACH on production and use of chemicals are to be respected, and the relevant safety data sheets from the manufacturers of the chemicals are available on our website for download.

## 3 Technical data

The detailed technical information can be found in the product datasheet.

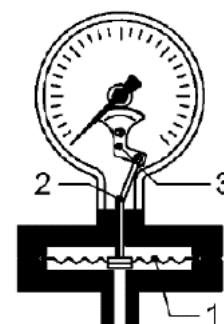
## 4 Labeling on the device

The label with the product information is located on the outside of the housing.

## 5 Construction and function

### 5.1 Overview

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1 | Diaphragm |
| 2 | Link      |
| 3 | Movement  |



### 5.2 Description of function

The sensing system consists of two pressure chambers, separated by a diaphragm (1). The upper pressure chamber contains a high level vacuum and provides the reference for absolute pressure measurement.

Pressure to be measured is applied to the pressure connection and the lower pressure chamber. The sensing element, a diaphragm, will be exposed from lower side with pressure. Under pressure the elastic diaphragm is deflecting against the zero position. This deflection is proportional to the adjacent pressure. The link and movement transfer the deflection to the pointer.

The display of the measured value is given on a 270° scale.

### 5.3 Description of components

#### 5.3.1 Scale with pointer

The pressure gauge is equipped with a dial face and pointer similar to EN 837-3, nominal size 100 mm or 160mm.

#### 5.3.2 Instrument connection

The instrument connection is located on the bottom side of the pressure gauge and is a threaded connection.

#### 5.3.3 Vent valve

The vent valve for the housing is located on the top side. If the nipple is pulled out, the housing is ventilated and the pressure which has built up in the housing due to the influence of temperature is discharged. With the valve closed, protection class IP 66(dry gauge) is achieved. Liquid filled gauges should be vented for temperature compensation.

### 5.3.4 Plug with blow-out capability

The pressure gauge has a plug capable of blowing out on the rear wall of the housing. These act as a safety feature pursuant to EN 837-1 and simultaneously allow for temperature compensation (within limits) for the housing, via a rubber membrane.

## 5.4 Accessories

Please contact the manufacturer regarding special tools and accessories.

# 6 Transport

## 6.1 Safety

The pressure gauge should be protected against the effects of knocks and impacts. The device should only be transported in the packaging provided, to protect against glass breakage. The device should only be transported in a clean condition (free of residues of measuring media).

## 6.2 Transport inspection

The delivery must be checked for completeness and damage during transport. In the event of damage during transport, the delivery must not be accepted, or only accepted subject to reservation of the scope of the damage being recorded and, if necessary, a complaint initiated.

## 6.3 Storage

The pressure gauge must be stored in dry, clean conditions, within a temperature range of -20 to +80 °C (for dry gauge), protected against direct exposure to sunlight and protected against impact damage.

# 7 Assembly/Installation

## 7.1 Safety

To ensure safe working during installation and servicing, suitable shut-off valves must be installed in the plant (see 5.4 Accessories), enabling the device:

- To be depressurized or taken out of operation;
- To be disconnected from the mains supply for repair or checks within the relevant plant;
- Or to enable function tests of the device to be performed “on site”.

During the works to mount/install the gauge, the plant must be protected against being switched back on.

## 7.2 Preparations (requirements for the installation location)

- A check on suitability of the device for the medium to be measured, the scope of the measurement range and of the protection against special conditions such as vibrations, pulsations and pressure spikes.
- A bracket must be installed to support the pressure gauge if the metering pipe is not able to provide adequate support.
- Devices with a blow-out require a minimum spacing to the rear (20 mm).
- The installation location should be chosen such that the work-spaces for operating personnel are not located to the rear of the pressure gauge.

## 7.3 Mounting/Installation

### 7.3.1 Process connection

As standard, the device is equipped for pipework mounting with a pressure connection shank. The device is calibrated ex works for vertical installation.

- Connection to be undertaken by authorized and qualified specialist staff only.
- Use only with the mechanical process connection provided – regarding the configuration, see order code on the device type label, with a matching threaded seal.
- When connecting the device, the pipes must be depressurized.

- The pressure metering pipe must be laid inclined in such a way that, for example, for measurements of fluids no air pockets can form, and for measurements of gases no water pockets. If the necessary incline is not achieved, then at suitable points water separators or air separators must be installed.
- The pressure metering pipe must be kept as short as possible and laid without sharp bends, to avoid the occurrence of irritating delays.
- With liquid measurement media, the pressurized connection pipe must be degassed, since any gas bubble inclusions result in measurement error.
- If water is used as the measurement medium, the device must be frost-protected.



Safety notice: Only mount using the correct open-jawed wrench, and do not twist the device itself.

## 7.4 Starting up

The precondition for start-up is proper installation of all electrical feed lines and metering pipes. All connecting lines must be laid such that no mechanical forces can act on the device.

Before start-up, the seal on the pressurized connection line must be checked.

### 7.4.1 Zero point adjustment

The pressure gauges are supplied calibrated ex works, so that as a rule there is no need for calibration works at the installation point.

### 7.4.2 Venting

Liquid filled gauges should be vented for temperature compensation.

## 7.5 Subsequent relocation of the gauge (by the customer)



**Recommendation:** Do not remove the pressure gauge from one metering point and fit it in a different place, as there is a risk of the measuring media being mixed, with unforeseeable chemical reactions.

# 8 Servicing

The device is maintenance-free. However, to ensure reliable operation and a long lifetime for the device, we recommend that it is checked regularly.

## 8.1 Safety

When undertaking servicing work on the device, the pressure lines must be depressurized and the plant secured against being switched on again.

## 8.2 Check on function, and recalibration

The check on function and recalibration is carried out at regular intervals, depending on the application. The precise testing cycles should be adjusted in line with the operating conditions and ambient conditions. In the event of various device components interacting, the operating instructions for all other devices should also be taken into account.

- Check on display.
- Check on function, in conjunction with downstream components.
- Check of pressurized connection pipes for seal condition.

## 8.3 Cleaning and maintenance

Cleaning is carried out using a non-aggressive cleaning agent, with the ventilation valve closed and respecting the protection category of the device.

# 9 Faults

## 9.1 Safety

Defective or faulty pressure gauges put the operational safety and process safety of the plant at risk, and can lead to a risk or injury to persons, the environment or the plant.

## 9.2 Conduct in the event of faults

All defective or faulty devices must be taken out of service. If a repair is required, the device must be sent directly to our Repairs Department. We request that all returns of devices are agreed with our Service Department.

## 9.3 Fault table

Possible situations indicating a fault:

- Jerky or random movement of the pointer
- Pointer does not set to zero at full vacuum
- Indications that the measurement system seal is imperfect (discoloration to dial display or of filling liquid)
- Bent or loose pointer
- Cracked window
- Leaks when the device is filled
- Damage to housing

In these instances, replacement of the pressure gauge is always required.

## 9.4 Conduct following fault rectification

See Chapter 7.3 Mounting/Installation

# 10 Removal, disposal

## 10.1 Safety



Residues of measuring media in and on removed gauges can constitute a risk to people, the environment and equipment. Adequate precautionary measures must be adopted. If necessary, the devices must be cleaned thoroughly (see advice in safety data sheets).

## 10.2 Removal

- When undertaking servicing work on the device, the pressure lines must be depressurized, the electrical connections isolated from the mains supply, and the plant secured against being switched on again.
- Demount the gauge using a suitable tool

## 10.3 Disposal



Please help to protect the environment and dispose of or recycle the devices and components used in accordance with the applicable regulations.