

The NIVOCAP CK capacitance level switches operate in the RF (radio-frequency) range providing excellent immunity to deposits. NIVOCAP CK-100 is an outstanding choice for viscous, sticky substances where the rival vibrating or the other contact measurement technologies are not suited.

The mechanical construction consists of a stainless steel probe and a reference probe between two insulation layers. The microcontroller based electronics of the NIVOCAP CK evaluates continuously the voltage level proportional to the capacitance difference between the two probes and the housing. This way it provides more stabile measurement compared to the analog capacitance switches. The units are available only with painted aluminum housing, because one of the measurement reference points is the housing itself. The guard ring – an insulated section of the probe – makes the disregarding of material deposits possible, thus preventing false switching. The maximum probe length of the NIVOCAP CK series is 3 meter for probes with extension cable or rod available up to 10 meter in length. The high-temperature and the Dust-Ex approved models are suitable for harsh environments so they are ideal choice for power generation applications. In the case of liquids, only the lower, metalic part of the protruting probe allowed to be in contact with the medium!

FEATURES

- Intelligent electronic level switch
- Immune to material deposits
- Easy calibration
- Selectable sensitivity
- Fail-safe operating mode
- Extension rod or cable
- Calibration with external magnet
- High-temperature version
- Dust-Ex variants available
- 5 years warranty

APPLICATIONS

- For viscous, sticky materials
- For solids with E_r ≥ 1.5 relative dielectric constant and liquids
- Pharmaceutical and food industry
- Powerplant processes

CERTIFICATES

- ATEX (Ex ta/tb D)
- IEC Ex (Ex ta/tb D)



OPERATION, SET-UP

During operation, the electronics evaluates the capacitance difference of the connected measurement probe continuously. As long as the measured medium does not touch the probe, the measured capacitance is constant in reference to the housing. However, when the medium reaches the probe, the initial capacitance value starts to increase. The device picks up the change in the capacitance compared to a reference value recorded during the calibration procedure. For this reason, an empty-tank calibration must be performed after installing the device so that the unit can learn the default capacitance of the setup, and the learned value will be the reference capacitance value. The unit can be calibrated with an external magnet without removing the housing cover since the housing cover may not be removed in Dust-Ex environments when the unit is energized, but the unit needs power to be calibrated.

The sensitivity of the unit can be selected with a push-button in 4 ranges and fine-tuned with a potentiometer within the selected range.

CALIBRATION

The device must be calibrated after it is installed. The purpose of the calibration process is that the electronics learns the capacitance values belonging to the particular levels and use the data as reference values.

Calibration starts with pressing the CAL button or touching the marked point on the housing with the magnetic calibration tool for 5 seconds.

If the unit is installed in a hazardous (Dust Ex) environment, the housing cover cannot be removed as long as the unit is powered, and the device can be calibrated with the magnet without removing the housing cover.

The supplied permanent magnetic screw allows calibration through the aluminum housing. In this case, the status LED will blink blue during the calibration.

All the other settings (sensitivity range, sensitivity fine-tuning, delay, fail-safe operating mode, and turning magnetic calibration on) must be carried out outside the hazardous environment (e. g., in a control room) before mounting the device. Calibration can be performed multiple times.



SENSITIVITY SETTINGS

Sensitivity (range)	Capacitance value	ε _r	Typical measured medium	
1 🌞 💿 💿	18 pF	> 7.0	Wastewater, slurries, and water-based solutions	
2 🌼 💮 🔵	8 pF	4.07.0	Grains, fertilizers, feed	
3 💮 💮 🌞 🔵	2.5 pF	2.04.0	Sand, rubber, oils, coal	
4 • • • •	0.5 pF	1.52.0	Plastics, fly ash, cement	

TECHNICAL DATA

	Standard version	With extension rod	With extension cable			
Probe length	0.30.6 m	0.73 m	110 m			
Material of wetted parts	1.4571 / 316Ti staiı	Probe: 1.4571 / 316Ti stainless steel + PPS Insulation; Cable: PE coating				
Process connection	¾", 1", 1½" BSP / NPT, 1¼" NPT threaded connection; as per order code					
Output	See output data table					
Ambient temperature	-30+65 °C					
Process temperature (for solids)	-30	-30+110 °C				
Process temperature [High-temperature version] (for solids)	-30	-				
Process temperature (for liquids)	0 +65 ℃					
Process pressure	16 bar (1.6 MPa)					
Response time (selectable)	0.1515 s					
Sensitivity	Coarse settings: available with push button out of 4 ranges; 4 indication LED Fine adjustment: with potentiometer within the selected range					
Fail-safe mode	Low, high (selectable with DIP-switch)					
Calibration	With push button or external magnet					
Status display	Status LED, Calibration LED					
ϵ_{r}	Minimum 1.5					
Supply voltage	20250 V AC / 2050 V DC					
Power consumption	≤ 2.5 VA / 2 W					
Housing material	Painted aluminum					
Electrical connection	2× M20×1.5 plastic cable glands, for 612 mm cable + 2× internally threaded ½" NPT connection for protective pipes; 2× terminal blocks for 0.51.5 mm² wire cross section					
Electrical protection	Class I					
Ingress protection	IP67					
Weight	2 kg	2 kg + 1.4 kg /m	2 kg + 0.6 kg/m			

OUTPUT DATA

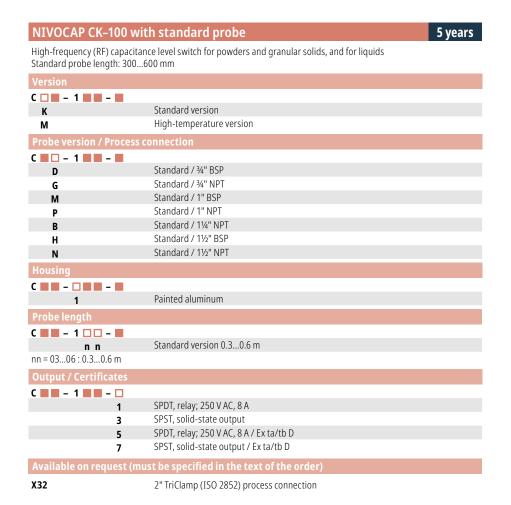
	rpe Relay	Electronic
Output type	SPDT	SPST
Output rating	250 V AC, 8 A, AC1	250 V AC, 50 V DC
Output protection	-	Overvoltage, overcurrent and overload

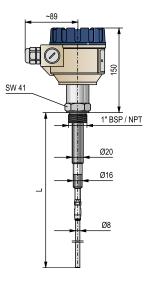
Ex INFORMATION

Protection		Dust Ex							
Ex marking ATEX									
LX IIIdiking	IEC Ex ⁽¹⁾	Ex ta IIIC T85°CT220°C Da/Db							
Electrical connection		2× M20×1.5 metal cable glands for Ø8Ø13 mm cable							
		With extension cable Standard, or with exter			with extens	sion rod			
Thermal properties	Standard version					High-temperature version			
Process temperature min.: -	30 °C; Max:	+60 °C	+70 °C	+80 °C	+60 °C	+70 °C	+95 °C	+110 °C	+220 °C
Ambient temperature min.: -	-30 °C; Max:	+65 °C	+60 °C	+60 °C	+65 °C	+60 °C	+60 °C	+50 °C	+35 °C
Highest permissible surface of the process connection	temperature	+80 °C	+80 °C	+90 °C	+80)°C	+90 °C	+95 °C	+195 °C
Temperature classes		T85°C T95°C T85°C		T95°C	T110°C	T220°C			

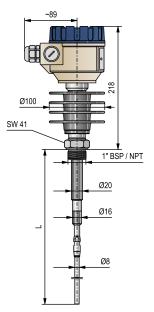
⁽¹⁾ IEC Ex compliance is optional; must be requested in the order.







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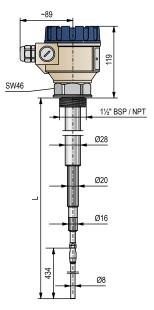


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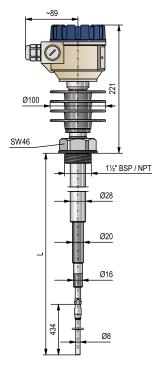
X32

NIVOCAP CK-100 with extension rod 5 years High-frequency (RF) capacitance level switch for powders and granular solids, and for liquids with stainless steel extension rod up to 3 m C - - 1 - -Standard version K High-temperature version М C - 1 - 1 With extension rod / 3/4" BSP (max. 1.5 m) Ε With extension rod / 3/4" NPT (max. 1.5 m) F ٧ With extension rod / 1" BSP With extension rod / 1" NPT Z With extension rod / 11/4" NPT With extension rod / 11/2" BSP R With extension rod / 11/2" NPT C - - - - -Painted aluminum 1 Probe length C - 1 - 1 - -0 7 0.8...3 m probe with extension rod; sold by the 0.1 m n n nn = 08...30 : 0.8...3 m Output / Certificates C - 1 - 1 SPDT, relay; 250 V AC, 8 A 1 SPST, Solid-state output 3 SPDT, relay; 250 V AC, 8 A / Ex ta/tb D 5 SPST, solid-state output / Ex ta/tb D 7

2" TriClamp (ISO 2852) process connection



CKR / CKL-107 / 130



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NIVOCAP CK-100 6	extension cable version	5 years
	itance level switch for powders and granular solids, and for liquids gel extension cable up to 10 m	
Version		
C	Standard version	
Probe version / Proces	s connection	
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K	With extension cable / 11/2" BSP	
С	With extension cable / 11/2" NPT	
Housing		
C K		
1	Painted aluminum	
Probe length		
C K 🔳 – 1 🔲 🗆 – 📕		
n n	110 m probe with extension cable; sold by the 0.5 m	
nn = 10A0 : 110 m		
Output / Certificates		
C K - 1	CDDT 1 250VAC 0A	
1	SPDT, relay; 250 V AC, 8 A SPST, Solid-state output	
3 5	SPDT, relay; 250 V AC, 8 A / Ex ta/tb D	
7	SPST, solid-state output / Ex ta/tb D	
Available on request (must be specified in the text of the order)	
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