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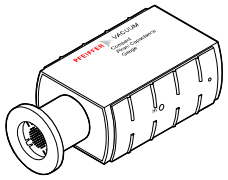
Operating Instructions
Incl. Declaration of Conformity

Compact Pirani Capacitance Gauge
PCR 260



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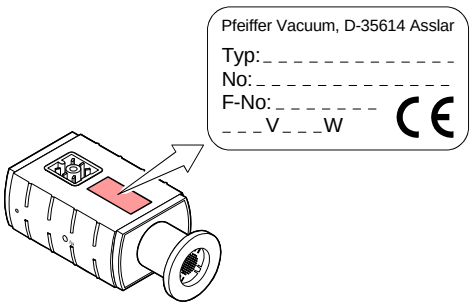
Product Identification

In all communications with Pfeiffer Vacuum, please specify the information given on the product nameplate. For convenient reference copy that information into the diagram below.



Validity

This document applies to products with the following part numbers:

PT R26 850 (DN 16 ISO-KF)
PT R26 851 (DN 16 CF-F)

The part number (No) can be taken from the product nameplate.

If not indicated otherwise in the legends, the illustrations in this document correspond to DN 16 ISO-KF vacuum connection. They apply to other vacuum connections by analogy.

We reserve the right to make technical changes without prior notice.

All dimensions are indicated in mm.

Intended Use

The Compact Pirani Capacitance Gauge PCR 260 has been designed for vacuum measurement of gases in the pressure range of 5×10^{-4} … 1500 mbar.

It must not be used for measuring flammable or combustible gases which react in air.

The gauge can be operated in connection with a Pfeiffer Vacuum controller or with another evaluation unit.

Functional Principle

The PCR gauge is a combination gauge consisting of a Pirani sensor and a capacitive diaphragm sensor. Both sensors are constantly active.

At low pressures, only the signal of the Pirani sensor is used for pressure measurement; at high pressures, only the signal of the capacitive diaphragm sensor. To determine the output signal in the intermediate range, both signals are used proportional to the pressure.

Safety

Symbols Used

DANGER
Information on preventing any kind of physical injury.

WARNING
Information on preventing extensive equipment and environmental damage.

Caution
Information on correct handling or use. Disregard can lead to malfunctions or minor equipment damage.

Personnel Qualifications

Skilled personnel
All work described in this document may only be carried out by persons who have suitable technical training and the necessary experience or who have been instructed by the end-user of the product.

General Safety Instructions

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.
  Consider possible reactions between the product materials and the process media.
  Consider possible reactions of the process media due to the heat generated by the product.
- Adhere to the applicable regulations (e.g. explosion) and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety instructions in this document.
- Before beginning to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

Communicate the safety instructions to all other users.

Liability and Warranty

Pfeiffer Vacuum assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the end-user or third parties

- disregard the information in this document
- use the product in a non-conforming manner
- make any kind of changes (modifications, alterations etc.) to the product
- use the product with accessories not listed in the product documentation.

The end-user assumes the responsibility in conjunction with the process media used.

Gauge failures due to contamination, as well as expendable parts (filament), are not covered by the warranty.

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Technical Data

Measurement principle	
100 mbar [1] … 1500 mbar	capacitance diaphragm sensor
5×10^{-4} … 1 mbar	thermal conductance according to Pirani
1 … 100 mbar [1]	crossover range
Measurement range (air, O_2, CO, N_2)	5×10^{-4} … 1500 mbar
Accuracy (N_2)	
1×10^{-3} … 50 mbar	±15% of reading
50 … 950 mbar	±5% of reading
Atmospheric pressure (950 … 1050 mbar)	±2.5% of reading
Repeatability (N_2)	±2% of reading (1×10^{-3} … 1100 mbar)

Output signal (measurement signal)	
Voltage range	0 … +9.0 V
Mesasurement range	+2.2 … +8.68 V
Voltage vs. pressure	1 V/decade, logarithmic
Output impedance	2 × 4.7 Ω, short circuit-proof
Minimum load impedance	10 kΩ
Response time	10 ms
Gauge identification	resistor 3 kΩ between pin 1 and pin 5 of electrical connector (→ "Electrical Connection")
HV Adjustment	at $<<10^{-4}$ mbar (with potentiometer <HV>)

Supply

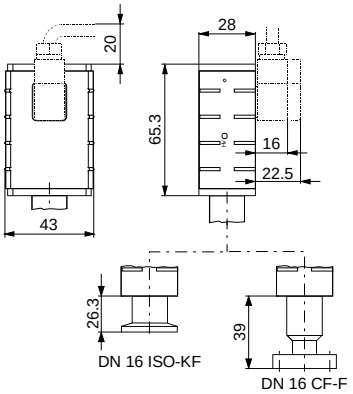
DANGER
The gauge may only be connected to supply and evaluation units that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV-E according to EN 61010). The connection to the gauge has to be fused.

Supply voltage at gauge	+15 … +30 VDC (ripple ≤1 V_{pp})
Power consumption	≤2.5 W
Fuse to be connected	1 AT
Electrical connection	Hirschmann connector type GO 6, 6 pin, male
Sensor cable	5 poles plus shielding
Cable length	≤150 m (5×0.25 mm^2) ≤200 m (5×0.34 mm^2)
Grounding concept	(→ "Electrical Connection")
Vacuum connection to signal ground	connected via 1 MΩ
Materials exposed to vacuum	
Vacuum connection	stainless steel
Pirani filament	tungsten
Feedthrough	glass
Orifice	stainless steel
Other materials	Ni, Cu, NiFe, SnAg, glass, Al_2O_3 (>99.5%), AgPd
Internal volume	
DN 16 ISO-KF	≈ 6 cm^3
DN 16 CF-F	≈ 8 cm^3
Admissible pressure	≤5 bar (absolute)
Admissible Temperatures	
Storage	–20 … +65 °C
Operation (ambient)	+10 … +50 °C
Bake-out [2]	≤80 °C
Filament temperature	<160 °C
Relative humidity	≤80% at temperatures ≤+31 °C, decreasing to 50% at +40 °C
Mounting orientation	any
Use	indoors only altitudes up to 2000 m NN
Protection category	IP 40

[1] Crossover range for air, O_2, CO and N_2 10 mbar, 100 mbar in heavy gases.

[2] Temperature at vacuum connection with horizontal mounting orientation. During bake-out, measurement range, accuracy, and repeatability may deviate from specifications.

Dimensions [mm]

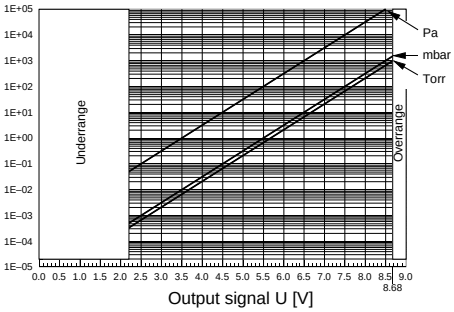


Weight

DN 16 ISO-KF	90 g
DN 16 CF-F	120 g

Output Signal vs. Pressure

Pressure p [mbar]



$p = 10^{(U-c)}$ ⇔ $U = c + \log_{10} p$

valid in the range 5×10^{-4} mbar <p< 1500 mbar

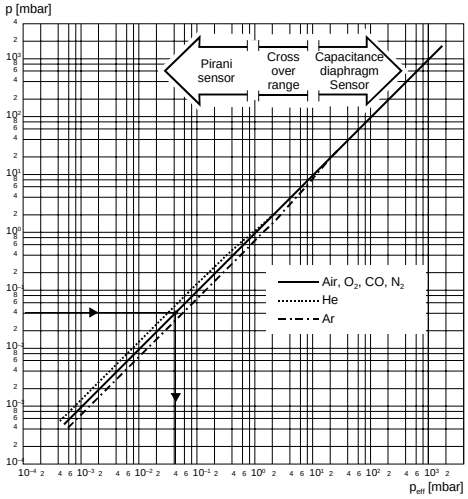
U	p	c
[V]	[mbar]	5.5
[V]	[µbar]	2.5
[V]	[Torr]	5.625
[V]	[mTorr]	2.625

U	p	c
[V]	[micron]	2.625
[V]	[Pa]	3.5
[V]	[kPa]	6.5

where p pressure
U output signal
c constant (pressure unit dependent)

Gas Type Dependence

Indicated pressure (gauge calibrated for air)



Calibration factors

valid for Pirani pressure range below 1 mbar

$p_{eff} = C \times$ indicated pressure

Gas type	Calibration factor C	Gas type	Calibration factor C
He	0.8	H_2	0.5
Ne	1.4	air, O_2, CO, N_2	1.0
Ar	1.7	CO_2	0.9
Kr	2.4	water vapour	0.5
Xe	3.0	Freon 12	0.7

Installation

Vacuum Connection

DANGER

Caution: overpressure in the vacuum system >1 bar

Injury caused by released parts and harm caused by escaping process gases can result if clamps are opened while the vacuum system is pressurized.

Do not open any clamps while the vacuum system is pressurized. Use the type of clamps which are suited to overpressure.

DANGER

Caution: overpressure in the vacuum system >2.5 bar

KF flange connections with elastomer seals (e.g. O-rings) cannot withstand such pressures. Process media can thus leak and possibly damage your health.

Use O-rings provided with an outer centering ring.

DANGER

Caution: protective ground

Incorrectly grounded products can be extremely hazardous in the event of a fault.

The gauge must be electrically connected to the grounded vacuum chamber. This connection must conform to the requirements of a protective connection according to EN 61010:

- CF connections fulfill this requirement
- For gauges with a KF connection, use a conductive metallic clamping ring.

Caution

Caution: vacuum component

Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component.

When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

Caution

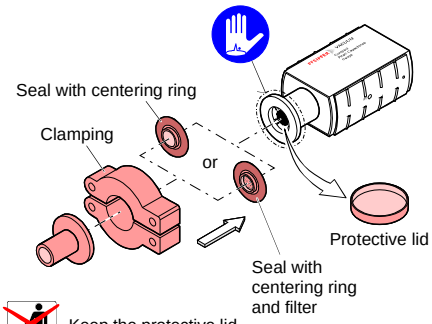
Caution: dirt sensitive area

Touching the product or parts thereof with one's bare hands increases the desorption rate.

Always wear clean, lint-free gloves and use clean tools when working in this area.

The gauge may be mounted in any orientation. To keep condensates and particles from getting into the measuring chamber preferably choose a horizontal to upright position and possibly use a seal with a centering ring and filter. If adjustment should be possible after the gauge has been installed, be sure to install it so that the potentiometer can be accessed (→ "Adjustment").

Remove the protective lid and install the product at the vacuum system.

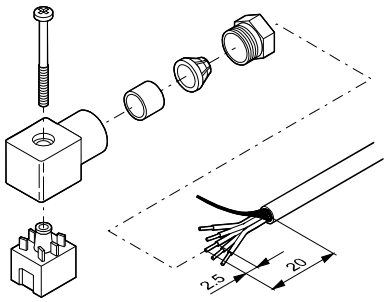


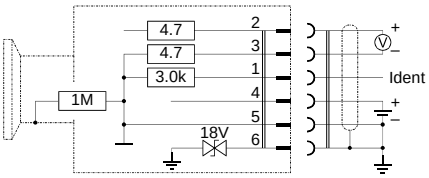
Keep the protective lid

Electrical Connection

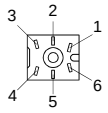
Make sure the vacuum connection is properly made (→ "Vacuum Connection").

❶ If no sensor cable is available, make one according to the following diagram.



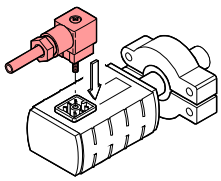


Electrical connection
Pin 1 Identification
Pin 2 Signal outpout
Pin 3 Signal common
Pin 4 Supply
Pin 5 Supply common (GND)
Pin 6 Screen



Connector
soldering side

❷ Connect the sensor cable to the gauge and the controller or PLC and secure it with the locking screw.



Operation

When the supply voltage is being applied, the measurement signal is available at the connector (→ "Electrical Connection").

Allow a stabilization period of ≈10 minutes after power has been applied.

It is advisable to operate the gauge continuously, irrespective of the pressure.

Gas Type Dependence

Pressure Range	Measurement Principle	Gas Type Dependence
100 [1] … 1500 mbar	capacitance diaphragm sensor	independent of gas type, no correction required
1 … 100 [1] mbar	capacitance diaphragm sensor and Pirani sensor	crossover range
5×10^{-4} … 1 mbar	Pirani sensor	proportional to pressure [3]

Adjustment

The gauge is factory calibrated. Due to long time operation or contamination, a zero drift could occur. Periodically check the zero and adjust it if necessary.

The zero must be adjusted at the ambient temperature at which the gauge is normally operated.

❶ If you are using a seal with centering ring and filter, check that they are clean or replace them if necessary (→ "Deinstallation").

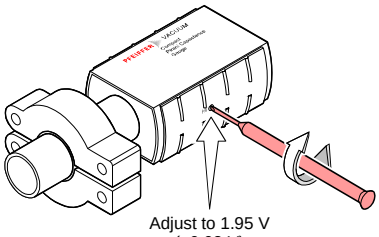
❷ Activate the gauge.

❸ Connect a DC voltmeter to output signal (→ "Electrical Connection").

❹ Evacuate vacuum system to p <<10^{-4} mbar.

Wait at least 2 minutes.

❺ Carry out adjustment with potentiometer <HV> by means of the enclosed screwdriver.



Adjust to 1.95 V
(±0.02 V)

PCR 260 gauges do not require adjustment at atmospheric pressure.

Deinstallation

DANGER

Caution: contaminated parts

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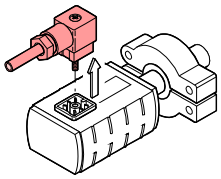
❶ Vent vacuum system.

❷ Turn the gauge off.

❸ Loosen locking screw of sensor cable connector and unplug sensor cable.



❹ Remove the gauge from the vacuum system and cover the vacuum connection with the protective lid.

[3] The pressure reading applies to dry air, O_2, CO and N_2. For other gases, it has to be converted (calibration factors → "Technical Data").

Maintenance, Repair

Gauge failures due to contamination, as well as expendable parts (filament), are not covered by the warranty.

The product requires no maintenance.

Accessories

	Part number
Centering ring DN 16 ISO-KF with fine filter	PT 120 132-T

Returning the Product

WARNING

Caution: forwarding contaminated products

Contaminated products (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological hazard) can be detrimental to health and environment.

Products returned to INFICON should preferably be free of harmful substances. Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a duly completed declaration of contamination

Products that are not clearly declared as "free of harmful substances" are decontaminated at the expense of the customer.

Products not accompanied by a duly completed declaration of contamination are returned to the sender at his own expense.

Disposal

DANGER

Caution: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.

Before beginning to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

WARNING

Caution: substances detrimental to the environment

Products or parts thereof (mechanical and electric components, operating fluids etc.) can be detrimental to the environment.

Dispose of such substances in accordance with the relevant local regulations.

Separating the components

After disassembling the product, separate its components according to the following criteria:

- Contaminated components

  Contaminated components (radioactive, toxic, caustic, or biological hazard etc.) must be decontaminated in accordance with the relevant national regulations, separated according to their materials, and disposed of.

- Other components

Such components must be separated according to their materials and recycled.

Declaration of Contamination

The service, repair, and/or disposal of vacuum equipment and components will only be carried out if a correctly completed declaration has been submitted. Non-completion will result in delay.
This declaration may only be completed (in block letters) and signed by authorized and qualified staff.

1 Description of product
Type _____
Part number _____
Serial number _____

2 Reason for return
_____
_____
_____

3 Operating fluid(s) used
(Must be drained before shipping.)
_____
_____

4 Used in copper process
no ❑ yes ❑ → Seal product in plastic bag and mark it with a corresponding label.

5 Process related contamination of product:

toxic	no ❑ 1)	yes ❑
corrosive	no ❑ 1)	yes ❑
biological hazard	no ❑	yes ❑ 2)
explosive	no ❑	yes ❑ 2)
radioactive	no ❑	yes ❑ 2)
other harmful substances	no ❑ 1)	yes ❑

1) or not containing any amount of hazardous residues that exceed the permissible exposure limits

2) Products thus contaminated will not be accepted without written evidence of decontamination.

The product is free of any substances which are damaging to health. yes ❑

6 Harmful substances, gases and/or by-products

Please list all substances, gases, and by-products which the product may have come into contact with:

Trade/product name manufacturer	Chemical name (or symbol)

Precautions associated with substance	Action if human contact

7 Legally binding declaration:

We hereby declare that the information on this form is complete and accurate and that we will assume any further costs that may arise. The contaminated product will be dispatched in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Organization/company _____
Address _____
Post code, place _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____
Name _____
Company stamp

_____

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Declaration of Conformity

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We, Pfeiffer Vacuum, hereby declare that the equipment mentioned below complies with the provisions of the Directive relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits 73/23/EEC and the Directive relating to electromagnetic compatibility 89/336/EEC.

Compact Pirani Capacitance Gauge

PCR 260

Part numbers

PT R26 850
PT R26 851

Standards

Harmonized and international/national standards and specifications:

- EN 61010-1 (Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use)
- EN 61000-6-2 (Electromagnetic compatibility generic immunity standard)
- EN 61000-6-3 (Electromagnetic comatibility generic emission standard)

Signatures

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