

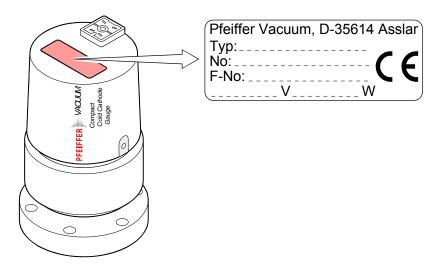


Compact Cold Cathode Gauge, All-metal

Operating Instructions

Product Identification

In all communications with Pfeiffer Vacuum, please specify the information given on the product nameplate.



Validity	This manual applies to products with the following part numbers PT R21 251 (DN 40 CF-F flange short type) PT R21 261 (DN 40 CF-F flange long type) The part number (No) can be taken from the nameplate. We reserve the right to make engineering changes without notice.				
Intended Use	The Compact Cold Cathode Gauge IKR 270 has been designed for vacuum measurement in a pressure range of 5×10 ⁻¹¹ 1×10 ⁻² mbar. The gauge can be used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges or with another evaluation unit.				
Functional Principle	Over the whole measurement range, the measuring signal is output as logarithm of the pressure. The Compact Cold Cathode Gauge IKR 270 functions with a cold cathode ioni- zation measurement circuit (according to the inverted magnetron principle).				

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For cross references to pages within this manual, the symbol ($\rightarrow \square$ XY) is used, for references to other documents, the symbol ($\rightarrow \square$ [Z]).

1 Safety

1.1 Symbols Used

STOP 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.

1.2 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.

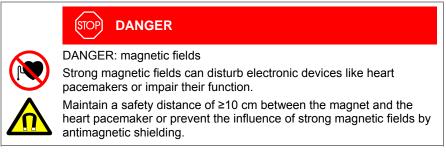
1.3 Safety Information

 Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.

Consider possible reactions between the materials (\rightarrow ${\ensuremath{\mathbb B}}$ 7) and the process media.

Consider possible reactions of the process media due to the heat generated by the product.

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety information in this document.
- Before you begin to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.



Pass on the safety information to other users.

1.4 Liability and Warranty

Pfeiffer Vacuum assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the custodian 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 corresponding product documentation.

The custodian assumes the responsibility in conjunction with the process media used.

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.

2 Technical Data

Admissible temperature					
Storage	-40 °C +65 °C				
Operation					
all types	+ 5 °C +55 °C				
long type	250 °C in bakeout area, see dimension drawing (without magnetic shielding)				
Bakeout					
short type	+250 °C (without electronics and mag- netic shielding)				
long type	+250 °C in bakeout area, see dimen- sion drawing (without magnetic shield- ing)				
Relative humidity	max. 80% at temperatures up to +31 °C decreasing to 50 % at +40 °C				
Use	indoors only altitude up to 2000 m (6600 ft.)				
	5×10 ⁻¹¹ 1×10 ⁻² mbar				
Measurement range (air, N ₂)					
Accuracy	$\approx \pm 30\%$ in the range of 1×10 ⁻⁹ 1×10 ⁻³ mbar				
Reproducibility	≈ ± 5% in the range of 1×10 ⁻⁹ 1×10 ⁻³ mbar				
Gas type dependence	\rightarrow Appendix B				
Type of protection	IP 40				
Overpressure	≤ 9 bar				
	only for inert gases < 100 °C				

Supply





The gauge may only be connected to supply or measurement units that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV). The connection to the gauge has to be fused.¹⁾

Voltage at the gauge	14.5 30.0 V= (ripple max. 1 V _{pp})
Power consumption	≤ 2 W
Fuse ¹⁾	≤ 1 AT

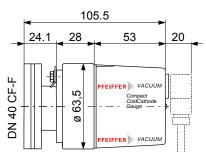
The minimum voltage of the power supply must be increased proportionally to the length of the measuring cable.

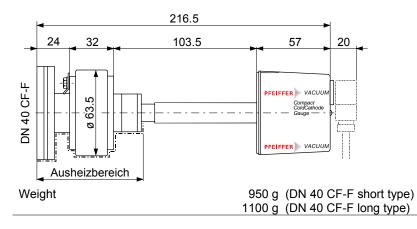
Voltage of the supply unit at maxi- mum cable length	16.0 30.0 V= (ripple max. 1 V _{pp})
Electrical connection	Compact connector Hirschmann type GO 6, 6 poles, male
Cable	5 poles plus screen
Maximum cable length	100 m (0.25 mm² conductor) 150 m (0.34 mm² conductor) 500 m (1.0 mm² conductor)
Operating voltage (in the measuring chamber)	≤ 3.3 kV
Operating current (in the measuring chamber)	≤ 100 µA

¹⁾ Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement and control units for Compact Gauges fulfill these requirements.

Output signal (measuring signal)			
Voltage range	≈ 0 V ≈ +10.5 V		
Voltage/pressure relationship	logarithmic, increase 0.8 V / decade $(\rightarrow Appendix A)$		
Error signal	< 0.5 V (no supply)		
Output impedance	2×10 Ω		
Normal load	100 kΩ		
Minimum load	10 k Ω , short-circuit proof		
Response time p > 10 ⁻⁶ mbar p = 10 ⁻⁸ mbar	pressure dependent < 10 ms ≈ 1 s		
p			
Gauge identification	7.15 k Ω resistance referenced to supply common		
Grounding concept	\rightarrow Figure 1		
Vacuum flange-signal common	connected via 10 k Ω (max. voltage differential with respect to safety ±50 V with respect to accuracy ±10 V)		
Supply common-signal common	conducted separately; differential measurement recommended for cable lengths ≥10 m		
Materials exposed to the vacuum			
Feedthrough isolation Internal seal Flange	ceramic (Al ₂ O ₃) Ag stainless steel (1.4306 / AISI 304L)		
Anode	Mo		
Ignition aid	stainless steel (1.4310 / AISI 301)		
Internal volume	≈ 20 cm³		

Dimensions





3 Installation

3.1 Vacuum Connection



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.

The gauge can be mounted in any orientation. However, it should be mounted so that any particles present cannot enter the measuring chamber ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 13). See dimension drawing for space requirements ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 7).



Remove the protective cap.

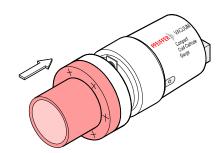


The protective cap will be needed for maintenance.



Make the flange connection.

When making CF flange connections, it can be advantageous to temporarily remove the magnet $(\rightarrow$ section 3.1.1).





(STOP) DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >2.5 bar KF flange connections with elastomer sealing rings (e.g. O-rings) cannot withstand such pressures. Process media can thus leak and possibly damage your health.

Use sealing rings provided with an outer centering ring.



(STOP) DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >1 bar

If clamps are opened unintentionally injury can be caused by catapulted parts.

Use the type of clamps which can only be opened and closed by means of a tool (e.g. hose clip clamping ring).



STOP DANGER

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

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



WARNING

WARNING: electric arcing

Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.

3.1.1 Removing the Magnet Unit

Tools required

Procedure

- Allen wrench AF 1.5
- Open-end wrench AF 7



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unit (2).

Remove the electronics unit.

For reasons of tolerance, the same magnet and electronics unit have to be used when reassembling the gauge.



Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.

Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics

Caution

The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).



Make the flange connection between the gauge and the vacuum system.

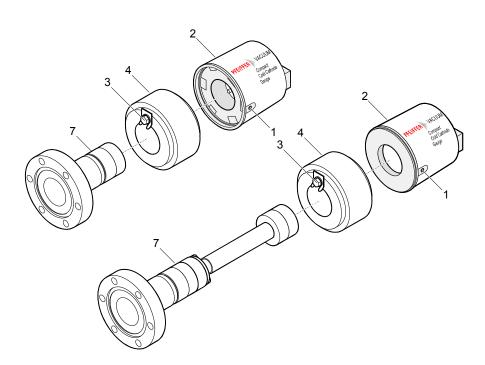
Remount the magnet unit and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).



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Carefully mount the electronics unit (2).

Push the electronics unit up to the mechanical stop and lock it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

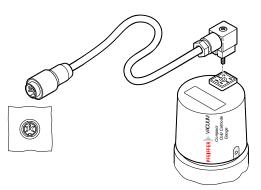


3.2 Power Connection

3.2.1 Use With a Pfeiffer Vacuum Measurement Unit

If the gauge is used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges, a corresponding connection cable is required (\rightarrow \cong 22).

• Secure the connection socket on the gauge with the screw.



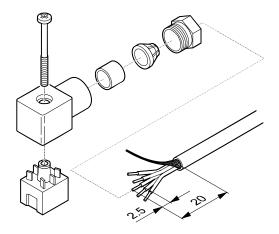
3.2.2 Use With Another Evaluation Unit

The gauge can also be operated with other evaluation units. In this case, an individual connection cable must be made.

For cable lengths up to 10 m (0.34 mm² conductor cross-section), the measuring signal can be read directly between the positive signal output (pin 2) and the supply common (pin 5) without the degree of accuracy being reduced. For longer measuring cable lengths, we recommend a differential measurement between the signal output and signal common (pin 3) (as a result of the voltage drop along the supply cable ground lead, the common mode signal is approx. 1.0 V at the max. permissible cable length).

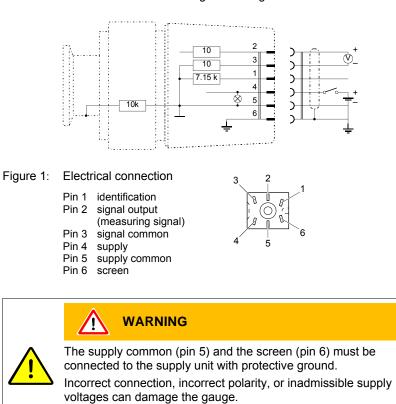
Procedure

Prepare the connection socket (ordering number \rightarrow 22).



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Solder the connection cable according to the diagram.





Reassemble the connection socket.



Plug in the connection socket.

Secure the connection socket on the gauge with the screw.



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4 Operation

	As soon as the required voltage is applied, the measurement signal is available between pins 2 and 3 (\rightarrow Appendix A for the relationship between the measuring signal and the pressure)).			
	The green lamp on the gauge Indicates the operating state: Supply voltage present.			
	No supply voltage.			
	Caution			
	Turn on the gauge only at pressures <10 ⁻² mbar to prevent excessive contamination.			
	If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges with at least two gauge connections, the cold cathode gauge can be controlled, for example, by a Pirani gauge.			
Gas type dependence	The measuring signal depends on the type of gas being measured. The curves are accurate for dry air, N ₂ , O ₂ , and CO. They can be mathematically converted for other gases (\rightarrow Appendix B).			
	If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Pfeiffer Vacuum Compact Gauges, you can enter a calibration factor to correct the measurement value displayed ($\rightarrow \square$ of that measurement unit).			
Ignition delay	An ignition delay occurs when cold cathode gauges are switched on. The delay time increases at low pressures and is typically: $10^{-7} \text{ mbar} \approx 0.1 \text{ minute}$ $10^{-8} \text{ mbar} \approx 1 \text{ minute}$ $10^{-9} \text{ mbar} \approx 5 \text{ minutes}$ $10^{-10} \text{ mbar} \approx 20 \text{ minutes}$ $5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mbar} \approx 30 \text{ minutes}$			
Contamination	Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.			
	Gauge contamination is influenced by the process media used as well as any existing or new contaminants and their respective partial pressures. With constantly low pressures (< 1×10^{-6} mbar), the gauge can be operated for more than one year without cleaning (cleaning the gauge $\rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ 13).			
	Contamination can to a certain extent be reduced by:			
	 geometric protections (e.g. screenings, elbows) against particles that spread rectilinearly 			
	 mounting the flange of the gauge at a place where the partial pressure of the pollutants is particularly low. 			
	Special precautions are required for vapors deposited under plasma (e.g. of the cold cathode measuring system). It may even be necessary to temporarily switch off the gauge while vapors occur.			

5 Maintenance

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.



DANGER

STOP

DANGER: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.

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

5.1 Cleaning the Gauge / Changing Parts

(STOP) DANGER



DANGER: cleaning agents

Cleaning agents can be detrimental to health and environment.

Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling and disposing of cleaning agents. Consider possible reactions with the product materials ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 7).

Tools / material required

- Allen wrench AF 1.5
- Allen wrench AF 3
- Open-end wrench AF 7
- Pliers for circlips
- Polishing cloth (400 grain) or Scotch-Brite
- Tweezers
- Cleaning alcohol
- Mounting tool for ignition aid
- Ignition aid
- Metal seal (11) for anode feedthrough

5.1.1 Disassembling the Gauge

Procedure for short type



Remove the gauge from the vacuum system (\rightarrow \cong 21).

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Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (\rightarrow Figure 2).

Remove the electronics unit.



The cover of the electronics unit cannot be removed.



Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.



Caution

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The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).



Remove the circlip (5) as well as the polarity insert (6) from the measuring chamber.

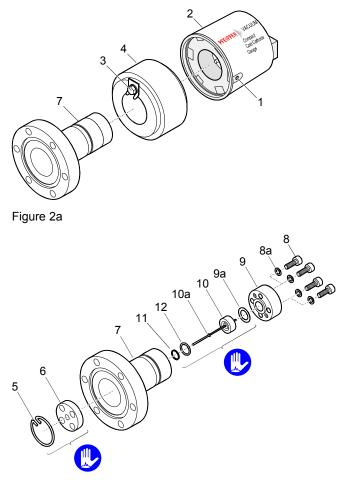


Remove the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) on the back of the measuring chamber.



Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (9), washer (9a), complete anode (10), metal seal (11) incl. centering ring (12).

The parts can now be cleaned or replaced.





Procedure for long type



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Remove the gauge from the vacuum system (\rightarrow \cong 21).

Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (\rightarrow Figure 3).

Remove the electronics unit.



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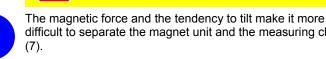
For reasons of tolerance, the same magnet and electronics unit have to be used when reassembling the gauge.



Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.

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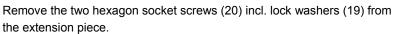
difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber



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Remove the circlip (5) and the polarity insert (6) from the measuring chamber.



Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (18), insulator (17), anode extension (13).



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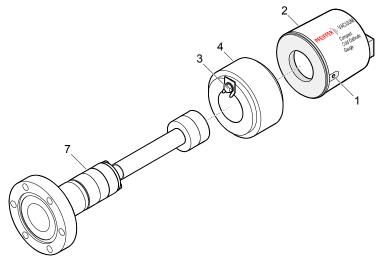
Remove the two hexagon socked screws (16) incl. lock washers (15) and the tube (14).

Remove the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) on the back of the measuring chamber.

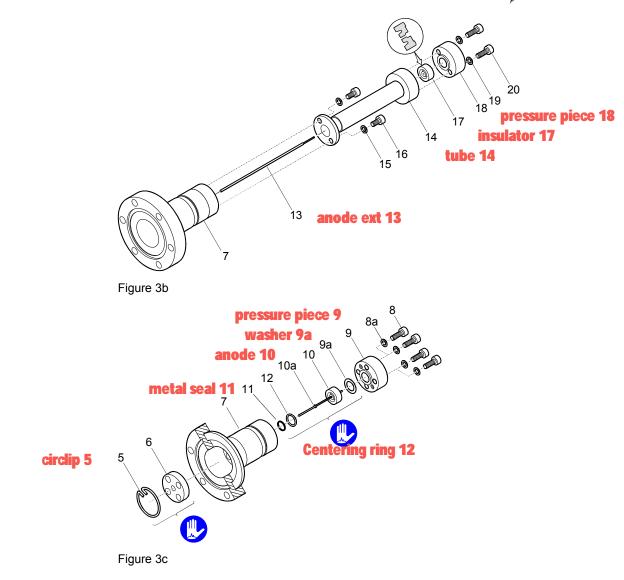


Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (9), washer (9a), complete anode (10), metal seal (11) incl. centering ring (12).

The parts can now be cleaned or replaced.



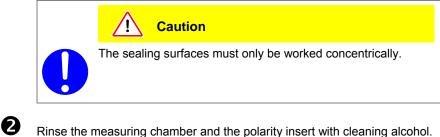




5.1.2 Cleaning the Gauge

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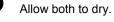
Using a polishing cloth rub the inside walls of the measuring chamber and the polarity insert to a bright finish.





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inse the measuring champer and the polarity insert with cleaning alco



Cleaning or replacing the anode:



Remove the old ignition aid (10a), for example with tweezers (\rightarrow Figure 2).

Using a polishing cloth rub the anode pin to a bright finish.

Do not bend the anode. Do not carry out mechanical work on the ceramic part.

Caution

Rinse the anode with cleaning alcohol.

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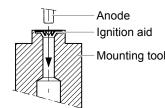
Allow the anode to dry.



Insert a new ignition aid (10a) into the mounting tool.

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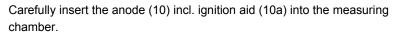
Carefully press the anode (clean or new) centered and parallel to the tool axis into the ignition aid and insert it to a depth of approx. 15 mm. The final position is established after the anode is installed.



5.1.3 Assembling the Gauge

Procedure for short type

Insert the new metal seal (11) with the centering ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber. The sealing surfaces, seal and ceramic part must be clean (\rightarrow Figure 2b).





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Carefully place the washer (9a) and the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them uniformly with the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) until the stop position is reached.



Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.



Remove the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen (be careful to hold the measuring chamber with the flange pointing downwards).



Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber up to the mechanical stop.



Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.

Caution

Visually check that the anode pin is centered over the middle hole of the polarity insert (max. eccentricity = 0.5 mm).



If possible perform a leak test (leak rate $<10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).



WARNING: electric arcing

Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.



Mount the magnet unit (4) and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).



Mount the electronics unit (2) and secure it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).



STOP DANGER

Due to missing ground connection in conjunction with missing or not correctly tightened hexagon socket set screw (1) dangerous contact voltage will occur.

Procedure long version



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clean (\rightarrow Figure 3c). Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring

Insert the new metal seal (11) with the centering ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber. The sealing surfaces, seal and ceramic part must be

chamber.

Carefully place the washer (9a) and the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them **uniformly** with the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) until the stop position is reached.



Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.



Remove the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen.



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Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber up to the mechanical stop.

Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.



Caution

Visually check that the anode pin is centered over the middle hole of the polarity insert (max. eccentricity = 0.5 mm).



If possible perform a leak test (leak rate <10⁻⁹ mbar l/s).



WARNING

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Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.



Put the complete measuring chamber on the table with the flange pointing downwards and carefully slide the extension piece (13) over the anode pin (\rightarrow Figure 4).



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Carefully slide the tube (14) over the extension piece and secure it with the two screws (16) and the lock washers (15).

Slide the insulator (17) over the extension piece (13) as shown in Figure 4 and secure the pressure piece (18) with the two screws (20) and the lock washers (19).



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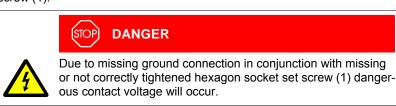
The inside of the tube and the insulator must be absolutely clean and lint-free.



Mount the magnet unit (4) and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).



Mount the electronics unit (2) and secure it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).



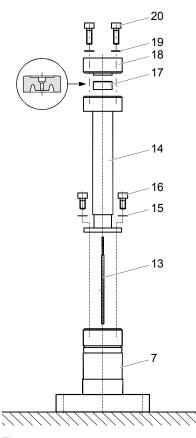
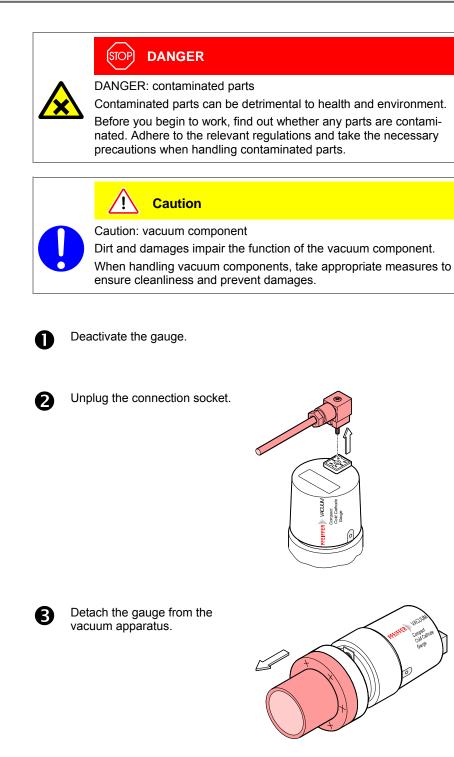


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5.2 What to Do in Case of Problems

Problem	Possible cause	Correction	
Measuring signal con- tinually < 0.5 V and green lamp is OFF.	No supply voltage.	Turn on the power supply.	
Measuring signal con- tinually < 0.5 V and	Supply voltage too low.	Increase the supply voltage ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 6).	
green lamp is ON.	Electronics unit defective.	Replace the electronics unit ($\rightarrow \square$ 13).	
Measuring signal con- tinually in the range of 0.5 1.96 V (underrange).	Pressure in the vacuum chamber $< 5 \times 10^{-11}$ mbar.	-	
	Gas discharge has not ignited.	Wait until the gas dis- charge ignites (\approx 20 minutes at a pres- sure of 10 ⁻¹⁰ mbar).	

6 Removing the Gauge From the System





Place the protective cap.



Procedure

7 Returning the Product



WARNING

WARNING: forwarding contaminated products

Products returned to Pfeiffer Vacuum for service or repair should, if possible, be free of harmful substances (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological). Otherwise, the type of contamination must be declared.

Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a completed contamination declaration $^{*)}$.

*) Form under www.pfeiffer-vacuum.net

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.

8 Accessories

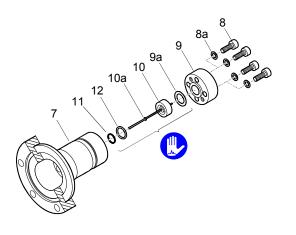
	Ordering number
Cable for connection to Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges	
3 m	PT 448 250-T
6 m	PT 448 251-T
10 m	PT 448 252-T
Connection socket, Hirschmann GO 6 WF, 6 poles, angled, female	B 4707 283 MA
Magnetic shielding	PT 443 155-X

9 Spare Parts

Always include the following information with your spare parts order:

- Type of product
- Manufacturing number according to nameplate
- Position, description, and ordering number according to spare parts list

The following parts are available as spare parts sets:



Pos.	Description	Ordering number
10a 11 12 9a	Maintenance set, consisting of: 3× ignition aid 1× seal HNV 100 (9×1.6) 1× centering ring 1× washer	BN 846 241-T
10 10a 11 12 9a	Repair set, consisting of: 1× anode, complete 3× ignition aid 1× seal HNV 100 (9×1.6) 1× centering ring 1× washer	BN 846 240-T
10a	Set of ignition aids, consisting of: 10× ignition aid	BN 845 995-T
	Mounting tool for ignition aid	BG 510 600
	Exchange gauge (return defective gauge to Pfeiffer Vacuum) DN 40 CF-F flange, short type DN 40 CF-F flange, long type	BG G21 251A BG G21 261A

10 Disposal



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WARNING: substances detrimental to the environment

Products, operating materials etc. may have to be specially disposed of.

For environmentally compatible disposal, please contact your nearest Pfeiffer Vacuum Service Center.

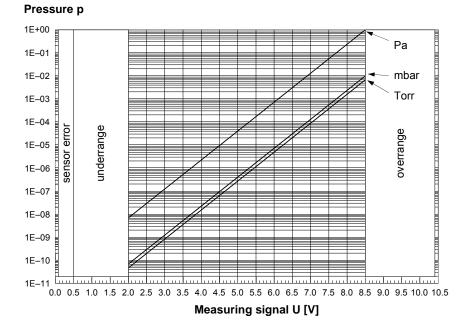
Appendix

A: Relationship Measuring Signal vs. Pressure

Conversion table

Conversion curves

Measuring signal U [V]	[mbar]	Pressure p [Torr]	[Pa]
< 0.5		Sensor error	
0.51.96		Underrange	
1.96	5.0×10 ⁻¹¹	3.75×10 ⁻¹¹	5.0×10 ⁻⁹
2.2	1.0×10 ⁻¹⁰	7.5×10 ⁻¹¹	1.0×10 ⁻⁸
3.0	1.0×10 ⁻⁹	7.5×10 ⁻¹⁰	1.0×10 ⁻⁷
3.8	1.0×10 ⁻⁸	7.5×10 ⁻⁹	1.0×10 ⁻⁶
4.6	1.0×10 ⁻⁷	7.5×10 ⁻⁸	1.0×10⁻⁵
5.4	1.0×10 ⁻⁶	7.5×10⁻ ⁷	1.0×10⁻⁴
6.2	1.0×10⁻⁵	7.5×10 ⁻⁶	1.0×10 ⁻³
7.0	1.0×10 ⁻⁴	7.5×10 ⁻⁵	1.0×10 ⁻²
7.8	1.0×10 ⁻³	7.5×10 ⁻⁴	0.1
8.6	1.0×10 ⁻²	7.5×10 ⁻³	1.0
8.610.5		Overrange	



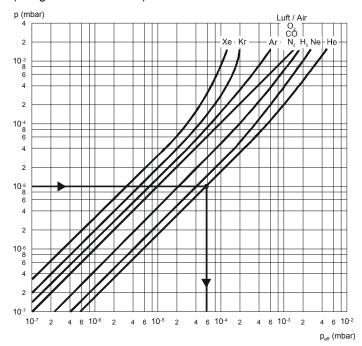
Conversion formulae

U	= c + 0.8>	<log<sub>10 p</log<sub>	\Leftrightarrow	р	$p = 10^{1.25 \times U - d}$			
U	р	с	d		U	р	с	d
[V]	[mbar]	10.2	12.75		[V]	[micron]	7.9	9.875
[V]	[µbar]	7.8	9.75		[V]	[Pa]	8.6	10.75
[V]	[Torr]	10.3	12.875		[V]	[kPa]	11.0	13.75
[V]	[mTorr]	7.9	9.875					
where	p press c, d const	suring sign sure tants (depe ressure uni	endent	valid in the range:	7.5×10	⁻¹² Torr < p Pa < p < 1	o < 7.5×10 ⁻	

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B: Gas Type Dependence

Indicated pressure (Gauge calibrated for air)



Indication range below 10^{-5} mbar

In the range below 10^{-5} mbar the pressure indication is linear. For gases other than air the pressure can be determined by means of a simple conversion formula:

p _{eff} = K × indicated pressure		
where	gas type	К
	air (N ₂ , O ₂ , CO)	1.0
	Xe	0.4
	Kr	0.5
	Ar	0.8
	H_2	2.4
	Ne	4.1
	He	5.9

These conversion factors are average values.



Caution

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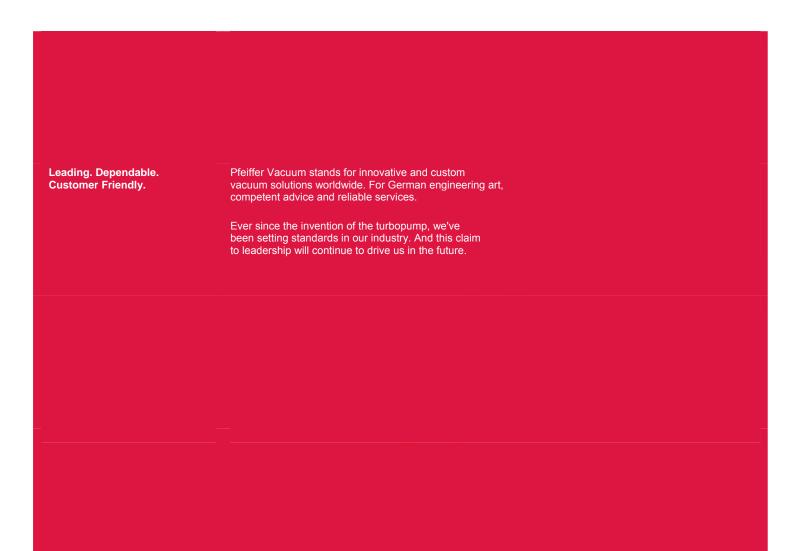
A mixture of gases and vapors is often involved. In this case, accurate determination is only possible with a partial pressure measurement instrument, e.g. a quadrupole mass spectrometer.

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