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## Technical Information

# Liquiphant T FTL20

Level limit switch for liquids



### Application

The Liquiphant T FTL20 is a level limit switch for all kinds of fluids and is used in tanks, containers and pipelines. It is used in cleaning and filtering systems and coolant and lubricant tanks as an overspill protection or as a pump protector.

The FTL20 is ideal for applications which previously used float switches and conductive, capacitive and optical sensors.

It also works in applications which are unsuitable for these measuring methods due to conductivity, build-ups, turbulence, flows or air bubbles.

The FTL20 is not suitable for hazardous areas and areas where the medium temperature is above 150 °C.

For hygienic areas the use of FTL20H is recommended.

### Your benefits

- Operational safety, reliability and universal applicability through use of the tuning fork measuring principle
- External test option using test magnet
- On-site control using external LED display
- Easy to install even at points difficult to access due to compact construction
- Rugged stainless steel housing (316L)
- Service-friendly plug-in connections
- For medium temperatures up to 150 °C

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## Function and system design

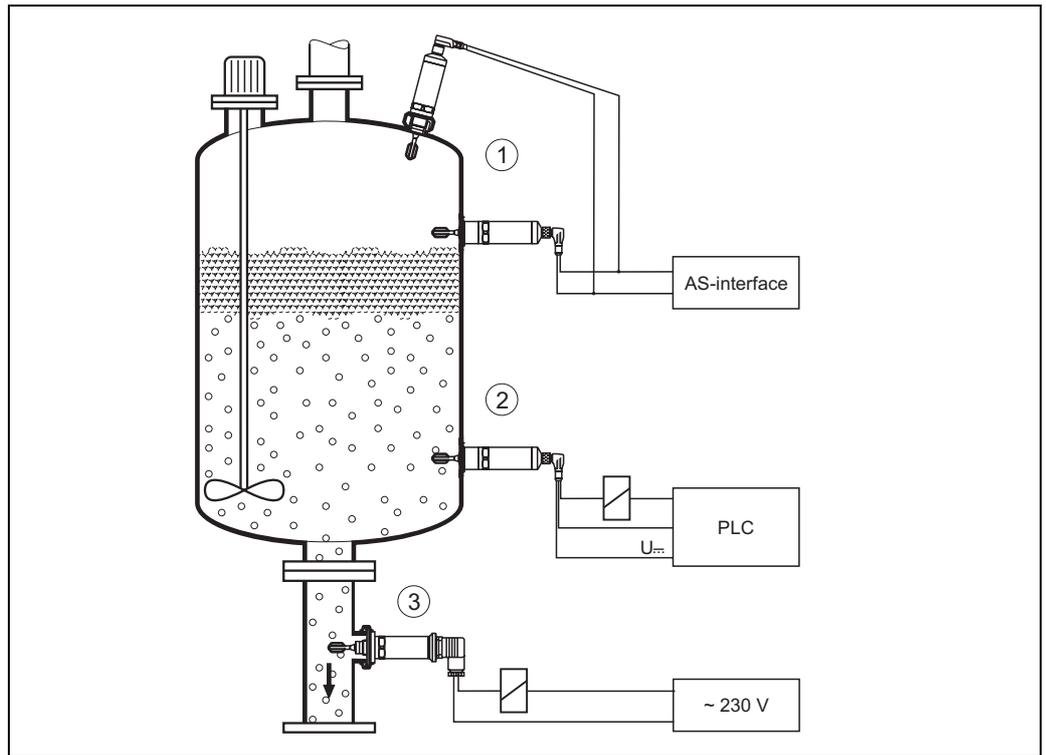
### Measuring principle

The tuning fork of the FTL20 is brought to its resonance frequency by means of a piezoelectric drive. If the tuning fork is covered by liquid, this frequency changes. The electronics of the FTL20 monitor the resonance frequency and indicate whether the tuning fork is freely vibrating or is covered by liquid.

### Measuring system

The measuring system comprises:

- Liquiphant T FTL20 limit switch
- Programmable logic control (PLC), miniature contactor, solenoid valve or AS-i bus



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*Example 1): Overflow protection or top level detection*

*Example 2): Lower level detection or dry running protection*

*Example 3): Dry running protection for pump*

## Input

<b>Measured variable</b>	Density
<b>Measuring range</b>	> 0.7 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Other density settings on request, e.g. 0.5 g/cm <sup>3</sup>

## Output

### Switching outputs

	DC-PNP valve connector	DC-PNP M12x1	AC 2-wire	AS-i
<b>Function</b>	Positive voltage signal at the switch output of the electronics (PNP)		Switching the power supply line	Switching the D0 bit
<b>Switch behaviour</b>	ON/OFF			0 / 1 (free / covered)
<b>Relay switching capacity</b>	250 mA			D0 bit
<b>Fail-safe mode</b>	MIN/MAX (see below)			D1 bit D1: 0 error
<b>Switching delay</b>	approx. 0.5 s on coverage / approx. 1.0 s on tuning fork becoming uncovered other switching time on request			
<b>Switching threshold</b>	with vertical orientation: 13.0 mm from top of fork with horizontal orientation: 3.5 mm from fork centre			
<b>Hysteresis</b>	3 ±0.5 mm			

### Operating modes for variants AC and DC-PNP

The FTL20 can be connected in two operating modes. By choosing the suitable operating mode (MAX or MIN safety), you ensure that the FTL20 switches safely even in the event of a fault (e.g. if the power supply line is disconnected).

#### MAX - maximum safety

- The FTL20 keeps the electronic switch closed as long as the liquid level is below the fork.
- Example of an application: overflow protection

#### MIN - minimum safety

- The FTL20 keeps the electronic switch closed as long as the fork is immersed in liquid.
- Example of an application: dry running protection for pumps

The electronic switch opens if the limit is reached, if a fault occurs or the power fails.

## Power supply

### Cable entry

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**Pg11 / NPT ½ / QUICKON**                      **M12x1 \***  
(Plastic)

**Material:**  
a: Polyamid; b: NBR/SEBS; c: PPSU; d: 316L; e: PUR blue; f: PVC grey; g: Cu Sn/Ni

**\* Accessories**  
4 x 0.34 M12 elbowed (order number: 52010285)

### Electrical connection

#### Variant DC-PNP (direct current) M12x1 connector

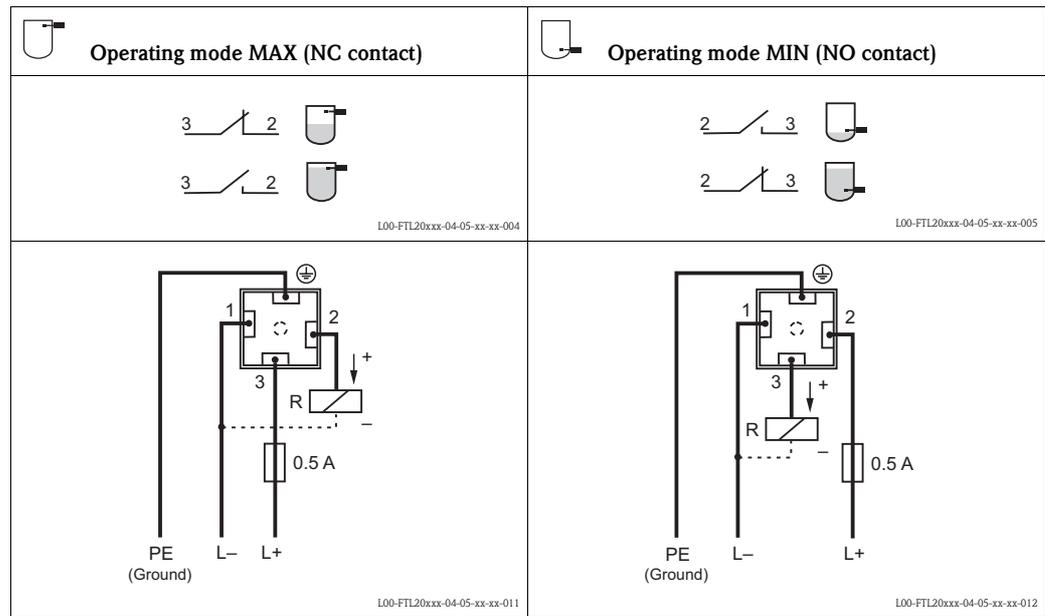
Voltage source: shock-protected voltage or Class 2 circuit (North America)

Suitable for use in non-equivalent operation:

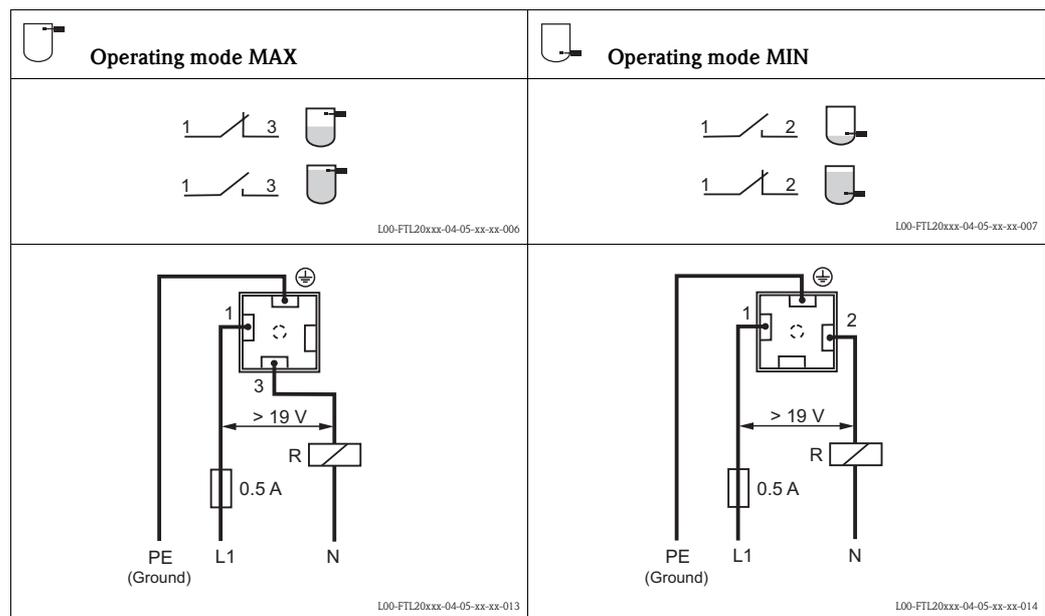
When both outputs are connected, the MIN and MAX outputs take on opposite states in trouble-free operation. In the event of an alarm condition or a line break, both electronic switches are open. In addition to level monitoring, function-dependent sensor monitoring can also be performed with the aid of 2-channel evaluation.

<b>Operating mode MAX (NC contact)</b>	<b>Operating mode MIN (NO contact)</b>
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<p style="text-align: right;">                     1: BN                      2: WT                      3: BU                 </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>L00-FTL20xxx-04-05-xx-xx-009</small></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">                     1: BN                      3: BU                      4: BK                 </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>L00-FTL20xxx-04-05-xx-xx-010</small></p>

**Variant DC-PNP (direct current) valve connector**



**Variant AC (alternating current) valve connector**



**Note!**

Approved for relays with a holding power/rated power >2.5 VA (253 V) or > 0.5 VA (24 V).  
Relays with lower holding power/rated power can be operated via a parallel-connected RC-element (option).

**Connect AS-i bus**

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**Programming instructions for the AS-i**

AS-i profile: S-3.A.1

The address is defaulted to 0 (HEX). It is changeable via the bus master or programming unit.

Data bit:

D0:1 Sensor covered	D1:1 Status = O.K.
D0:0 Sensor free	D1:0 Status = error
D2 and D3 are not used.	

Parameter bits (P0...P3) are not used.

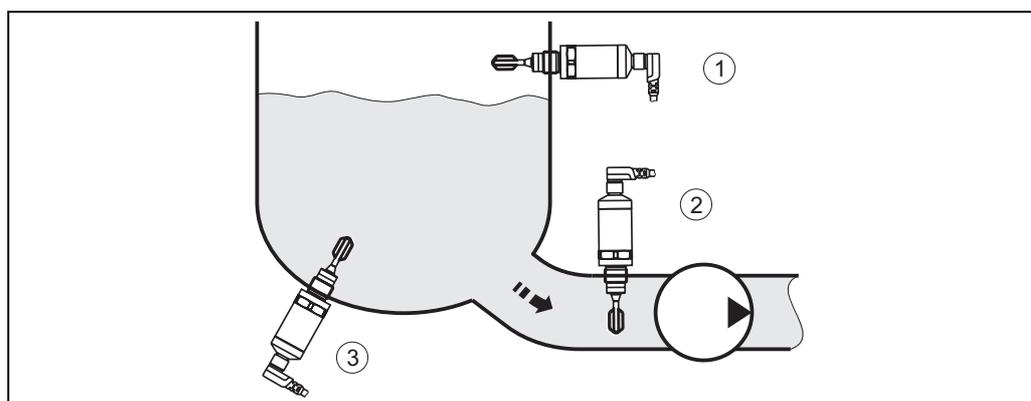
Electrical connection	DC-PNP valve connector	DC-PNP M12x1	AC 2 wire	AS-i
<b>Supply voltage</b>	10...35 V DC	10...35 V DC	19...253 V AC	24.5...31 V DC
<b>Cable entry</b>	Pg11 / NPT 1/2 / QUICKON	M12x1	Pg11 / NPT 1/2 / QUICKON	M12x1
<b>Cable specification</b>	Max 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup> and ø 3.5...6.5	IEC 60947-5-2	Max 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup> and ø 3.5...6.5	IEC 62026-2
<b>Power consumption</b>	< 825 mW	< 825 mW	< 810 mW	< 825 mW
<b>Current consumption</b>	< 15 mA	< 15 mA	< 3.8 mA	< 25 mA
<b>Residual ripple</b>	5 Vss at 0...400 Hz	5 Vss at 0...400 Hz	–	–

## Performance characteristics

<b>Switching delay</b>	0.5 s when covering 1.0 s when becoming free Other switching time on request
<b>Reference operating conditions</b>	Ambient temperature: 23 °C Process pressure: 1 bar Medium: water Medium density: 1 Medium temperature: 23 °C Installation from above /vertical Density setting: > 0.7
<b>Measured value resolution</b>	< 0.5 mm
<b>Measuring frequency</b>	Approx. 1100 Hz in air
<b>Maximum measured error</b>	13.0 ±1 mm
<b>Repeatability</b>	±0.5 mm
<b>Hysteresis</b>	3.0 ±0.5 mm
<b>Settling time</b>	< 2 s
<b>Influence of ambient temperature</b>	Negligible
<b>Influence of medium temperature</b>	$-29.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm/}^\circ\text{C}$
<b>Influence of medium pressure</b>	$-55.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm/bar}$

## Operating conditions: Installation instructions

**Orientation** The Liquiphant T FTL20 can be installed in any position in a container or pipe.  
The formation of foam does not impair its function.



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*Example 1): Overflow protection or top level detection*

*Example 2): Dry running protection for pump*

*Example 3): Lower level detection*

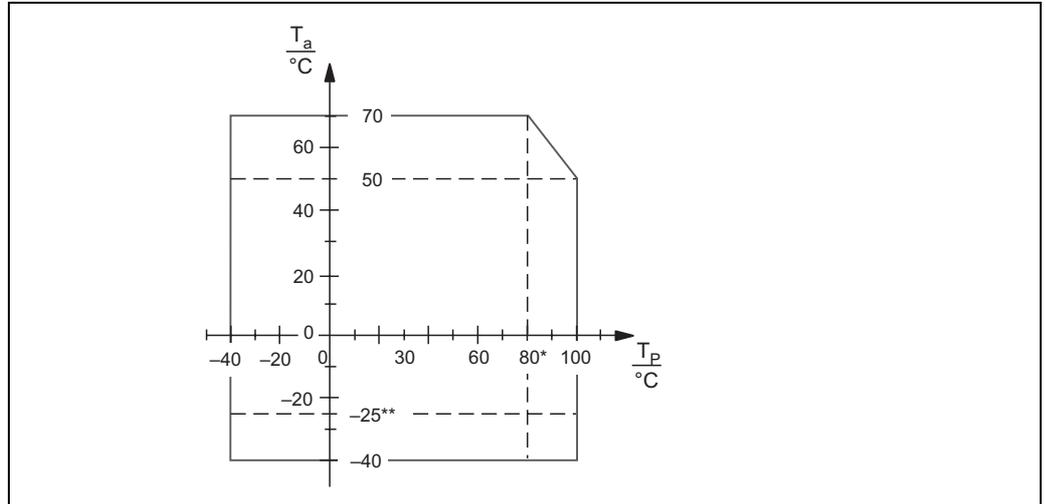
**Connecting cable**

Up to 1000 m with AC/DC-PNP, AS-i to IEC 62026-2

## Operating conditions: Environment

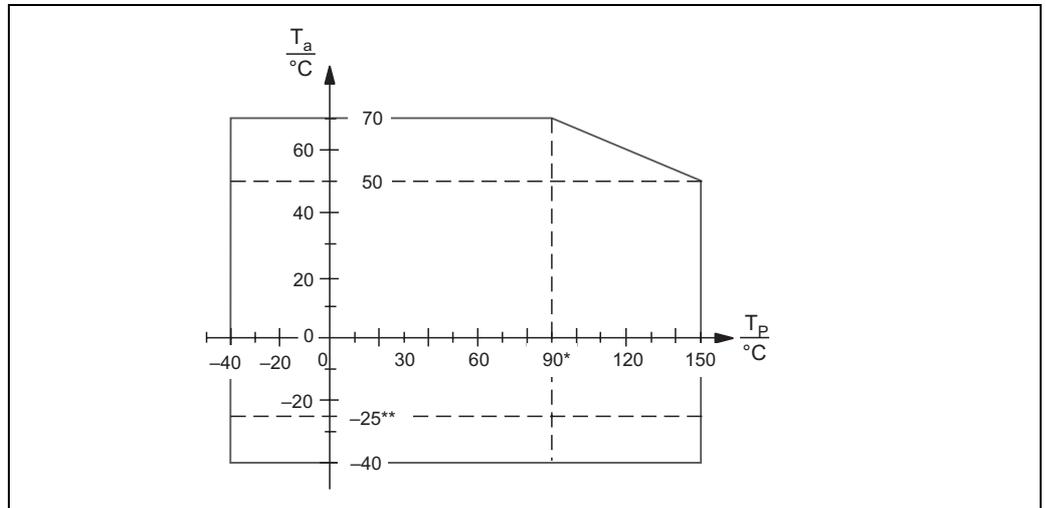
**Ambient conditions**

**100 °C Variante**



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**150 °C Variante**



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\* max. 150 mA relay switching capacity

\*\* for AS-i elektronik

Ambient temperature  $T_a$

Process temperature  $T_p$

**Storage temperature**

-40...+85 °C

**Degree of protection**

- IP65 with valve connector
- IP66/67 with M12x1 connector PPSU (plastic)

**Shock resistance**

To EN 60068-2-27 (30 g)

**Vibration resistance**

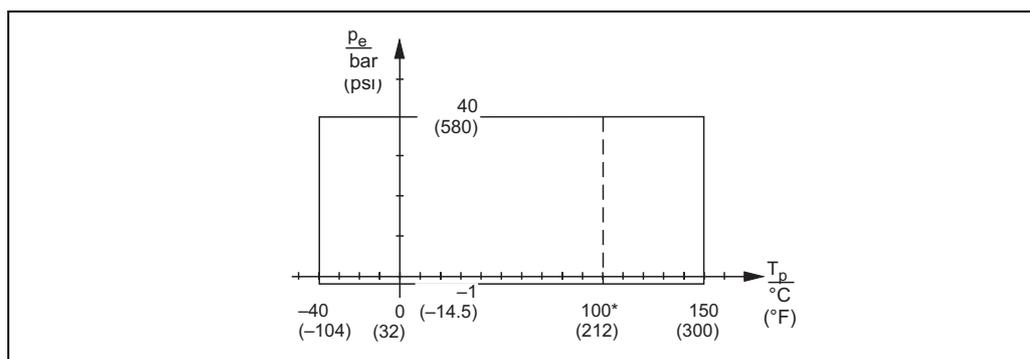
To EN 60068-2-64

**Electromagnetic compatibility** Interference emission to EN 61326, Electrical Equipment Class B, interference immunity to EN 61326, Annex A (Industrial) and NAMUR Recommendation NE 21 (EMC). AS-interface to EN 50295.

**Overvoltage protection** Overvoltage category III

## Operating conditions: Process

**Medium temperature range**



\* Max. process temperature of the 100 °C variant type (see also "Operating conditions: Environment").

**State of aggregation** Liquid

**Density** > 0.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (other density setting on request)

**Viscosity** 1...10000 cSt

**Gas content** Stagnant mineral water

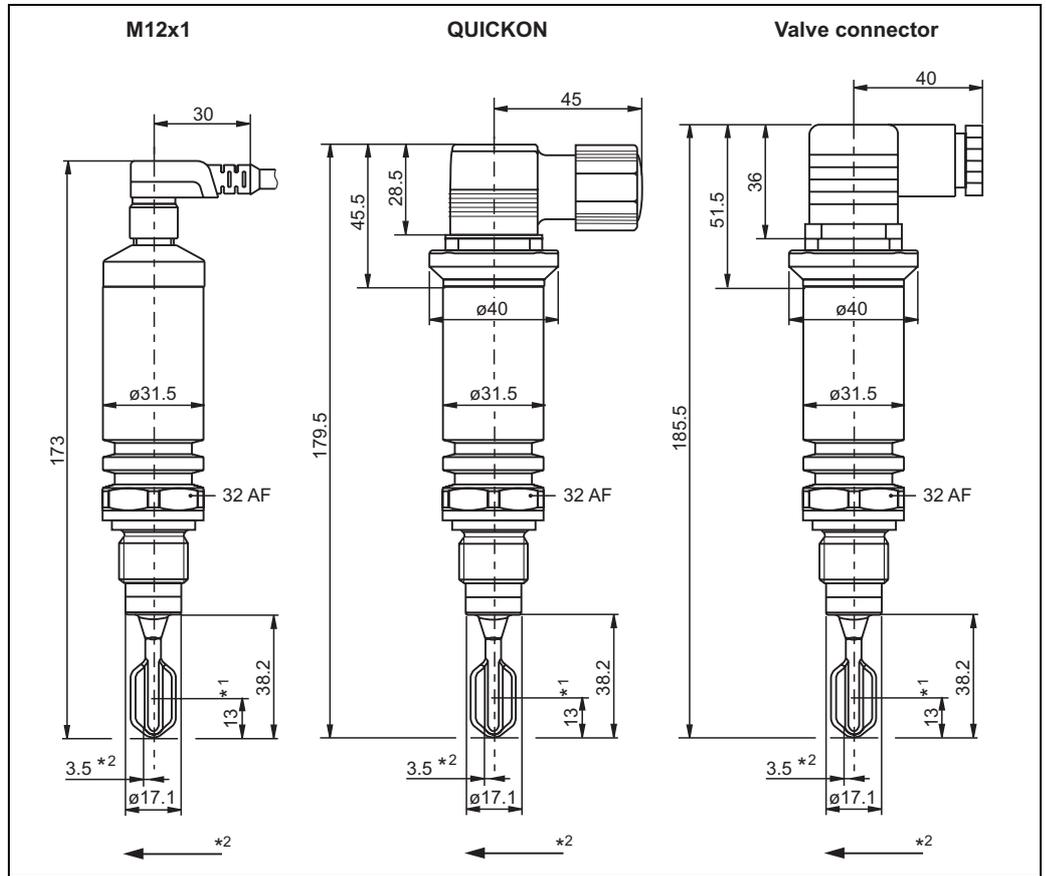
**Solids content ø** < 5 mm

## Mechanical construction



Note!  
All dimensions in mm

Design, dimensions  
of the 150 °C variant



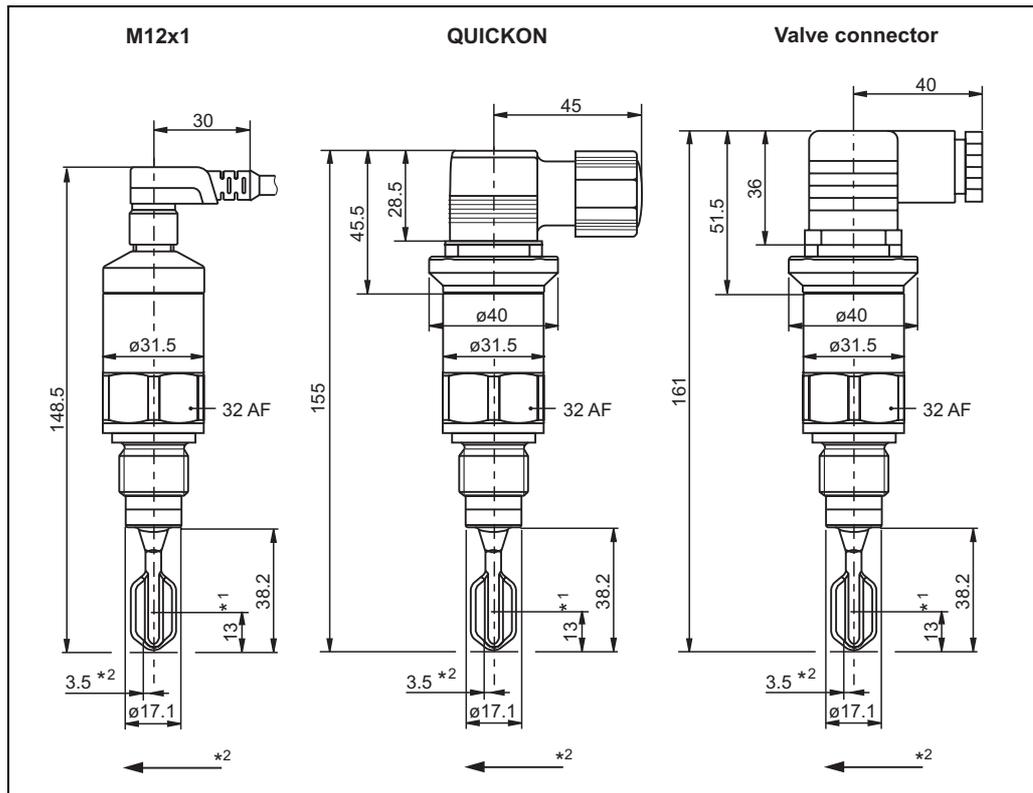
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\*1 Switch point with vertical installation

\*2 Switch point with horizontal installation; the level increases in the direction of the arrow

Switch points at: density 1 / 23 °C / 0 bar

Design, dimensions of the 100 °C variant



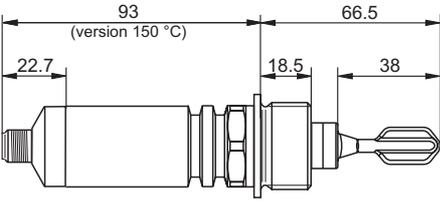
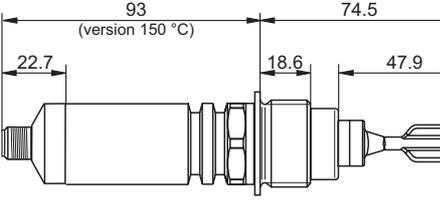
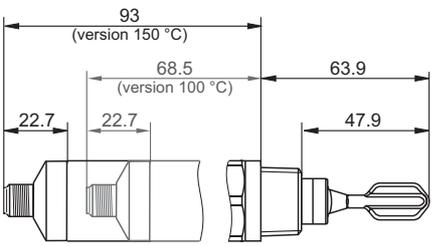
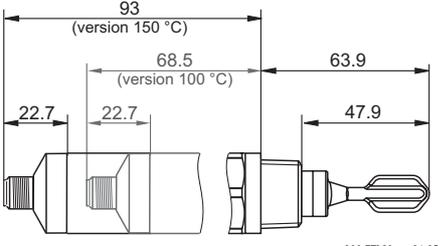
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Switch points at: density 1 / 23 °C / 0 bar

Process connections

Process connection / Dimensions	Order code	Accessories (optional)	Pressure Temperature
<p>G 1/2, G 3/4 DIN ISO 228/1</p>	<p>0 1</p>		<p>max. 40 bar max. 150 °C</p>
<p>G 3/4 DIN ISO 228/1 for flush-mounted installation in welding neck EHEDG with welding neck 52018765</p>	<p>1</p>	<p><b>Welding neck</b> (with defined thread start) with silicone O-ring Endress+Hauser 52018765</p> <p>FDA approved materials according to 21 CFR Part 177.1550/2600</p> <p>See also Page 18</p>	<p>max. 25 bar max. 150 °C</p> <p>max. 40 bar max. 100 °C</p>

Process connection / Dimensions	Order code	Accessories (optional)	Pressure Temperature
<p><b>G 1</b> DIN ISO 228/1</p>  <p>L00-FTL20xxx-06-05-xx-en-010</p>	6		max. 40 bar max. 150 °C
<p><b>G 1</b> DIN ISO 228/1 with sealing surface for flush-mounted installation in welding neck EHEDG with welding neck 52001051 (Seal geometry same as e.g. FTL260)</p>  <p>L00-FTL20xxx-06-05-xx-en-012</p>	7	<p>Welding neck (with defined thread start) with silicone O-ring Endress+Hauser 52001051</p> <p>FDA approved materials according to 21 CFR Part 177.1550/2600</p> <p>See also Page 18</p>	max. 25 bar max. 150 °C  max. 40 bar max. 100 °C
<p><b>NPT ½</b> ANSI B 1.20.1</p> <p><b>R ½</b> DIN 2999</p>  <p>L00-FTL20xxx-06-05-xx-en-011</p>	2  4		max. 40 bar max. 150 °C
<p><b>NPT ¾</b> ANSI B 1.20.1</p> <p><b>R ¾</b> DIN 2999</p>  <p>L00-FTL20xxx-06-05-xx-en-011</p>	3  5		max. 40 bar max. 150 °C

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<b>Weight (150 °C variant)</b>	Approx. 270 g
<b>Weight (100 °C variant)</b>	Approx. 210 g
<b>Materials</b>	Sensor and housing made of 316L, surface quality Ra < 3.2 µm
<b>Housing</b>	Pipe housing
<b>Terminals</b>	Valve connector, QUICKON, M12x1

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## Human interface

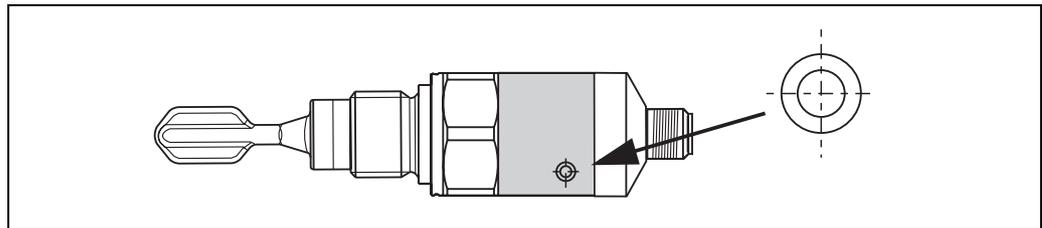
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**Function test with test magnet**    **Variants AC and DC-PNP:**  
On testing, the current state of the electronic switch is reversed.

**Variant AS-interface:**  
On testing, D0 is inverted.

### Performing test

Hold the test magnet against the mark on the nameplate:

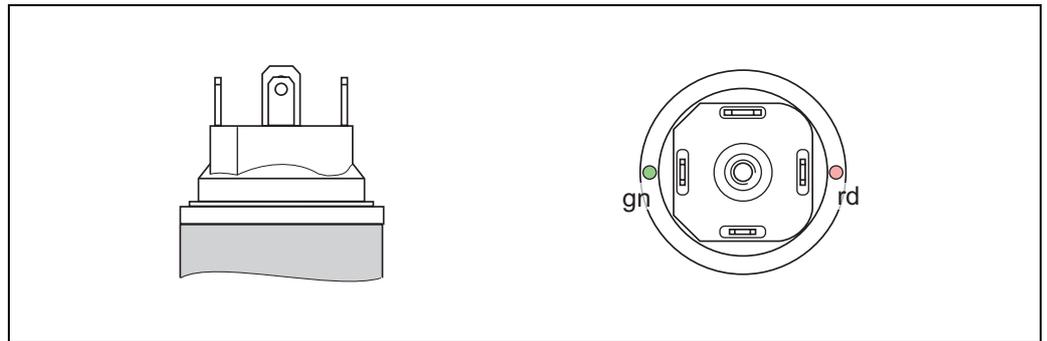


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The switching state changes.

## Light signals

## Variants AC and DC-PNP with valve connector/QUICKON



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**Green light (gn) lighting:**

FTL20 is connected to the power supply and is operational.

**Red light (rd) lighting:**

Mode of operation MAX (overflow protection): sensor is immersed in liquid.

Mode of operation MIN (dry running protection): sensor is not covered by liquid.

**Green light (gn) does not come on**

Error:

No power supply.

- Check plug, cable and power supply

**Red light (rd) flashing:**

Error:

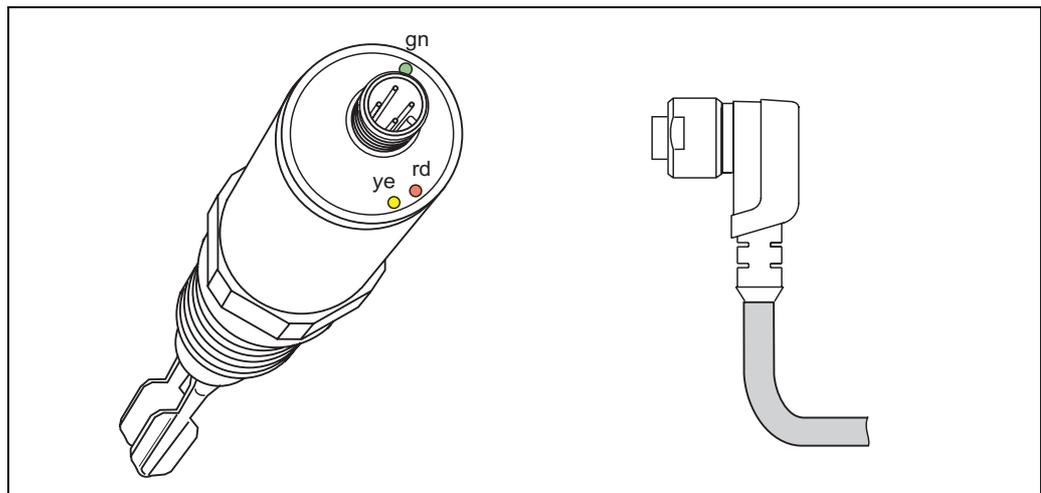
Overload or short-circuit in load circuit.

- Rectify the short-circuit
- Reduce maximum load current to below 250 mA

Error:

Internal sensor error or sensor corroded.

- Replace device

**Variant AS-interface and DC-PNP with M12x1 circular connector PPSU**

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**Green light (gn) lighting:**

FTL20 is connected to the power supply and is operational.

**Yellow light (ye) lighting:**

Sensor is immersed in liquid.

**Red light (rd) lighting with AS-interface:**

Error:

Address 0 set or communication error.

- Carry out addressing process
- Parameterise slave
- Or reduce line length (< 100 m total length)

**Red light (rd) lighting with DC-PNP**

Error:

Overload or short-circuit in load circuit.

- Rectify the short-circuit
- Reduce maximum load current to below 250 mA

**Green light (gn) does not come on**

Error:

No power supply.

- Check plug, cable and power supply

**Red light (rd) flashing (2 Hz):**

Error:

Internal sensor error or sensor corroded.

- Replace device

## Certificates and approvals



Note!

The specified certificates and approvals are available on [www.endress.com/ftl20](http://www.endress.com/ftl20).

<b>CE mark, declaration of conformity</b>	The instrument is designed to meet state-of-the-art safety requirements, has been tested and left the factory in a condition in which it is safe to operate. The instrument complies with the applicable standards and regulations as listed in the EC declaration of conformity and thus complies with the statutory requirements of the EG directives. Endress+Hauser confirms the successful testing of the instrument by affixing to it the CE mark.
<b>Sanitary compatibility</b>	EHEDG (see process connections, Page 12), approval number: 3119/03/0445
<b>Overfill protection</b>	WHG and leakage
<b>Marine approval</b>	German Lloyd (GL), approval number: 42855-02HH
<b>Other standards and guidelines</b>	AS-i profile S-3.A.1 as per EN 50295 (limit switch)

## Ordering information

### Liquiphant T FTL20

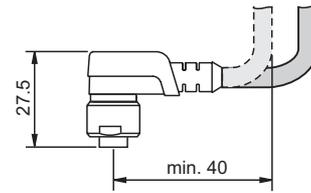
<b>10</b>	<b>Approval: *</b>					
	0	Non-hazardous area,	WHG (leakage monitoring)			
	3	CSA General Purpose,	CSA C US			
	9	Special version				
<b>20</b>	<b>Process Connection:</b>					
	0	Thread ISO228	G ½,	316L		
	1	Thread ISO228	G ¾,	316L	Installation > accessory: welding neck	
	6	Thread ISO228	G 1,	316L		
	7	Thread ISO228	G 1,	316L	Installation > accessory: welding neck	
	2	Thread ANSI	NPT ½,	316L		
	3	Thread ANSI	NPT ¾,	316L		
	4	Thread DIN2999	R ½,	316L		
	5	Thread DIN2999	R ¾,	316L		
	9	Special version				
<b>30</b>	<b>Switch Output:</b>					
	1	2-wire	19...253 V AC			
	2	3-wire, PNP	10... 35 V DC			
	3	AS-i bus				
	9	Special version				
<b>40</b>	<b>Application; Cable entry:</b>					
	B	150 °C,	Plug	Pg11	ISO4400	IP65/67
	C	150 °C,	Plug	NPT ½	ISO4400	IP65
	D	150 °C,	Plug	M12		IP67
	E	150 °C,	Plug	QUICKON		IP65
	0	100 °C,	Plug	Pg11	ISO4400	IP65/67
	4	100 °C,	Plug	NPT ½	ISO4400	IP65
	5	100 °C,	Plug	M12		IP67
	6	100 °C,	Plug	QUICKON		IP65
	9	Special version				
	FTL20					Order code

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**Cable**

Order number: 52010285  
4 x 0.34 M12 elbowed  
Cable: PVC (grey) 5 m length  
Body: PUR (blue)  
Coupling nut: Cu Sn/Ni  
Protection: IP67  
Temperature range: -25 °C to +70 °C



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## Supplementary documentation

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**Operating Instructions**

- Liquiphant FTL20  
KA213F/00/a6
- Welding neck G 3/4  
KA219F/00/a6

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**Certificates**

- Liquiphant FTL20, FTL20H  
Allgemeine bauaufsichtliche Zulassung Z-65.11-311  
ZE247F/00/de
- Liquiphant FTL20, FTL20H (Leckage)  
Allgemeine bauaufsichtliche Zulassung Z-65.40-312  
ZE248F/00/de
- Liquiphant FTL20, FTL20H  
Number of the Certification Document 37102  
ZE249F/00/a2
- Liquiphant FTL20, FTL20H  
Certificate of Compliance No. 1238461  
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