

# Precipitation Transmitter Weighing scale principle

# Instruction for Use

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# 1 Available Models

| Order no.     | Heating | Power<br>supply | Heating<br>supply | Connection type | Signal output                               |
|---------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| 5.4041.01.000 | Yes     | 9,8 32VDC       | 24VDC /<br>140 W  | Plug            | RS485 ASCII-<br>Protocol,-,<br>PULSE OUTPUT |
| 5.4041.01.001 | Yes     | 9,8 32VDC       | 24VDC /<br>140 W  | Plug            | RS485<br>MODBUS RTU,<br>PULSE OUTPUT        |
| 5.4041.11.000 | No      | 9,8 32VDC       | -                 | Plug            | RS485 ASCII-<br>Protocol,-,<br>PULSE OUTPUT |
| 5.4041.11.001 | No      | 9,8 32VDC       | -                 | Plug            | RS485<br>MODBUS RTU,<br>PULSE OUTPUT        |

#### Scope of Supply:

- Precipitation transmitter, collection vessel included
- Operating instructions



# 2 Application

The device combines cutting-edge weighing technology in a very small space with a selfemptying collection vessel. The system provides excellent resolution and high precision. Even minute drops will be measured.

The weighing precipitation transmitter is suited for use in meteorological and hydrological monitoring networks as well as applications in the area of environmental monitoring.

Modbus RTU-interface facilitates installation of the sensor and its integration into networks. The device is WMO-compliant and is equipped with interfaces which are compatible with sensors with tipping bucket balances and other weighing systems. Other features are the compact, robust design, a very low weight, stainless steel housing, weather resistance and longevity. High connectivity is ensured by multiple interfaces as well as easy installation and maintenance.

Scope of application:

- Meteorology
- Climatology
- Hydrology
- Industry
- Environmental monitoring



# Measuring edge Housing Locking screw Connection for sensor Connection for heating Fastening screw Stand pipe

# 3 Construction and Mode of Operation

Figure 1: Construction

The precipitation transmitter measures the quantity and intensity of precipitations. The precipitation transmitter combines cutting-edge technology with a self-emptying collection vessel. This allows the device to reach high resolution and precision with a significantly smaller overall volume. The precipitation transmitter thus features higher resolution and precision than traditional precipitation transmitters working on the basis of the tipping bucket balance principle, as it does not require a catch tank.

The main sensor is a high-precision weighing cell with overload protection. If required, its temperature coefficient is determined with a temperature probe inside the housing. The pulses of the Reed contact triggered by the tipping movements of the collection vessel are used for the correction of errors in case of high precipitation intensities. In addition, the self-emptying mechanism of the collection vessel permits weighing without interruptions.



## 3.1 Measured Values and Electrical Output

The precipitation transmitter measures/calculates the following values:

#### Quantity of precipitation (pulse)

The precipitation quantity is issued in real time with a maximum resolution of 0.01mm via the pulse output.

#### Intensity of precipitation of the last minute (RS485-interface)

The precipitation transmitter performs six measurements per minute and adds these values up in a moving sum. This means that every new measured value is added to the previous five measured values, resulting in the new intensity value of the last minute.

#### Intensity of precipitation since the last retrieval (RS485-interface)

The difference in quantity since the last retrieval is divided by the time that passed since the last retrieval. If the last retrieval took place less than 30s ago, the intensity of the last minute is used automatically.

**Quantity of precipitation** since the last retrieval (RS485-interface) Difference of quantities between the new and the last retrieval.

#### Minimum precipitation intensity of the last X minutes (RS485-interface)

For X minutes, the value for the intensity of the last minute is compared every minute with the one of the previous minute and the lower value of the two is retained.

#### **Maximum precipitation intensity** of the last X minutes (RS485-interface) For X minutes, the value for the intensity of the last minute is compared every minute

with the one of the previous minute and the higher value of the two is retained.

#### Average intensity of the last X minutes (RS485-interface)

Counts the precipitation quantity over X minutes in steps of 0.01mm and divides the result by the X minutes.

Variance (RS485-interface) variance of measured values over 4s

The two pulse outputs can be matched so that they output the quantity of precipitation with a resolution of 0,01...1mm and closing times of 10...500ms.

Alternatively, they can be configurated in such a manner that they output the status of the heating (heating ON/OFF) or the precipitation status (YES/NO).

The Rs485-interface at the precipitation transmitter can be operated in ASCII- or Modbusprotocol. See chapter 1. Available Models.



## 3.2 Heating

For applications in regions with seasonally or permanently low temperatures, the precipitation transmitter is available in a heated version. The internal heating is divided into two parts: a funnel heating along the inner surface of the catch funnel of the precipitation transmitter melts solid precipitations and the outlet heating below the protection grille and the collection vessel prevents complete freezing of the outlet. With operating temperatures of -40 ... 70°C, the target temperature of the funnel surface of the heated precipitation transmitter is 2 C. The operability is checked continuously and can be queried via the Rs485-interface or the pulse output.

In the factory default setting, the heating is switched on (measuring device with heating). The heating is supplied with power via a separate power supply line. Funnel heating and outlet heating can get very hot. Danger of burns! Always switch off/separate the power supply before opening the device.

# 4 Recommendations Side Selection

To minimize water splashing up, it is recommended to avoid installation sites with a hard surface like concrete and to install the precipitation transmitter on grass or other soft surfaces instead.

In general, the sensor should not be placed on roofs or slopes.

According to WMO-recommendations, precipitation gauges have to be installed at a distance of no less than four times the height of the next obstacle. If this is not possible, care has to be taken to maintain an elevation angle of less than 45° towards surrounding plants, buildings etc.

The measuring device has to be set up in such a manner that the catch is aligned horizontally and that its distance from the floor is 1m. When snow is to be regularly expected in the area of the measuring device, this distance should be increased accordingly.

## Please note:

Precipitation gauges have to be installed for vibration-free operation.



# 5 Installation

## Please note:

*Electrical work has to be carried out by skilled staff. The device may only be opened in dry surroundings. Avoid damaging the exposed electronic parts. Open the device only when power supply is off.* 

## 5.1 Mechanical Mounting

## Please note:

The enclosed tipping bucket balance may only be operated with this precipitation transmitter. Avoid damaging the upper funnel edge.

## **Required tools**

- jaw wrench (13mm)
- Allen wrench (6mm)
- slotted screwdriver (approx. 2.5 blade width)

1. Place the precipitation transmitter on top of a tube or mast with an external diameter of 60mm. Use the jaw wrench (13mm) to pre-tighten the screws at the base evenly. Tighten them completely only when step 17 has been completed.

2. To improve operational safety, we recommend to ground the sensor with the aid of the integrated earth screw. This can be performed by means of a suitable earthing cable and an earth bolt (not included in the scope of supply) or through a connection to an existing grounding system.



3. Open the device.

4. Unscrew the thumb screw at the bottom.

5. Grasp upper edge of the funnel and at the mast holder and turn the upper part counter-clockwise (open  $\rightarrow$ ).

6. Lift the housing off carefully, watch out for the clamping connector of the heating.





Figure 2: Open the device



7. Remove the clamping connector of the heating.

8. Put the housing aside.

9. Lift off the internal protective cylinder.

Internal protective cylinder

vessel





Figure 3: Inner parts and protective cylinder



# Installation of the collection vessel

13. Unpack the collection vessel

14. Push the collection vessel with the side where the magnet is placed (red marking) towards the Reed contact (red marking), against the bearing spring.

15. Insert the other side of the axle into the other side of the bearing.

16. Make sure that the collection vessel tips perfectly.

17. Level the device with the aid of the bubble level (**see figure 3**), tightening the hexagon bolts at the base evenly.

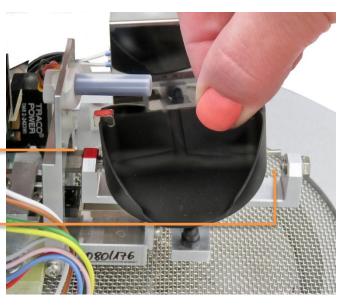
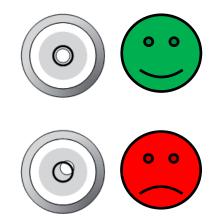


Figure 4: Installation of the collection vessel





#### Re-assembly of the device

19. Re-insert the internal protective cylinder carefully.

20. Connect the clamping connector of the heating.



21. Set the housing back on the base plate – place embossed parts into the recesses.

22. Push the housing downwards and then turn it clockwise into the direction "close"  $\leftarrow$ .

23. Fasten the housing with the thumb screw.



Figure 5: Re-assembly of the device



To protect the collection vessel against contamination, the dirt trap has to be installed in the funnel.



24. Insert the enclosed dirt trap into the centre of the funnel. The cap on the dirt trap also serves as protection against coarse dirt. The dirt trap stands loosely in the centre of the funnel.



Figure 6: Dirt trap

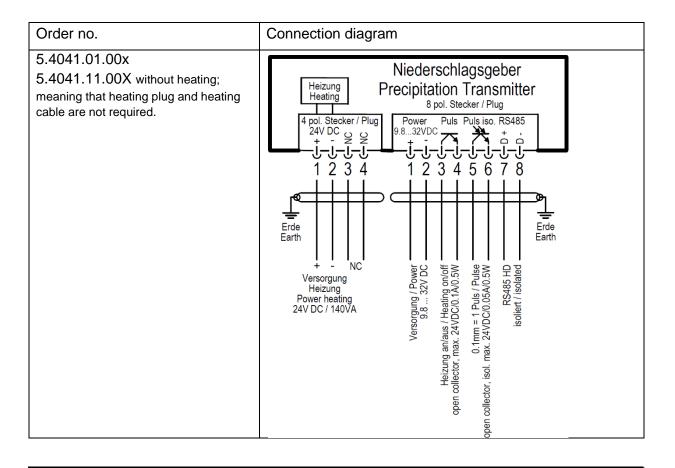


## 5.2 Electrical Mounting

| Type of cable | Plug            | Cable specification                            |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Signal cable  | 8-wire – 214127 | PUR, shielded, 8 x 0.25mm <sup>2</sup> (Ø 6mm) |
| Heating cable | 4-Wire – 214135 | PUR, 4x1.5mm <sup>2</sup> (Ø 8,4mm)            |

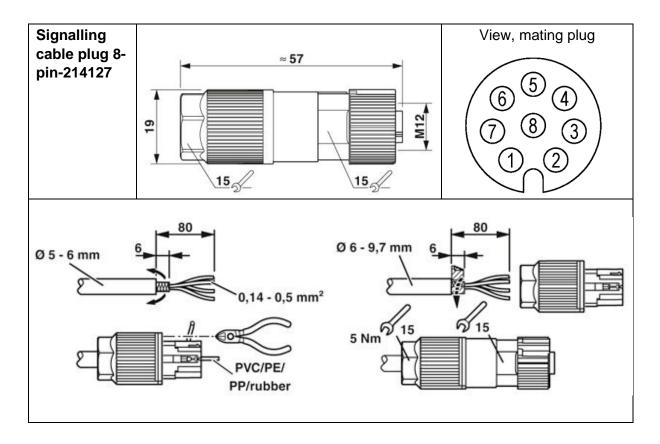
To avoid malfunctions, all wires which are not used have to be connected to an unused terminal or they have to be insulated. You can obtain configurated cables from us optional. See 9. Accessories.

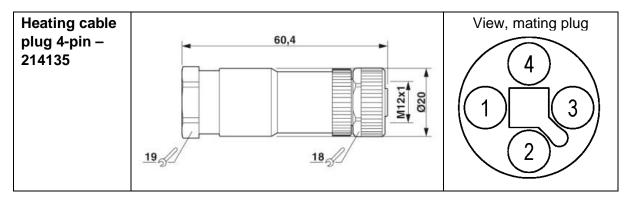
## 5.3 Plug Mounting



## *Please note: Observe connection order described in point 5.4.1.*







## 5.4 Power Connection and Signal Transmission

For the connection of the measuring system to a data acquisition device as e. g. the data logger, a connection cable with an M12-plug is required. A separate power cable is required for the power supply to the heating. The cables have to be connected as shown in the connection diagram.



## 5.4.1 Connection Order

Connections have to be carried out in the following order:

- 1. Connect external power connection of heating.
- 2. Connect sensor cable.

The maximum possible distance between measuring device and data recording device depends on the interface used. The standards applicable to the values obtained with RS485 (1000 m) apply.

| Cable cross-section [mm <sup>2</sup> ] | 1.5                 |                |
|--|---------------------|----------------|
| Length of cable [m]                    | Heating output [VA] | Line loss [VA] |
| 1.0                                    | 138.5               | 1.5            |
| 1.5                                    | 137.7               | 2.3            |
| 5.0                                    | 132.6               | 7.4            |
| 10.0                                   | 125.8               | 14.2           |

This table provides an overview over output losses with different cable lengths. The output loss has to be taken into account when considering the energy balance.

## 5.5 System Start

The device starts automatically as soon as the sensor cable is connected. After approx. 15s, the device is ready to operate, starts to measure and transmits data in accordance with the device configuration.

| Overview: Status LED (green) on the motherboard                  |                      |  |  |
|--|----------------------|--|--|
| System Start Uninterrupted lighting of LED for approx. 3 seconds |                      |  |  |
| Operating  | Fast flashing of LED |  |  |



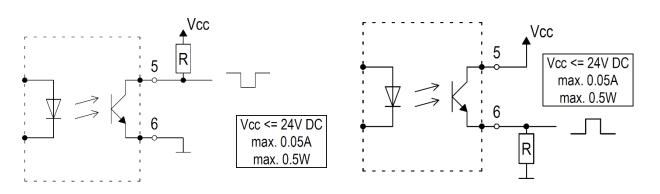
## 5.6 Interfaces

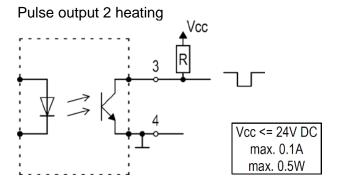
The precipitation transmitter is equipped with the following interfaces:

- Serial interface:
  - RS485, (half duplex), ASCII- and MODBUS RTU-protocol,
- Pulse output 1 precipitation:
  - 1 galvanically isolated open collector output
    - Precipitation output according to factory-default resolution and closing time; on request, the factory setting can be modified to customer specifications.
- Pulse output 2 heating:
  - 1 uninsulated open collector output
    - Heating ON/OFF

#### 5.6.1 Examples for the Connection to the Optocoupler

Pulse output 1 precipitation









## 5.7 Factory Setting

Relating to connection diagram (5.2. Electrical assembly), factory default settings.

| Order no.     | Heating <sup>1</sup> | Resolution <sup>2</sup> | Closing<br>time <sup>2</sup> | Protocol      | Modbus ID | Baud-<br>rate | Frame<br>format |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 5.4041.01.000 | A                    |                         |                              | ASCII         |           |               |                 |
| 5.4041.01.001 |                      |                         |                              | MODBUS<br>RTU |           |               |                 |
| 5.4041.11.000 | 0#                   | 0.1mm                   | 300ms                        | ASCII         | 1         | 19200Bd       | 8E1             |
| 5.4041.11.001 | Off                  |                         |                              | MODBUS<br>RTU |           |               |                 |

<sup>1)</sup> Uninsulated pulse output as status output

<sup>2)</sup> Galvanically isolated pulse output

# 6 Serial Communication

## 6.1 RS485-Interface

To enable communication via the RS-485-interface, the precipitation transmitter is equipped with a command interpreter which supports the following 2 modes:

- ASCII
- MODBUS RTU

Interface setting:

| Baud rate: | 19200 Baud |
|------------|------------|
| Data bits: | 8          |
| Parity:    | none       |
| Stop bits: | 1          |

## 6.2 ASCII-Protocol

The measuring system is able to reply with the defined ASCII-protocol via the RS485interface. In this protocol, the sensor may be addressed every 10s, while it is recommended to work with intervals of 60s.

Basically, a command is set up as follows:

<STX><Command><CR><LF>

| <stx></stx> | Start protocol (Start text)                                       |
|-------------|---|
| <command/>  | Command containing 1 character (please refer to list of commands) |
| <cr></cr>   | Carriage Return (13dec; 0x0D)                                     |
| <lf></lf>   | Line Feed (10dec; 0x0A)   |
|             |   |



Addressing is not possible in case of the precipitation transmitter, for this reason, it may not be used in the bus system. It may only be used as single measuring system. (Bus operation s.h. MODBUS-RTU).

When a command containing a parameter is transmitted, the parameter is checked. When it is valid, the parameter is saved and acknowledged in the "echo telegram". When it is invalid, the parameter is ignored and the value set in the "echo telegram" is issued.

Example:

| <stx><b>a</b><cr><lf><br/>0.059;0.073;0.031<cr><lf></lf></cr></lf></cr></stx> |   | measured value query<br>reply |  |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 0.059<br>0.073<br>0.031   | <ul><li>Average intensity in mm/min</li><li>Max. intensity in mm/min</li><li>Min. intensity in mm/min</li></ul> |                               |  |
| <stx>m<cr< td=""><td></td><td>measured value query</td></cr<></stx>           |   | measured value query          |  |
| 1.120;67.200  | ;1.120;67.200;11.200;25.400;0;12 <cr><lf></lf></cr>   | reply                         |  |
| 1.120   | = Intensity in mm/min   |                               |  |
| 67.200  | = Intensity in mm/h   |                               |  |
| 1.120   | = Average intensity since last retrieval in mm/min  |                               |  |
| 67.200  | = Average intensity since last retrieval in mm/min  |                               |  |
| 11.200  | 11.200 = Quantity since last retrieval in mm  |                               |  |
| 25.400= Tot   | al precipitation volume* since system start in mm   |                               |  |
| 0;  | = Status of heating (1 = ON, 0 = OFF)   |                               |  |
| 12  | = Temperature in °C   |                               |  |
|   |   |                               |  |

The measured values are separated by semicolon.



#### 6.2.1 Overview over Commands

| Command | Description                   |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| а       | Query of measured values with |
|         | time interval                 |
| е       | Output error string           |
| i       | Output device information     |
| m       | Query of measured values      |
|         |                               |

#### 6.2.1.1 Command a

| <stx>a<cr><lf></lf></cr></stx> | Query of measured values with time interval  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Description:                   | With this command, precipitation intensities relating to a defined<br>time interval, can be issued.<br>On request, the time interval can be set according to customer<br>specifications. |   |  |  |
| Output:                        | int <sub>avr</sub><br>int <sub>max</sub><br>int <sub>min</sub>   | Average intensity in mm/min<br>Max. intensity in mm/min<br>Min. intensity in mm/min |  |  |
| Default:                       | 1h   |   |  |  |

Reply telegram: int<sub>avr</sub>; int<sub>max</sub>;int<sub>ret\_min</sub><CR><LF>

#### 6.2.1.2 Command e

| <stx>e<cr><lf></lf></cr></stx> | Output error string  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Description:                   | This command performs a system analysis  |  |  |  |
| Output:                        | <ol> <li>Internal service</li> <li>Error exceedance by 10°C with heating ON</li> <li>Internal service</li> <li>Error temperature sensor in the interior of the device</li> <li>Error temperature sensor at the funnel</li> <li>Internal service</li> </ol> |  |  |  |
| Reply telegram:                | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9 <cr><lf></lf></cr>   |  |  |  |
| Value range:                   | 0 = false, 1 = true  |  |  |  |



### 6.2.1.3 Command i

| Description:                   | With this command, production data can be queried. |   |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| <stx>i<cr><lf></lf></cr></stx> | Output device information                          |   |  |  |  |
| Output:                        | No.<br>P<br>S<br>Cell                              | Serial number of device<br>Board version<br>Firm ware version<br>Serial number of weighing cell |  |  |  |
| Reply telegram:                | No;P;S;cell; <cr><lf></lf></cr>                    |   |  |  |  |

#### 6.2.1.4 Command m

| <stx><b>m</b><cr><lf><br/>Description:</lf></cr></stx> | •  | measured values mand triggers the transmission of current measured values.   |
|--|--|--|
| Output:  | int <sub>m</sub><br>int <sub>h</sub><br>int <sub>ret_min</sub><br>int <sub>ret_h</sub><br>am <sub>red</sub><br>am <sub>tot</sub><br>S <sub>he</sub><br>t <sub>in</sub> | Intensity in mm/min<br>Intensity in mm/h<br>Average intensity since last retrieval in mm/min<br>Average intensity since last retrieval in mm/min<br>Quantity since last retrieval in mm<br>Total quantity of precipitation* since system start in<br>mm<br>Status of heating (1 = ON, 0 = OFF)<br>Temperature in °C<br>* also refer to chapter 6.4 |

Reply telegram: int<sub>m</sub>; int<sub>h</sub>;int<sub>ret\_min</sub>; int<sub>ret\_h</sub>; am<sub>red</sub>;am<sub>tot</sub>;s<sub>he</sub>;t<sub>in</sub><CR><LF>

## 6.3 Command Interpreter MODBUS-RTU

When the command interpreter MODBUS-RTU has been set, the transmitted bytes are interpreted according to the MODBUS specification (<u>http://www.modbus.org/</u>). The precipitation transmitter represents a MODBUS Slave in this context.

Data transmissions are carried out in packages, so-called frames, of 256 Bytes maximum. Each package contains a 16Bit CRC check sum (initial value: 0xffff).

The following MODBUS-functions are supported:

- 0x04 (Read Input Register).
- 0x10 (Write Multiple Registers).



## 6.3.1 Measured Values (Input Register)

The measured values occupy 16 or 32bits, i. e. 1 or 2 register addresses. Their allocation is shown in the following table:

| Register | Parameter name             | Unit   | Multi-   | Description              | Data type |
|----------|----------------------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| address  |                            |        | plicator |                          |           |
| 31001    | Volume of precipitation    | mm     | 10       | 1 decimal                | U16       |
| 31101    | Volume of precipitation    | mm     | 1000     | 3 decimals               | U32       |
| 31103    | Quantity of precipitation  | mm     | 1000     | 3 decimals               | U32       |
|          | since last retrieval       |        |          |                          |           |
| 31201    | Precipitation intensity of | mm/min | 1000     | = Mean value (1-min.)    | U16       |
|          | the last minute (sliding)  |        |          | 3 decimals               |           |
|          |                            |        |          | Time base = 1 Min.       |           |
|          |                            |        |          | Measuring rate = 6 x per |           |
|          |                            |        |          | minute                   |           |
| 34901    | Sensor status              |        | 1        | Evaluated bit by bit     | U16       |
| 34921    | Heating status             |        | 1        | 1 = ON; 0 = OFF          | U16       |
| 34922    | Internal temperature       | °C     | 10       | 1 decimal                | U16       |
| 34931    | Total heating output in    | %      | 1        | -                        | U16       |
|          | percent                    |        |          |                          |           |

0xD8F1=-9999 or 0xFF676981=- 99999999 is issued as error code or invalid value. The explanation of sensor status (error) is specified in point 6.3.4.

#### 6.3.2 Configuration Parameters

| Register<br>address | Parameter name | Unit | Multiplicator | Description                                   | Data type |
|---------------------|----------------|------|---------------|---|-----------|
| 40001               | ID             |      | 1             | MODBUS-address:<br>1247                       | U16       |
| 40200               | Baud rate      |      | 0.01          | 96 = 9600Bd<br>192 = 19200Bd<br>384 = 38400Bd | U16       |



### 6.3.3 Mapping Register Modbus

| Register<br>address | Content<br>of<br>register | Unit                | Factor | Description   | Data<br>type |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|---|--------------|
| 46001               | 31001                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Total quantity of<br>precipitation                                | U16          |
| 46002               | 31101                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Total quantity of precipitation (High-WORD)                       | U16          |
| 46003               | 31102                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Total quantity of precipitation (Low-WORD)                        | U16          |
| 46004               | 31103                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Quantity of precipitation<br>since last retrieval (High-<br>WORD) | U16          |
| 46005               | 31104                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Quantity of precipitation<br>since last retrieval (Low-<br>WORD)  | U16          |
| 46006               | 31201                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Precipitation intensity of the last minute (sliding)              | U16          |
| 46007               | 34901                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Sensor status (error)   | U16          |
| 46008               | 34921                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Heating status  | U16          |
| 46009               | 34922                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Internal temperature  | U16          |
| 46010               | 34931                     | Register<br>address | 1      | Total heating output in<br>percent                                | U16          |

#### 6.3.4 Sensor Status (error) Explanation

| Answer | Meaning   | Value range |
|--------|---|-------------|
| 1      | Reserved  | 0 99        |
| 2      | Error exceedance by 10 °C with heating ON       | 0 or 1      |
| 3      | Reserved  | 0 or 1      |
| 4      | Error temperature sensor in the interior of the | 0 or 1      |
|        | device  |             |
| 5      | Error temperature sensor at the funnel          | 0 or 1      |
| 6      | Reserved  | 0 or 1      |
| 7      | Reserved  | 0 or 1      |
| 8      | Reserved  | 0 or 1      |
| 9      | Reserved  | 0 or 1      |

Output 0 = OK

Output 1 means: error

#### 6.3.5 Quantity of Precipitation

For the measurement of the quantity of precipitation from data set to data set via serial protocols (e. g. Modbus), the difference between the total quantity of precipitation and the previous value has to be determined.



## Note:

The value overflow of the precipitation sum has to be considered in the calculation of the difference. The value overflow occurs at 60000g collected liquid. For sensors with a catch area of 200cm<sup>2</sup>, this results in a value overflow at 3000mm.

## 6.4 Pulse Output

Each pulse is equivalent to a defined quantity of measured precipitation. The value range of the toggle factor is 0,01 ... 200mm/pulse, (default setting: 0.1mm/pulse).

# 7 Maintenance, Checks and Troubleshooting

## Maintenance and checks

1. Visual controls for contaminations should be performed regularly - depending on the surroundings and seasonal effects (spider and bird populations, pollen, leaves etc.). As laid down in chapter 6 of the "VDI Richtlinien - Umweltmeteorologie - Meteorologische Messungen - Niederschlag, VDI 3786 Blatt 7 (Dezember 2010)" [VDI guidelines - environmental meteorology - meteorological measurements - precipitation, VDI 3786, sheet 7 (December 2010)], monthly inspections are recommended. In high pollution areas, weekly inspections may be necessary in order to warrant correct measurement results.

## Please note:

In order to avoid faulty measurements, please disconnect all external cables before cleaning the interior of the sensor. Funnel heating and outlet heating can get very hot, when the heating is operated with the housing open. Danger of burns! We thus recommend to disconnect the plug of the power supply for the heating during cleaning and maintenance work.

2. All parts getting into contact with water should be cleaned regularly. Rinsing with clear water should suffice to remove the majority of contaminations. Persistent dirt at the catch funnel or in the outlet has to be removed carefully. Slight contaminations of the collection vessel are harmless. The collection vessel can be cleaned with water and a mild cleaning agent.

3. Make sure that the device is set up in a stable, perpendicular position and check the bird control ring, the senor and particularly the funnel surface for damages.

4. Keep the measuring site free from overgrowing bushes and trees.

5. During frost and snow-fall periods, the bird control ring has to be removed.



## Note:

When cleaning the collection vessel, take care to avoid damages. Do not clean the measuring system and the collection vessel with a steel brush, similar gadgets or aggressive cleaning agents.

## Troubleshooting

Heating was switched off after the device had been set up. (Error string: "Error heating" = 1):

- Interrupt the power supply to the sensor.
- Check whether the power connection for the heating and the clamping connector for the funnel heating (inside the device) are connected.
- Reconnect the sensor with the power supply.

Should the problem continue, this may be due to one of the following causes:

- Outlet heating does not work or is not connected internally.
- Funnel heating does not work.
- Power cable of the heating is too long or defective.

Please contact our service department when you have any questions.



# 8 Technical Data

| Description  | Value   |
|--|---|
| General  |   |
| Types of precipitation which can be measured   | Liquid (solid, mixed - heated version)              |
| Measuring principle  | Weighing with automatic self-emptying function      |
| Catch  | 200cm <sup>2</sup>                                  |
| Measuring range (quantity) without limitation  | (0.005…∞mm)   |
| Resolution (quantity)  | 0.001mm (pulse output: 0.01mm)                      |
| Precision (quantity) < 6mm/min   | 0.1mm or 1%   |
| Precision (quantity) ≥ 6mm/min   | 2%  |
| Measuring range (intensity)  | 0 20mm/min or 0 1200mm/h                            |
| Precision (intensity) < 6mm/min  | 0.001mm/min or 0.06mm/h                             |
| Precision (intensity) ≥ 6mm/min  | 0.1mm/min or 6mm/h                                  |
| Ambient temperature without heating 5.4041.11.00x  | 0 +70°C   |
| Ambient temperature with heating<br>(No icing over or snowdrift)<br><b>5.4041.01.00x</b> | -40 +70°C   |
| Storage temperature  | -40 +70°C   |
| Ambient air humidity   | 0 100% rel. humidity                                |
| Mounting on mast tube  | Ø 60mm  |
| Dimensions   | 292mm x 190mm (H x D)                               |
| Weight   | approx. 2.7kg                                       |
| Protection class of the weighing cell  | IP67  |
| Power consumption  | max. 45mA at 24V<br>Pulse output type 10.5mA at 12V |
| Supply voltage<br>5.4041.xx.00x  | 9,8 32V DC  |
| Supply voltage of heating 5.4041.01.00x  | 24V DC  |
| Heating data   | Electronically controlled, 2 heating circuits       |
| Heating output (with 24V supply)   | 140W  |
| Heating – target temperature funnel surface  | + 2°C   |
| Heating precision  | ± 1°C   |
| Heating output funnel  | 80W   |
| Heating output (outlet / collection vessel)  | 60W   |



| Signal output                |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Pulse output 1 precipitation | Galvanically isolated, Open-Collector   |  |  |
| Supply voltage               | max. 24V DC   |  |  |
| Pulse power                  | max. 0.05A  |  |  |
| Power consumption            | max. 0.5W   |  |  |
| Pulse output 2 - heating     | Open-Collector  |  |  |
| Supply voltage               | max. 24V DC   |  |  |
| Pulse power                  | max. 0.1A   |  |  |
| Power consumption            | max. 0.5W   |  |  |
|                              |   |  |  |
| Standards                    | WMO-No. 8<br>VDI 3786 sheet 7<br>EN 61000-2, -4<br>EN 61000-4-2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -11<br>NAMUR NE-21 |  |  |

# 9 Accessories (optional)

| Order no.     | Denomination                | Description  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 214165        | Signalling cable            | CABLE, assembled M12 1.5 Meters POL: 8   |
| 214166        | Signalling cable            | CABLE, assembled M12 10 Meters POL: 8  |
| 214167        | Heating cable               | CABLE, assembled M12 1 Meters POL: 4   |
| 214168        | Heating cable               | CABLE, assembled M12 10 Meters POL: 4  |
| 9.4031.35.065 | Pedestal                    | Serves as the base for the installation of the precipitation transmitter. The distance between ground and catch area is 0.65m. Pedestals for other distances are available, too. |
| 510217        | Tube extension and adaption | The pipe extension / adaptation is required to achieve<br>the collection height of 1m with the stand and to adapt<br>the different diameters.                                    |
| 5.4010.00.010 | Bird guard ring             | Prevents that birds land and sit on the precipitation transmitter.   |



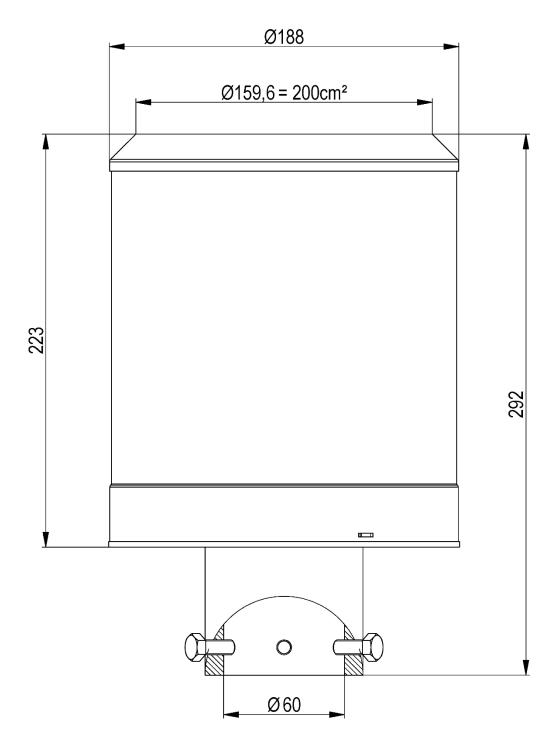


Figure 8: Dimension Diagram



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| Description of P                      | roduct: Precipitation Trans   | smitter        |                    |               |                      |                      |
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| 552/2004/EC                           | Regulation (EC) No 552/<br>on the interoperability of the Europe  |                |                    |               |                      |                      |
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| EN 61000-6-2                          | Electromagnetic compatibility<br>Immunity for industrial environment  | nt             |                    |               |                      |                      |
| EN 61000-6-3                          | Electromagnetic compatibility<br>Emission standard for residential,   | commercial a   | nd light industria | al environme  | ents                 |                      |
| EN 61010-1                            | Safety requirements for electrical Part 1: General requirements   | equipment for  | measurement,       | control, and  | laboratory use.      |                      |
| EN 50581                              | Technical documentation for the a of hazardous substances   | ssessment of   | electrical and e   | lectronic pro | oducts with respec   | t to the restriction |
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