

VFS 5-100

Vortex flow sensor, 5-100 l/min



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Fig. 1 VFS 5-100 sensor

Technical overview

Grundfos Direct Sensors™, type VFS, are a series of combined flow- and temperature sensors (two-in-one) based on the principle of vortex shedding behind a bluff body. The VFS sensors are designed for high-volume production and are fully compatible with wet, aggressive media. The VFS sensor utilises MEMS sensing technology in combination with a novel packaging concept using corrosion-resistant coating on the MEMS sensor element. This makes the VFS sensor very robust and ideal for high-volume OEM applications. VFS sensors are available for flow ranges of 1.3-20, 2-40, 5-100 and 10-200 l/min.

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Applications

- Burner control in domestic gas boilers
- Thermal management in solar heating systems
- Industrial process flow control
- Flow rate detection for pump controls
- Monitoring of pumps, valves and filters
- Cooling and temperature control
- Domestic hot-water stations.

Features

- Flow ranges: 1.3-20, 2-40, 5-100 and 10-200 l/min.
- Designed for harsh environments
- Based on vortex shedding
- Voltage output (ratiometric, ideal for use with micro-processor and PLC)
- Compact and well-proven design
- MEMS sensing technology
- Approved for potable water: WRAS, NSF, KTW, W270, ACS.

Benefits

- No moving parts
- Flow and temperature sensor in one package (two-in-one sensor)
- Fast temperature response (direct media contact)
- Compatible with wet, aggressive media
- Cost-effective and robust construction.

Specifications

Pressure	
Range	5 to 100 l/min
Accuracy ($\pm 1\sigma$, 0 to 100°C)	± 1.5 %FS
Response time (63.2%)	< 1.5 s
Resolution	0.25 l/min
Temperature	
Range	0 to 100°C
Accuracy ($\pm 1\sigma$, 25 to 80°C)	± 1 °C
Accuracy ($\pm 1\sigma$, 0 to 100°C)	± 2 °C
Response time (63.2% at 50%FS flow)	< 1.5s
Resolution	0.5°C
Media and environment	
Media types	Liquids. The sensor is compatible with aggressive media.
Media temperature (operation)	0 to 100°C
Media temperature (peak)	-25 to 120°C
Ambient air temp. (operation)	-25 to 60°C
Ambient air temp. (peak)	-55 to 90°C
Humidity	0 - 95 % (relative), non-condensing
Burst pressure	> 16 bar
Electrical data	
Power supply	5 V DC ($\pm 5\%$). Grounding of the sensor supply is recommended
Output signals	Ratiometric
Flow signal	0.35 - 3.5 V
Temperature signal	0.5 - 3.5 V
Power consumption	< 50 mW
Load impedance	> 10 k Ω
Sensor materials	
Sensor element	Silicon-based MEMS sensor
Seal (sensor to housing)	EPDM rubber
Housing	Composites (PPS, PA66)
Flow pipe	PPA 40-GF
Wetted materials	Corrosion-resistant coating EPDM, PPS, PPA 40-GF
Environmental standards	
Enclosure class	IP44
Temperature cycling	IEC 68-2-14
Vibration (non-destructive)	20 - 2000 Hz, 10G, 4h
Electromagnetic compatibility	EN 61326-1
Dimensions	
Sensor element	47*40*20 mm
Flow pipe	129*37*32 mm

Dimensions (in mm)

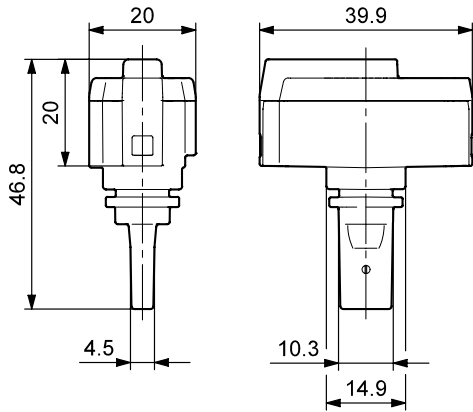


Fig. 2 Dimensional sketches of sensor element

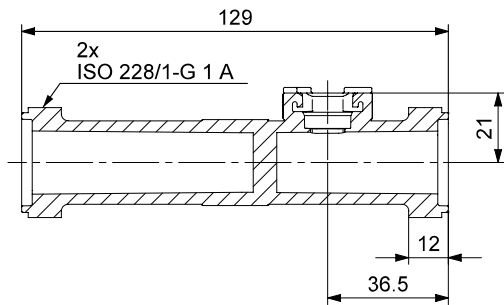


Fig. 3 Dimensional sketch of flow pipe

Type key

The VFS sensor is labelled with a type designation.

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Product number				
Revision				
Production year and week				
Consecutive number				

Electrical connections

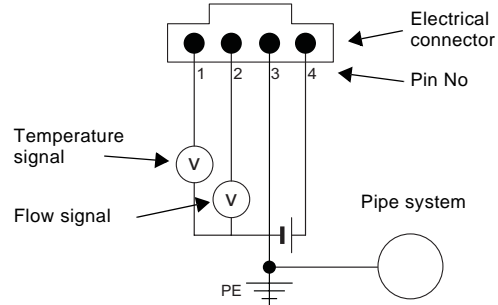


Fig. 4 Electrical connections

Pin configuration

1	Temperature signal (0.5 to 3.5V relative to pin 3)
2	Flow signal (0.35 to 3.5V relative to pin 3)
3	GND (0V)
4	Voltage supply (+5V DC), PELV

Sensor output signals

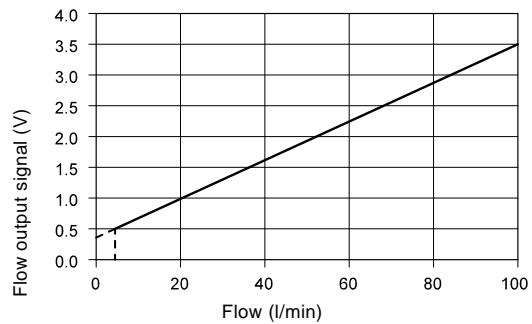


Fig. 5 Flow response

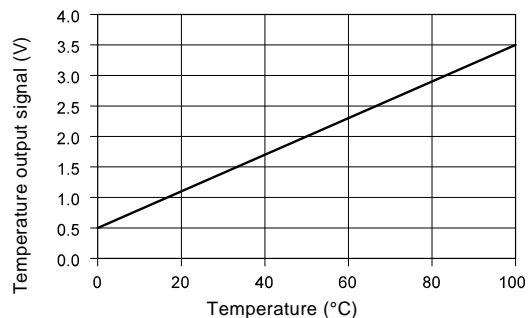


Fig. 6 Temperature response

For more information, see <http://www.grundfos.com/directsensors>.

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