

# Capacitive level meter

## CPC-C-40

### INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Read the user's manual carefully before starting to use the unit or software.  
Producer reserves the right to implement changes without prior notice.



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## Used symbols

To ensure maximum safety of control processes, we have defined the following safety instructions and information. Each instruction is labeled with the appropriate pictogram.



### Alert, warning, danger

This symbol informs you about particularly important instructions for installation and operation of equipment or dangerous situations that may occur during the installation and operation. Not observing these instructions may cause disturbance, damage or destruction of equipment or may cause injury.



### Information

This symbol indicates particularly important characteristics of the device.



### Note

This symbol indicates helpful additional information.

### **all types**

### Valid for:

In the border are the types CPC-C-40, for which is intended the chapter.

## Safety



All operations described in this instruction manual have to be carried out only by trained personnel or an accredited person. Warranty and post warranty service must be exclusively carried out by the manufacturer.

Improper use, installation or set-up of the level meter can result in crashes in the application (overfilling of the tank or damage of system components).

The manufacturer is not responsible for improper use, losses of work caused by either direct or indirect damage, and for expenses incurred during installation or use of the level meter.

## 1. Basic description

**Capacitive level meter CPC-C-40** is intended for continuous measurement of the level of fuel (diesel). It consists of a measuring electrode and the electronics housing to which is firmly attached the cable.

The electronic part converts the capacity to the current or voltage signal. For accurate measurements independent on the tank shape is the rod electrode placed inside the reference tube. Setting is done by touching the magnetic pen. The level meter has no neither mechanical moving parts and so its installation is very simple. The production of its electrodes is possible in any length in the range from 100 to 1000 mm, so that the level meter can go through entire height of the tank.

Mounting of the tank level meter is done by using 5-hole flange (SAE).

## 2. Areas of application

Accurate level measurement in diesel tanks of trucks, construction and agricultural machinery, locomotives etc. After consultation with the manufacturer can be used for measuring and other non-conductive liquids (eg. : biodiesel, oil, etc.). CPC-C-40 are resistant to any changes in the atmosphere above the surface (vacuum, pressure, vapours, dust).

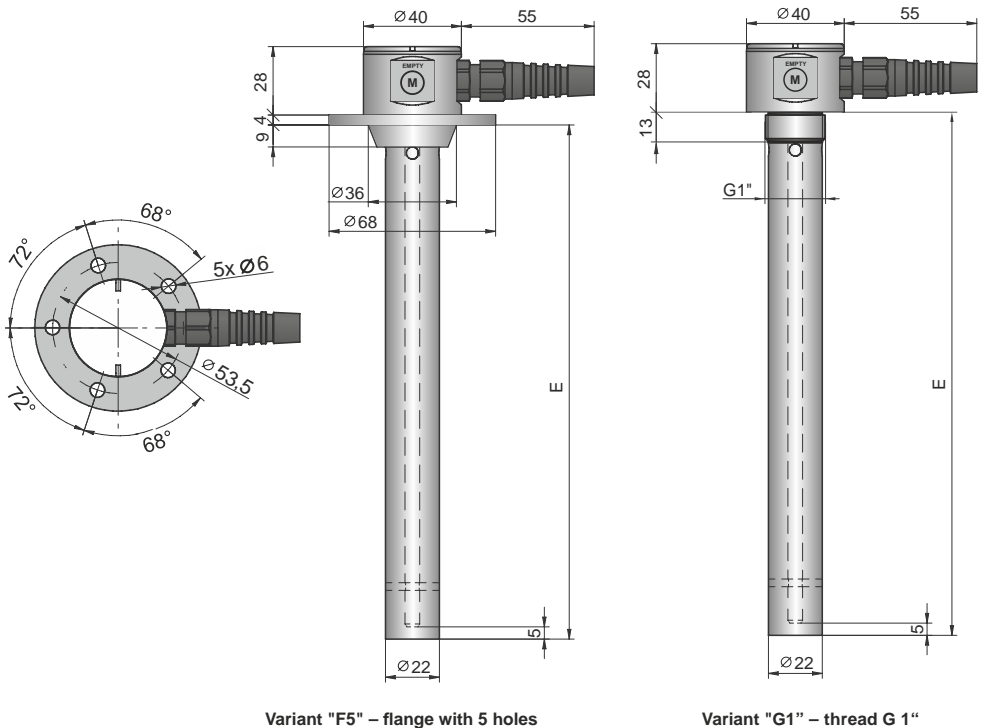
### 3. Variants of sensors

#### CPC-C-40N-40

**Uncoated rod electrode and reference tube**, setting is done by touching the magnetic pen for the measured medium, possibility of shortening electrodes to the desired length.

Electrode length from 0.1 m to 1 m.

### 4. Dimensional drawings



### 5. Installation and putting into operation

Please follow next 3 steps:

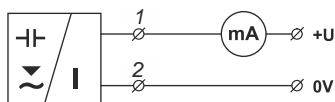
- Mechanical mounting - see chapter 6
- Electrical connection - see chapter 7
- Settings - see chapter 8

## 6. Mechanical mounting

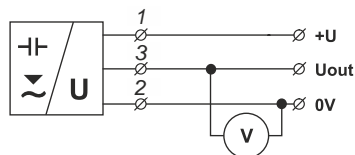
- Mounting of the tank level meter is done by using 5-hole flange (SAE). Distance from the wall may be arbitrary and distance from the bottom is recommended min. 10 mm.
- Under the flange of the level, it is necessary to put in the rubber gasket resistant to petroleum products (see. Accessories).
- The level meter can be also used for similar applications in stationary tanks, containers, etc.

## 7. Electrical connection

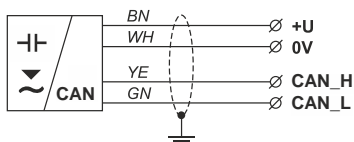
The level meter is designed to be connected to supply unit or to controller through two or three-wire cable with. Connection diagram and inner view of the connector as shown in picture. Always disconnect the power supply before connecting the level meter! You can use car battery (24 V) or power supply (9 ... 30 V DC).



Level meter with current output connection (I)



Level meter with voltage output connection (U)



Level meter with CAN line output connection

Wiring colours:

1,2,3 – Nr. of cable  
 BN – Brown  
 BU – Blue  
 WH – White  
 YE – Yellow  
 GN – Green  
 — — Cable shield

Fig.1: Scheme of electrical connection



Electrical connection can only be made when de-energized!

## 8. Setting

The device shall be set up by applying the magnetic pen onto sensitive spots.



### Basic mode

#### Setting of lower limit 4 mA

1. Drain the tank to the lower measured level.
2. Set the level meter output to the value of 4 mA by applying the magnetic pen to the sensitive spot "EMPTY" for at least 2 s. Hold the magnetic pen on the sensitive spot for at least additional 3 s to confirm the set value and store it in the internal memory of the level meter.
3. Any other setting is possible 2 s after the magnetic pen is removed from the sensitive spot.

#### Setting of upper limit 20 mA

1. Fill the tank up to the upper measured level.
2. Set the level meter output to the value of 20 mA by applying the magnetic pen to the sensitive spot "FULL" for at least 2 s. Hold the magnetic pen on the sensitive spot for at least additional 3 s to confirm the set value and store it in the internal memory of the level meter.
3. Any other setting is possible 2 s after the magnetic pen is removed from the sensitive spot.

### Inverse mode

In the inverse mode, set the lower limit of 4 mA when the tank is filled up to the upper measured surface level and the upper limit of 20 mA when the tank is drained to the lower measured surface level.



If, after setting, the output is 3.75 mA (or 10.5 V for the U version) and it does not correspond to the measured level, the setting has been made incorrectly and must be performed again.

## 9. Use, manipulation and maintenance

The level meter does not require any personnel for its operation. Follow-up displaying device is used to inform the technological entity operating personnel on the measured substance level height during the operation.

### MAINTAINCE OF LEVEL METER

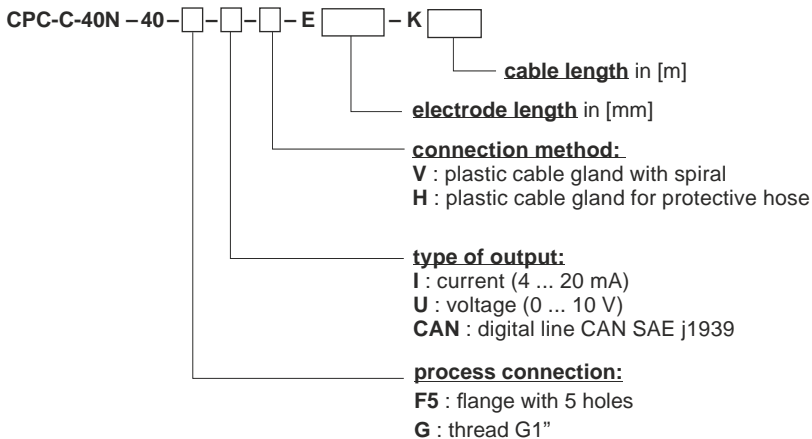
Maintenance of this equipment consists in verification of integrity of the level meter and of the supply cable. Depending on the character of the substance measured, we recommend to verify at least once per year the clarity of the ultrasound transducer emitting field and to clean it, respectively. In case any visible defects are discovered, the manufacturer or reseller of this equipment must be contacted immediately.



It is forbidden to perform any modifications or interventions into the CPC-C-40 level meter without manufacturer's approval. Potential repairs must be carried out by the manufacturer or by a manufacturer authorized service organization only.

Installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the CPC-C-40 level meter has to be carried out in accordance with this instruction manual; the provisions of regulations in force regarding the installation of electrical equipment have to be adhered to.

## 10. Order code



## 11. Correct specification examples

### CPC-C-40N-40-F5-I-V-E1000-K3

(N) performance to normal area; (40) rod electrode with reference tube; (F) flange with 5 holes; (I) current output (4 ... 20 mA); (V) cable gland; (E1000) length of electrode 1000 mm; (K3) cable 3 m

### CPC-C-40N-40-G-I-H-E800-K5

(N) performance to normal area; (40) rod electrode with reference tube; (G) thread G1"; (I) current output (4 ... 20 mA); (H) cable gland for protective hose; (E800) length of electrode 800 mm; (K5) cable 5 m



## 12. Accessories

### **Optional – for extra charge**

- Extra cable (over the standard length 2 m)
- Rubber seal CPC-C-40 5 otv NBR ( for flange with 5 holes)

## 13. Safety, protections and compatibility

Level meter CPC-C-40 is equipped with protection against electric shock on electrode, reverse polarity, output current overload, short circuit and short time over voltages.

Electromagnetic compatibility is provided by conformity with standards: EN 55022/B, EN 61326-1, EN 61000-4-2, EN 61000-4-3, EN 61000-4-4, EN 61000-4-5, EN 61000-4-6.

## 14. Marking of labels

Level meters label data **CPC-C-40N-40-\_-\_-I-\_-**:



Symbol of producer: logo Simex

web address: [www.simex.pl](http://www.simex.pl)

Type of level meter: CPC-C-40N-40-\_-I-\_-

include length of electrode: E 300 mm

Length of cable: Cable 1 m

Serial number: Ser. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ -

(from the left: production year, serial production number)

Supply voltage:  $U = 9 \div 30 \text{ V DC}$

Output current range:  $I = 4 \div 20 \text{ mA}$

Ambient temperature range:  $t_a = -40 \dots +85 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Protection class: IP 68

Compliance mark: **CE**

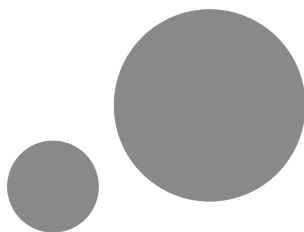
Electro-waste take-back system mark:

## 15. Specification

Technical specification		
Supply voltage		9 ... 30 V DC
Current output		4 ... 20 mA
Load resistance		$R = (U - 9) / 0,02 [ \text{ ; V} ]$
Nonlinearity		max. 1 %
Temperature error		max. 0,05% / K
Voltage error for current and voltage output		max. 0,3 $\mu\text{A/V}$
Internal resistance / Electric strength (Electrode – Housing)		1 M $\Omega$ / 200 V DC
Coupling capacity / Electric strength (Housing – Supply leads)		91 nF / 500 V DC
Coupling capacity / Electric strength (Electrode – Supply leads)		47 nF / 500 V DC
Protection class		IP68
Ambient temperature range		- 40 ... +85 °C
Cable		PU 2x1 mm <sup>2</sup>
Process connection	CPC-C-40N-40-F5-I-_ CPC-C-40N-40-G-I-_ 	Flange with 5 holes Thread G1"
Cable gland	CPC-C-40N-40-_-I-V CPC-C-40N-40-_-I-H 	cable gland with spiral relief cable gland for protective hose
Weight (exclude electrode)		Approx. 0,3kg
Error indication	CPC-C-40N-40-_-I	3,75 mA
Settings	CPC-C-40N-40-_-U (0..10 V) CPC-C-40N-40-_-U (0..5 V)	10,5 V 5,5 V

Material performance	
Sensor part	Standard material
Housing	stainless st. W. Nr. 1.4301 (AISI 304)
Cable gland	PA
Cable insulation	PUR
Electrode	stainless st. W. Nr. 1.4404 (AISI 316 L)
Reference tube	stainless st. W. Nr. 1.4301 (AISI 304)
Process flange	stainless st. W. Nr. 1.4301 (AISI 304)
Insulating bushing	PA + GF30





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