

Capacitive level sensor CPK-C-23

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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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 labelled 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.

Safety



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

Improper use, installation or set-up of the sensor can lead to crashes in the application.

The manufacturer is not responsible for improper use, loss of work caused by either direct or indirect damage, and for expenses incurred at the time of installation or during the period of use of the level sensors.

1. Basic description

Capacitive level sensors (switches) **CPK-C-23** are designed for limit level detection of electrically conductive and non-conductive fluids in vessels, reservoirs, sumps, pipes, tanks, etc. The sensitivity of the sensor can be easily set by placing magnetic pen on sensitive spot. The process coupling at the housing can be with metric thread (M18x1.5; M20x1.5), pipe thread (G3/8"; G1/2") or sealing thread (NPT 1/2–14). Output performances: transistor output with open collector (PNP) and two wire electronic switch (S).

There are next performances available:

N – Normal for non-explosive areas,

E – Extended temperature range for non-explosives areas, without LED state indicator.

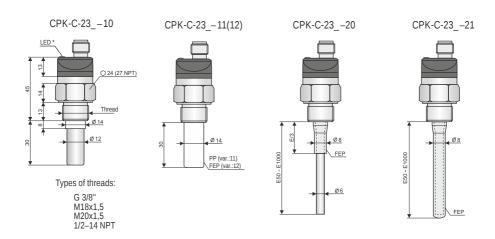
NT – High temperature variant for non-explosives areas.

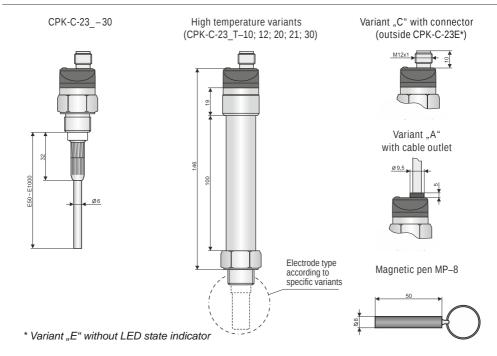
CPK-C-23 capacitive level sensors meet the safety integrity level requirements according to standard EN 61508 at level SIL1.

2. Variants of sensors

- CPK-C-23_-10 Uncoated short bar electrode, for sensing the level of electrically non-conductive liquids (oil, crude oil products). Assembly into a side wall of vessel or into a pipe. Electrode length 30 mm.
- CPK-C-23_-11 Fully coated short bar electrode, for sensing the level of non-aggressive electrically conductive liquids (water, water solutions). Electrode insulation from PP material, assembly into a side wall of vessel or into a pipe. Electrode length 30 mm.
- CPK-C-23_–12 Fully coated short bar electrode, for sensing the level of electrically conductive liquids (various chemicals, moderately aggressive water solutions). Higher temperature resistance compared to variant "11". Electrode insulation from FEP material. Assembly into a side wall of vessel or into a pipe. Electrode length 30 mm.
- CPK-C-23_–20 Partially coated rod electrode, for sensing the level of electrically conductive and non-conductive liquids, partially resistant against fume condensation in the sensed area. Electrode insulation from FEP material. Installation from above, on shorter electrodes (max. 200 mm) also from the side. Electrode length from 50 mm to 1 m.
- CPK-C-23_-21 Fully coated rod electrode, universal use, for sensing the level of electrically conductive liquids. Resistant against fume condensation and partially resistant against spraying media. Electrode insulation from FEP material. Installation from above, on shorter electrodes (max. 200 mm) also from the side. Electrode length from 50 mm to 1 m.
- CPK-C-23_-30 Dismountable uncoated rod electrode for sensing the level of conductive or non-conductive liquids. Installation from above, on shorter electrodes (max. 200 mm) also from the side. Electrode length from 50 mm to 1 m.

3. Dimensional drawing





4. Installation and putting into operation

Please follow next 3 steps:

- · Mechanical mounting see chapter 5
- · Electrical connection see chapter 6
- Settings see chapter 7

5. Mechanical mounting

- CPK-C-23 level sensors can be fixed in a vertical, horizontal or slanted position into the wall of a
 vessel, storage tank or on a fixation console in a sump by screwing into the welding flange, using
 a fixing nut.
- · Basic application recommendations are mentioned below.



During assembly into the metal tank or the storage tank, it is not necessary to separately ground the base of the level sensor. In case of installation in concrete sumps or silos, it is appropriate to install the level sensor onto a metallic auxiliary construction (console, lid, etc.), and then connect to a metallic, constantly submerged object, or with steel with steel reinforcements in concrete (armouring). In the case of the reading of an aggressive medium, we recommend that the producer be consulted

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If the sensors are fitted with protective caps at the ends of the electrodes, remove the caps before commissioning.

VERTICAL MOUNTING

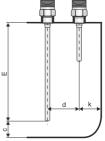
In case of vertical mounting, sensors can be mounted into open, closed and pressurized tanks. The stated distances relate to the electrode length (longer electrode).

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$$10 + \frac{E}{50}$$
 d $40 + \frac{E}{40}$ k $20 + \frac{E}{20}$

d
$$40 + \frac{E}{40}$$

$$k 20 + \frac{E}{20}$$

E- Electrode length in mm



FOR TYPE: All vertically mounted sensors

Fig. 1: Vertical mounting

BYPASS MEASURING TUBE

Mounting in a bypass measuring tube We recommend upholding the tube

$$b = 40 + \frac{E}{20}$$

E - Electrode length in mm

FOR TYPE: CPK-C-23_-20, 21, 30

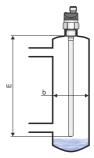


Fig. 2: Bypass measuring tube

MOUNTING IN THE PIPE

In the case of mounting in the pipe it is necessary to provide the minimum distance of the inner walls from the electrode at 5 mm. In some cases (sticky liquids, low permittivity liquids) it is better to mount the sensor into a pipe bend. Be careful of possible formation of air pockets.

FOR TYPE: CPK-C-23_-10, 11, 12, 20, 21

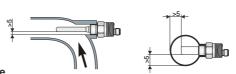


Fig. 3: Mounting in the pipe

TWO STATE REGULATION BY HYSTERESIS SETTING

In case of **vertical mounting**, it is possible to use the sensor for simple **two-state regulation** of the level height between a min. and max. value. The position of the minimum and maximum level can be changed by setting the sensor. Upon a change in the measured medium, it is necessary to perform new limit settings.

E - Electrode length in mm

FOR TYPE: CPK-C-23_-20, 30 (only for electrically non-conductive liquids)

CPK-C-23 -21 (for electrically conductive liquids)

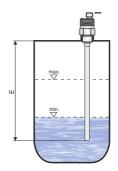


Fig. 4: Two state regulation by hysteresis setting

LONG FITTING TUBES IN SIDE WALL MOUNTING

FOR TYPE: All variants

The installation of the sensor near the **inlet**, in the **narrow neck** or using an **unsuitable welding flange** may cause the incorrect sensor function.

Suitable welding flanges types ON, NN - see Accessories.

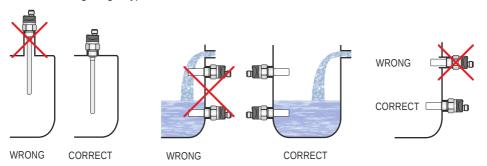


Fig. 5: Long fitting tubes in side wall mounting

AUXILIARY ELECTRODE IN NON - FOR TYPE: CPK-C-23_-20, 21, 30 (for electrode length up to 300 mm)

At sensors with the length of electrodes greater than 300 mm it is necessary to use an auxiliary probe (e.g. conductive probe) when installing from above on non-conductive containers for the maximum detection reliability. The auxiliary electrode is connected electrically with the housing of the sensor. The recommended length of the auxiliary electrode and the distance from the sensors are shown in the picture.

Suitable types of auxiliary electrodes are for example: CNP–18F–30 probes with an M18 thread or a PDE–18 plate electrode (see Accessories).

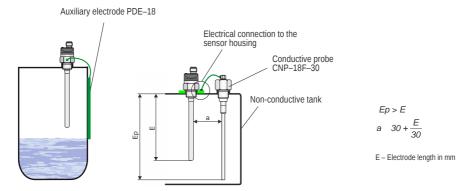


Fig. 6: Auxiliary electrode in non-conductive tanks

6. Electrical connection

For "A" variant with the fixed cable, the individual color cores of the connecting cable are connected to the respective terminals of the related equipment (supply unit).

For "C" variant with the connector, the cable can be supplied with the sensor (length 2 or 5 m), fitted with the pressed connector socket or dismountable connector socket without the cable (see accessories), the connector is not part of the sensor. In this case the cable is connected to the inside pins of the socket according to Fig.

The sensor with related equipment is interconnected by a suitable three-core (P variation) or two-core (S variation) cable. If using a dismountable connector socket, the outside diameter of the cable is a maximum of 6 mm.

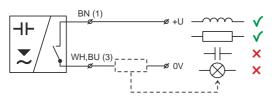


Fig. 7a: "S" type sensors connection (2 - wire electronic switch) - recommended option

Type **CPK-C-23** - - -**S**-

The positive power terminal +U is connected (e.g. a relay) to the brown wire or connector pin no.1, the negative terminal via a load to the white wire configuration "N" and "NT") or to the blue wire (configuration "E") or to connector pin No.3.

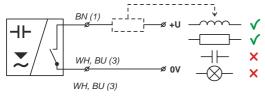


Fig. 7b: "S" type sensors connection (2 - wire electronic switch) - possible option

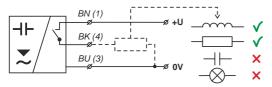


Fig. 8: "P" (PNP) type sensors connection

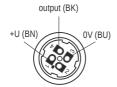


Fig. 10: Inside of the connector socket

Type CPK-C-23_-_-S-_

The positive power terminal +U is connected via a load (e.g. a relay) to the brown wire, or connector pin no.1, the negative terminal to the white wire (configuration "N" and "NT") or to the blue wire (configuration "E") or to connector pin No.3.

Type CPK-C-23_-_-P-_

Positive pole (+ U) of power supply is connected to brown wire or pin connector No. 1, negative pole is connected to blue wire or pin connector No. 3. Load (relay) is connected to black wire or pin connector No. 4.

Legend:

(1...4) – terminals number for variants with connector

BN – brown WH – white BK – black

BU - blue



Electrical connection can only be made when de-energized!

The source of the power voltage must comprise of a stabilised safe low power source with galvanic separation. In the event that a switch-mode power supply is used, it is essential that its construction effectively suppresses common mode interference on the secondary side. In the event that the switch-mode power supply is equipped with a PE safety terminal, it must be unconditionally grounded!

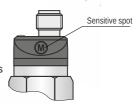


In the event that the level meter (sensor) is installed in an outdoor environment at a distance greater than 20 m from the outdoor switchboard, or from an enclosed building, it is necessary to supplement the electrical cable leading to the level meter (sensor) with suitable overvoltage protection.

In the event of strong ambient electromagnetic interference, paralleling of conductors with power distribution, or for distribution to distances over 30 m, we recommend using a shielded cable and grounding the shielding on the side of the power source.

7. Settings

The settings are done by touching a magnetic pen MP - 8 on the sensitive spot M located on the front-side of the sensor. By touching with the magnetic pen for a short time (max. 2 sec) on the sensitive spot M, the sensor will open, holding down the magnetic pen for longer (min. 4 sec) the sensor will close. In this way, the sensitivity to the measured medium and the switching modes (O, C) are set.



mode O (switches when submerged)

On an empty or partially filled tank (level below the bottom edge of the sen sor), touch the sensitive area (M) for 1 sec with the magnetic pen (the sensor will open). When the tank fills up above the top edge of the sensor, touch the sensitive area (M) for 5 sec. with the magnetic pen (the sensor will close).

mode C (unswitches when submerged) On an empty or partially filled tank (level below the bottom edge of the sen sor), touch the sensitive area M for 5 sec with the magnetic pen (the sensor will close). When the tank fills up above the top edge of the sensor, touch the sensitive area M for 1 sec. with the magnetic pen (the sensor will open).

On installations from above, it is necessary during detection of **non-conductive** liquids using sensors **CPK-C-23_-20**; **-30** and during detection of **conductive** and **non-conductive** liquids using sensor **CPK-C-23_-21** to set the limits for closing and opening with the electrode submerged in the medium.

The closing and opening limits are shifted closer to the state with a submerged electrode.

The CPK-C-23E range of sensors is made without a signal LED indicator. To check the correctness of settings, it is necessary to connect a connected device or a load and to use it to receive information about the opened / closed status of the sensor.

FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS:

Sensors CPK-C-23_-10; -20; -30 have factory default settings for detecting mineral oils, CPK-C-23_-11; -12; -21 for detecting drinking water. Switching is set to mode "O" (the sensor will close when submerged).

8. Function and status indication (only with LED state indicator variant)

In the following table are the types of inputs and the respective statuses (ON/ OFF) in the case of a maximum and minimum level sensing. The signalling of the status of the sensor is indicated by the orange LED located on the upper area of the sensor beside the connector (cable).

Indicator	Function
Orange LED	Continuous light — Sensor is closed (switched ON) Dark — Sensor is open (switched OFF) Rapid flashing (period 0.2 s) — error setting* Slow flashing (period 0.8 s)— short circuit at sensor output

^{*} Limit setting for closing (opening) on the same level or impossibility of differentiate between closing level and opening level (low permittivity of the medium).



Sensor with type output "S" and "R" for each flash of the LED switches its output on for approx. 3 ms. This period is sufficiently short to avoid unwanted switching of relay contacts. For binary inputs, we recommend to set the filter so as not to respond to pulses shorter than 3 ms.

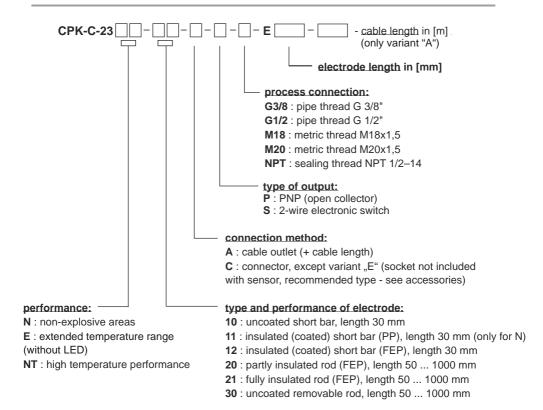
Units NSSU, NDSU a NLCU with transistor switch ($_{n}T^{*}$) detects and transmitts these pulses to the output.

	Level state Mode		Type of sensor	Output state	LED indicator *		
Minimum level sensing		0	CPK-C-23 P CPK-C-23 S	CLOSED	(Shine)		
Minimum le		0	CPK-C-23 P CPK-C-23 S	OPEN	(Dark)		
Maximum level sensing		С	CPK-C-23 P CPK-C-23 S	CLOSED	(Shine)		
		С	CPK-C-23 P CPK-C-23 S	OPEN	(Dark)		



For security reasons, we recommend to set the mode O (normally open, sensor closes when immersed) for minimum level detection. Any failure of the sensor or wiring is equally apparent as the emergency level state. Analogously – for the maximum level detection is recommended to set the mode C (normally closed, sensor opens when immersed).

9. Order code



10. Correct specification examples

CPK-C-23N-10-A-S-G3/8-5

(N) performance for non-explosive areas; (10) uncoated short bar electrode 30 mm; (A) cable outlet with 5 m fixed cable; (S) 2-wire electronic switch; (G3/8) process connection with pipe thread G3/8". (5) cable 5 m.

CPK-C-23E-30-A-S-G1/2-E450-10

(E) performance for extended temperature range performance for non-explosive areas; (30) uncoated removable rod electrode; (A) cable outlet with 10 m fixed cable; (S) 2-wire electronic switch; (G1/2) process connection with pipe thread G1/2"; (E450) electrode length 450 mm, (10) cable 10 m.

CPK-C-23NT-20-C-S-M18-E320

(NT) performance for high temperature performance; (20) partly insulated rod electrode (FEP); (C) electrically connection with connector; (S) 2-wire electronic switch; (M18) process connection with metric thread M18x1.5; (E320) electrode length 320 mm.

11. Accessories

standard - included in the level sensor price

- 1 pcs. magnetic pen MP-8
- · 1 pcs. seal (asbestos free) (Klingerit)

optional - for a surcharge

(see catalogue sheet of accessories)

- · cable (over the standard length 2m)
- non-detachable connector M12 (variants N, NT) with cable length 2 or 5 m.
- detachable connector M12 with outlet PG7 (variants N, NT)
- normal steel (ON) or stainless steel (NN) welding flange
- · stainless steel fixing nut UM-18x1,5
- · various types of seals (PTFE, AI, etc.)

Safety, protection, compatibility

The level sensor is equipped with protection against electric shock on the electrode, reverse polarity, output current overload, short circuit and against current overload on output.

Protection against dangerous contact is provided by low safety voltage according to 33 2000-4-41.

Electromagnetic compatibility is provided by conformity with standards EN 55011 / B, EN 61326-1, EN 61000-4-2 (8 kV), -4-3 (10 V/m), -4-4 (2 kV), -4-5 (1 kV) and -4-6 (10 V).

A declaration of conformity was issued for this device in the wording of Act No. 90/2016 Coll., as amended. Supplied electrical equipment matches the requirements of valid European directives for safety and electromagnetic compatibility.

13. Functional safety

The CPK-C-23 capacitive level sensors meet the safety integrity level requirements according to standard EN 61508. The sensors are intended for level height detection applications of liquids with increased safety demands in modes:

- · Overfill protection
- · Dry run protection

In both modes, the sensors meet the requirements for functional safety at level SIL

The sensor electronics have 1001 architecture (single-channel without diagnostics).

It is recommended to perform a function test of the sensor's safety function 1 per year.

14. Use, manipulation and maintenance

The level meter does not require any personnel for its operation. Maintenance of this equipment consists in verification of integrity of the level meter and of the supply cable.

It is forbidden to make any changes or interventions to the CPK-C-23 sensor without the consent of the manufacturer. Any repairs must only be carried out by the manufacturer or by a service organizations authorised by the manufacturer.

Assembly, installation, commissioning, service and maintenance of the CPK-C-23 level sensor must be carried out in accordance with the manual and the provisions of valid standards for the installation of electrical equipment must be complied with.

Activity during the operation:

- If the sensor is connected to the automatic control system or to emergency signalling, it must not be infringed in its setting during the operation.
- If a change of the sensor settings is necessary, the whole system must be temporarily switched o and the process held in a safe condition using other means and measures.
- Signalling of failure conditions is described in chapter 8. Status and failure signalization

Activity in case of a failure:

- In the event of detected faults or fault signals, the whole system must be shut down and the process held in a safe condition using other means and measures.
- If the replacement of the sensor is needed due to the fault, it is necessary to notify the manufacturer (including a description of the fault).

Repairs of the sensors:

If you need to send the sensor for repair, proceed as follows:

- Remove and clean the sensor or perform its decontamination and wrap it well.
- Write a description of the fault as detailed as possible, attach also a detailed description of the application and of the installation location and everything together with the sensor send please to the address of Simex sp. z o.o. company.
- Please provide maximum synergy in finding the root cause of the fault. Your satisfaction is our top priority!

15. Putting out of operation or disposal

Disassembly:

Before commencing disassembly, consider possible risks, such as for example pressure in the tank, high temperatures, corrosive properties or toxicity of products, etc.

Carefully read the product manual chapter "Installation instructions" and "Electrical connection" and perform the described steps in reverse sequence.

Disposal:

Capacitative limit sensors CPK-C-23 are made from materials that can be recycled by specialised companies. Mark the device as waste and dispose of it according to the respective government directive for handling electronic waste.

Materials: see "Technical specifications".

16. General conditions and warranty

Manufacturer guarantees for the period of three (3) years that the product has the characteristics as mentioned in the technical specification.

Manufacturer is liable for defects ascertained within the warranty period and were claimed in writing.

This guarantee does not cover the damages resulting from misuse, improper installation or incorrect maintenance.

This guarantee ceases when the user or the other person makes any changes on the product or the product is mechanically or chemically damaged, or the serial number is not readable.

The warranty certificate must be presented to exercise a claim.

In the case of a rightful complaint, we will replace the product or its defective part. In both cases, the warranty period is extended by the period of repair.

17. Marking of labels

Labels for device of the type CPK-C-23N(E, NT)-__



Product serial number: Ser. No.: xxxxx – (from left: year of manufacture, serial production No.)

Supply voltage range: U = 6 ... 30 V = 0Output current range: $I_{max} = 40 \text{ mA}$

Ambient temperature range: $t_a = -30 \dots +_{--}$ °C (Temperature range according to the type)

Protection class: IP68

Compliance mark: (€; Electro-waste take-back system mark: 🕱



Size of labels 81 x 9 mm, the size shown does not correspond to reality.

18. Technical specifications

Technical specifications		
Supply voltage		6 30V DC
Supply current	output type Poutput type S	max. 0,6 / 7 mA (OFF / ON state) max. 0,6 mA (OFF state)
Switched current	output type Poutput type S	max. 100 mA 3,3 mA / 40 mA (min. / max.)
Remanent voltage - ON state	output type Poutput type S	1,8 V 6,0 V
Output time delay		0,1 s
Protection class		IP68 (0,1 MPa)
Safety integrity level		SIL 1
Cable (for cable outlet performance)	CPK-C-23N, NT CPK-C-23E	PVC 2x 0,34 mm ² (3x 0,34 mm ² - output P) silicone 2x 0,5 mm ²
Weight (with 2m cable and 30mm electrode)	CPK-C-23N, E CPK-C-23NT	cca. 45 g cca. 190 g

Process connection					
Туре	Size	Marking			
Metric thread	M18 x 1,5	M18			
Metric thread	M20 x 1,5	M20			
Pipe thread (BSP)	G 3/8"	G3/8			
Pipe thread (BSP)	G 1/2"	G1/2			
Sealing thread	1/2–14	NPT			

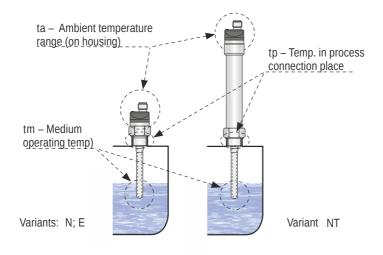
Output type				
Variants				
N, E, NT				
N, E, NT				

Material performance					
Sensor part	Variants	Material			
Housing	All variants	Plastic PP			
Process coupling	All variants	Stainless steel W.Nr. 1.4305 (AISI 303)			
Electrode	All variants	Stainless steel W.Nr. 1.4305 (AISI 303)			
Electrode insulation	CPK-C-2311	Plastic PP			
Electrode insulation	CPK-C-2312, 20, 21	Plastic FEP			

Working are	as and area classification (EN 60079-10-1)
CPK-C-23-N	Basic performance for non-explosive areas.
CPK-C-23-E	Extended temperature performance for non-explosive areas.
CPK-C-23-NT	High-temperature basic performance for non-explosive areas.

Temperature and pressure resistance-variants N, E, NT								
Variant	Variant Temperature tp	Temperature tm	Temperature ta	Max. operating pressure for temperature tp				
(Performance)				to 30°C	to 85°C	to 105°C	to 130°C	to 150°C
CPK-C-23N-10	-25°C +105°C	-25°C +105°C	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-10	-25°C +120°C	-25°C +120°C	-25°C +105°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23NT-10	-30°C +150°C	-30°C +150°C	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	4 MPa	3 MPa
CPK-C-23N-11	-10°C +105°C	-10°C +105°C	-10°C +80°C	7 MPa	5 MPa	4 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-11	-10°C +105°C	-10°C +105°C	-10°C +105°C	7 MPa	5 MPa	4 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23N-12	-25°C +105°C	-25°C +105°C	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-12	-25°C +120°C	-25°C +120°C	-25°C +105°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23NT-12	-30°C +150°C	-30°C +150°C	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	4 MPa	3 MPa
CPK-C-23N-20	-25°C +105°C	-30°C +150°C *	-20°C +80°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-20	-25°C +120°C	-30°C +150°C *	-25°C +105°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23NT-20	-30°C +150°C	-30°C +150°C	-20°C +80°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	1,5 MPa	1 MPa
CPK-C-23N-21	-25°C +105°C	-30°C +150°C *	-20°C +80°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-21	-25°C +120°C	-30°C +150°C *	-25°C +105°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23NT-21	-30°C +150°C	-30°C +150°C	-20°C +80°C	3 MPa	2,5 MPa	2 MPa	1,5 MPa	1 MPa
CPK-C-23N-30	-25°C +105°C	-30°C +150°C *	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23E-30	-25°C +120°C	-30°C +150°C *	-25°C +105°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	-	-
CPK-C-23NT-30	-30°C +150°C	-30°C +150°C	-20°C +80°C	8 MPa	6 MPa	5 MPa	4 MPa	3 MPa

^{*} Valid for top mounting (in vertical position)



19. Packing, shipping and storage

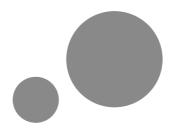
Equipment CPK-C-23 is packed in a polyethylene bag and the whole consignment is placed in a cardboard box. The cardboard box is suitably filled to prevent mechanical damage during transport. Let the device packed up till the use to prevent possible damage.

Transport to the customer is realized by forwarding company. Upon receipt, please check whether the shipment is complete and corresponds to the extent of the order, or whether during the transport did not occurred the damage of the packaging or the equipment. The device apparently damaged during transport do not use and contact the manufacturer to resolve the situation.

If the device is transported further, then only wrapped in the original packaging and protected against shocks and weather. Store the device in its original packaging in a dry place, sheltered from the weather, with humidity up to 85% without the e ects of chemically active substances. Storage temperature range is from -10 $^{\circ}$ C to +50 $^{\circ}$ C.



Sensor variants CPK-C-23_-20, 21 and 30 with the electrodes longer than 100 mm are fitted with protective caps at the ends of the electrodes to prevent damage of the electrodes, box rupture or injury of handling persons. Before commissioning, remove the caps.





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