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# **System Description - LevelDatic 120S**

#### **Benefits**

- Accurate and robust measurement in all types of tanks
- No electronics in hazardous area, easy exchange of electronics
- Reference pressure for each measurement channel, facilitating measurement in tanks with different top pressure

The electro-pneumatic LevelDatic 120S system provides reliable and accurate continuous on-line information on actual tank levels, possible water ingress and ship's draft. Every tank, hold, void space and draft measurement has its own dedicated sensor.

All sensors are located in cabinets in a safe area. There are no sensors, electrical cables or moving parts in the tanks that can be damaged, and that require tank entry for replacement.

#### **Product Description**

LevelDatic 120S calculates level or draught measurement from hydrostatic pressure using electropneumatic technology.

Two main methods are being used to measure hydrostatic pressure:

• Sounding pipe — used in tanks where bubbling air is fed into the tanks, such as ballast tanks, diesel oil tanks, day tanks, heavy fuel oil tanks and draught measurement.

• *Pneumatic 1:1 pressure converter* — used where air fed into the tanks is prohibited, such as in drinking water tanks.

Max measurement points per cabinet	10 Electro-pneumatic measurement points 12 analog 4-20mA inputs (optional)
Measurement range	0-35 mH <sub>2</sub> 0
Sensor accuracy	0.1 % F.S. including non-linearity, repeatability, hysteresis and temperature error
Overpressure capability	8 bar
Communication interface	RS-485 (x1 or x2) Modbus (RTU)
Operating temperature	0 - +55°C
Storage temperature	-50 - +60°C
Humidity	No condensation
IP rating	IP 54, Safe area
Power	230/115 VAC, 50-60 Hz; 24 VDC
Power consumption	Max 13W AC supply; 30W DC supply
Air supply	Dry and clean instrument air, approx. 7 bar
Air consumption (for each measurement point)	Empty tank 0.5 l/min (free air) 0,07 l/min (7 bar air) 10m level 0.85 l/min (free air) 0,12 l/min (7 bar air) 20m level 1.2 l/min (free air) 0,17 l/min (7 bar air) 30m level 1.4 l/min (free air) 0,20 l/min (7 bar air)
Dimensions (Height x Width x Depth)	400 x 520 x 220 mm / cabinet
Weight	27 kg / cabinet
Standard painting	RAL 7032
Pneumatic pipe connections (thread)	ISO 228/1-G1/4 (female)

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Technical Specification:



Accurate control of air flow is important for reliability.

The system measures the pressure signal and calculates a digital value. The digital value can be further refined by compensating for trim/list and volume.

10 electro-pneumatic channels can be connected to each cabinet and additional cabinets can be added to fit the vessel's requirement. A unique feature is that each channel has a built in non-return valve in the pneumatic block which is located in the cabinet.

#### Other applications

LevelDatic 120S can also be used to monitor dry or void spaces.



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## Increased robustness with smart sensors

The system uses piezoresistive pressure sensors, with good accuracy, excellent long term stability, repeatability and capability to handle overpressure from sloshing.

The smart sensor compensates for temperature variations as well as measurement point offsets. The advantages of this compensation is excellent linearity and measurement accuracy.

Each measurement channel has its own atmospheric reference sensor. The differential pressure, compensated for pipeline resistance, provides the tank hydrostatic pressure and thus an accurate liquid level is calculated. As each channel has it's own reference pressure, the system can handle tanks with different top pressure, e.g. in ballast water exchange systems.

Each electro-pneumatic measurement channel has an optional 4-20 mA output signal, which can be used instead of the digital signal.

## Measurement channel Reference channel 4-20mA pressure signal (optional)

## Information display

The information display located at the heart of the system is a complement and offers a window into the system for monitoring of measured data.

From the display it is possible to monitor values and check the status of the system.



### Host computer

The LevelDatic 120S can be connected to a host computer or other display devices such as a remote display unit or a loading computer. To accommodate this, the system is equipped with a gateway module handling the data transfer.

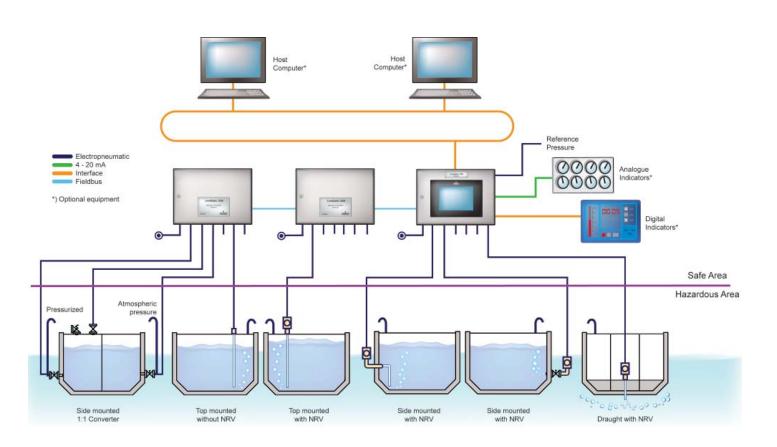
To further increase the system fault tolerance the external and internal communication links can be duplicated.

The physical interface to the system can be LAN or serial communication.

#### Installation flexibility

Depending on possible entry access to a tank, the air pipe can be entered from either the top or the side. To avoid back flow of tank contents, an additional nonreturn valve can be fitted onto the pipe.

The atmospheric pressure is connected to the system by a venting pipe, used as reference pressure when calculating the liquid level. If a tank is pressurized, an additional pipe can be connected to measure the tank top pressure.



If air bubbling is not permitted in the tank due to the liquid property, a 1:1 converter can be fitted.

The draft is measured by feeding a pipe through the bottom of the ship hull.

Optional generic analog 4-20 mA output/input signals can be added e.g. inclinometer for trim and list compensation or conventional pressure transmitters.