

# **Submersible Level Transmitters**

### **General Instructions**

The Series 510 Submersible Level Transmitters are solid state instruments designed for direct submergence into many types of liquid for quick, accurate and reliable level measurement. The transmitter indicates the level of the liquid by continuously measuring hydrostatic head pressure using a high performance ceramic sensor. Electrical connection is made via a 20 gauge shielded waterproof cable which is vented at the surface to reference atmospheric pressure.

Once the transmitter is installed and wired into a control or display loop, it is ready for use. Before applying power, check that the supply polarity and excitation voltage is correct.

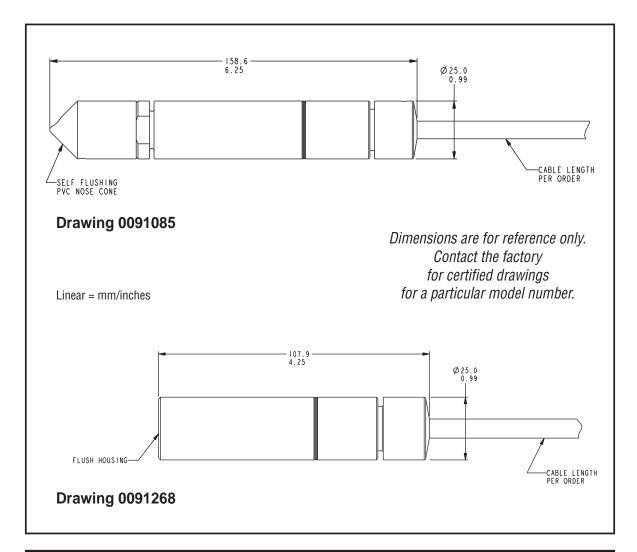


Do not twist the wires during installation or servicing the instrument as it may break the integrity of the seal between the wires and the transmitter. Failure of this nature is not covered by warranty.



NOTE: If you suspect that a product is defective, contact the factory or the SOR® Representative in your area for a return authorization number (RMA). This product should only be installed by trained and competent personnel.

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# Calibration

The transmitter is supplied factory calibrated and during normal use should not require recalibration. If it is desired to verify calibration prior to installation of Series 510LT, remove the nose cone and attach to a pressure source capable of adjustment throughout specified range. If outputs are not within limits at factory calibration conditions, 77°F (25°C), the device should be returned to the factory.



Units in hazardous locations - prior to removal from service, make sure that the work area is declassified.m Failure to do so could result in severe personal injury or substantial property damage.

### Installation

Before installing the transmitter, verify that the range stated on the transmitter label is suitable for the level (pressure) to be measured.



SOR 510 submersible products should not be used in liquids known to have or possibly contain chemical compounds that react with butyl rubber or stainless steel.

The Series 510 is designed to be self-supporting in any plane when rigidly mounted by the pressure port (1/4" NPT process connection) under the removable nose cone. For rigid installation, thread the transmitter in place using the wrench flats provided.



The transmitter should not be used as a step!

Both models are designed to be supported by the shielded electrical cable when suspension mounted. A stainless steel strain wire is incorporated in the cable for attachment to a rigid structure. If a rigid structure is not available, the SOR cable clamp accessory (P/N 9137-104, ordered separately) provides a means for suspension without damaging the cable.

When mounting the transmitter, care must be taken to prevent the cable bending through a radius smaller than 2 inches. Failure to observe this precaution may result in damage to the cable internal vent tube. This may give incorrect readings from the transmitter. Care must be taken to prevent water entering or foreign objects blocking the vent tube, either of which may result in a fault condition. Faults of this nature are not covered by the warranty.

Avoid mounting the transmitter near a heat source which is liable to overheat the instrument or cause a temperature gradient across it. If this is unavoidable, introduce a heat shield to deflect radiated heat and thus maintain the transmitter at a uniform temperature within the specified limits.

Although the operating temperature of the transmitter extends to below 32°F, fluids must not be allowed to freeze in the pressure port. Failure will occur due to the expansion of the frozen fluid in the contained volume of the pressure port causing gross overpressurization. A failure of this nature is not covered by warranty.

# **Wiring Details**

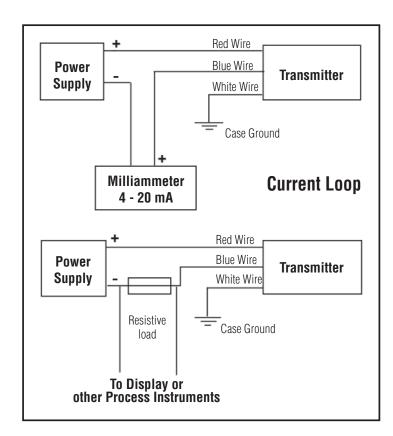
Ensure that wiring conforms to all applicable local and national electrical codes and install unit(s) according to relevant national and local safety codes.

The Series 510 transmitter is designed to operate in a 2 wire, 4-20 mA system. A system of this type requires that the measuring instrument alter the current consumption of an electrical circuit in proportion to level (pressure) changes. The changes in current may be measured using suitable instruments. Due to the design of the transmitter, it is unable to produce currents less than approximately 3.3 mA. Should the transmitter output be "locked" at a figure of this order, it is indicative of a fault and the system should be checked immediately.

Schematic diagrams for incorporation of the transmitter into a control or display loop are shown here. The supply voltage at the transmitter terminals must be between 10 and 32 VDC (IS option 28 VDC max). Polarity of the transmitter wiring is essential for proper operation.

The transmitter will drive into a resistive load, which is a function of the supply voltage. This may be derived from the following formula:

$$R_{L} (Max) = V_{\frac{Supply}{20mA}} - 10V$$



As noted earlier, the minimum current the transmitter can supply is in the order of 3.3 mA. If a reading of this nature is obtained, it is usually indicative of a fault condition, possibly due to damage to the transmitter caused by overpressurization or negative pressure being applied to the transmitter.

The red wire is the positive power supply input, the blue wire is the negative power supply input and white is case ground. Reverse connection will prevent the transmitter operating due to its internal reverse polarity protection.

## **Servicing**

This transmitter contains no user serviceable parts and cannot be repaired on site. It must be returned to the factory. Disassembly of the instrument by unauthorized persons will invalidate the warranty. If there is a risk of debris accumulating in the pressure port, it should be very carefully cleaned.



Use of a sharp object such as a screwdriver or a high-pressure spray to clean the ceramic sensor could cause permanent damage!

## **Fault Conditions**

If a malfunction occurs which is traced to the transmitter, it should be removed for inspection and test. If the transmitter has been subjected to excess pressure, vibration, shock or extreme supply voltage (as in the case of a lightning strike), damage may be indicated by a constant output, regardless of the applied pressure. Overpressure may also cause high or unstable readings.

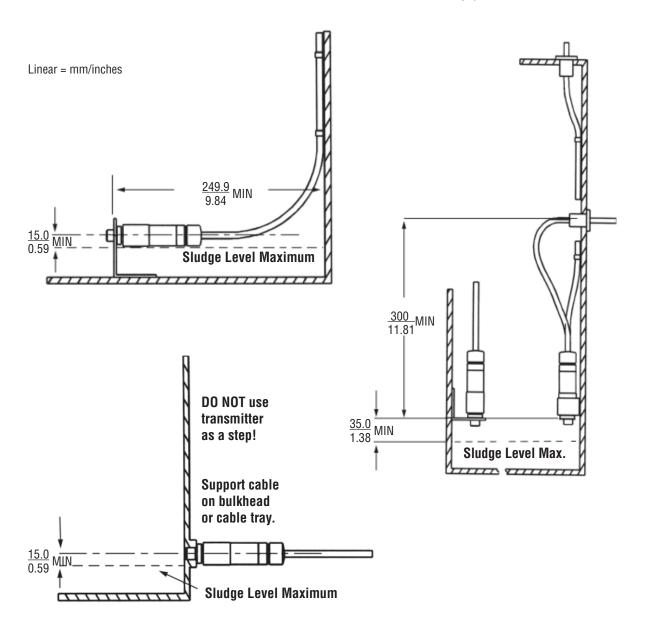
Blocked pressure ports or pipes may cause a similar symptom and should be rectified before carrying out further tests. Caution should be used in cleaning the process connection to prevent permanent damage to the ceramic sensor.

The transmitter can withstand pressure of 150% of its rated range without calibration change. Pressures above this may cause irreparable damage to the sensor. Frequent causes of such overpressures are high transient pressures, which may not be easy to detect during normal operation.

## **Typical Fixed Tank Installations**

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1. 13mm (0.52") mounting hole required on right-angle brackets.
- 2. Secure cable to bulkhead or tank wall using cable clips for 7mm 8mm (0.28" 0.32") dia. cable. Maximum distance between clips is 500mm (19.69"). Avoid strain on cable.
- 3. Use bulkhead seals suitable for 7mm 8mm (0.28" 0.32") cable.
- 4. Terminate vent tube and connect cable within an environmentally protected enclosure.





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