PA20 Preamplifier

Description
The PA20 preamplifier is used with a Spirax Sarco capacitance probe to amplify the capacitance measured and convert it to a voltage output proportional to the liquid level. It is compatible with all Spirax Sarco voltage input controllers/transmitters. The preamplifier consists of a tubular austenitic stainless steel body which screws onto the top of the probe, and has a DIN 43650 connector with Pg 11 cable gland. The PA20 has three sensitivity settings, selected to suit different probe lengths by wiring variations. These are fully described in the Installation and Maintenance Instructions supplied with the unit.

Principal features:
- Compact, rigidly mounted.
- Can be removed/replaced without disturbing the probe.
- No maintenance needed.
- Suitable for all probe lengths.

Approvals:
The PA20 is also available with a ½" NPT screwed connection, approved to UL61010. Please note that this version will not be CE marked and is not suitable for Europe.

Caution: The probe is not suitable for outside installation without additional environmental protection.

Limiting conditions
Maximum ambient temperature 70°C
Maximum cable length 100 m

Technical data
Supply voltage 15 - 36 Vdc
Maximum power requirement 10 mA
Output volts range 1 - 6 Vdc
Output impedance 100 Ω

Voltage check graph
Voltage output characteristics/probe immersed lengths.

Dimensions (approximate) in mm
Pg 11 cable gland
Withdrawal distance for cable socket 15 mm
39 mm
105 mm
Ø26 mm
½" BSP
5 mm

Weight
approximately 0.25 kg including packaging.

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<td>Cable connector</td>
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Safety information, installation and maintenance
This document does not contain sufficient information to install the product safely. See the Installation and Maintenance Instructions provided with each unit.

Installation note:
The PA20 is screwed into the top of the capacitance probe and hand tightened. An 'O' ring is supplied to provide a seal. An 'O' ring is also supplied with the probe. Use only one 'O' ring.

Note: Do not install the probe outdoors without additional weather protection.

Maintenance note:
No special maintenance is required.
Boiler water level controls do, however, require periodic testing and inspection, which is described in separate literature.

Spare parts
There are no available spare parts for this unit.

How to specify
Preamplifiers shall be Spirax Sarco type PA20 for use with Spirax Sarco capacitance probes. Preamplifiers shall have austenitic stainless steel bodies and a screwed connection, with a DIN 43650 connector and Pg 11 cable gland.

How to order
Example: 1 off Spirax Sarco PA20 preamplifier.