Thank You

Thanks for purchasing a MPI series magnetostrictive level sensor from us! We appreciate your business and your trust. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the product and this manual before installation. If you have any questions, at any time, don’t hesitate to call us at 888-525-7300.

NOTE: Scan the QR code to the right to see the full user manual on your tablet or smartphone. Or visit www.apgsensors.com/support to find it on our website.

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1. Description

The MPI-F series magnetostrictive level sensor provides highly accurate and repeatable level readings in a wide variety of liquid level measurement applications. It is certified for installation in Class I, Division 1, and Class I, Zone 0 hazardous areas in the US and Canada by CSA, and IECEx for Europe and the rest of the world. The MPI-F’s flexible weather installation, along with compatibility in a wider range of corrosive media—including H₂S—in larger tanks.

2. How To Read Your Label

Each label comes with a full model number, a part number, and a serial number. The model number for the MPI will look something like this:

SAMPLE: MPI-F8-KH-P2SK-120-4D-N2NW6

The model number correlates with all the configurable options and tells you exactly what you have. You can also call us with the model, part, or the serial number and we can help you.

You’ll also find all hazardous certification information on the label.

3. Warranty

This product is covered by APG’s warranty to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service of the product for 24 months. For a full explanation of our Warranty, please visit https://www.apgsensors.com/about-us/terms-conditions. Contact Technical Support to receive a Return Material Authorization before shipping your product back.

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4. MPI-F/K PVDF Shipping Box Contents

Thank You

For Intrinsically Safe, Flexible SS and PVDF Stem Probes

Installation Guidelines

The MPI-F should be installed in an area—indoors or outdoors—which meets the following conditions:

- Ambient temperature between -40°F and 185°F (-40°C to 85°C)
- Relative humidity up to 100%
- Altitude up to 2000 meters (6560 feet)
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- Temperature conditions:

Additional care must be taken to ensure:

- The probe is located away from strong magnetic fields, such as those produced by motors, transformers, solenoid valves, etc.
- The medium is free from metallic substances and other foreign matter.
- The probe is not exposed to excessive vibration.
- The float(s) fit through the mounting hole. If the float(s) does/do not fit, it/they must be cleaned with a damp cloth.
- The float(s) is/are oriented properly on the stem (See Figure 5.1 below). MPI-F floats are etched indicating the top of the float. Remove sticker prior to use.
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- The float(s) is/are oriented properly on the stem (See Figure 5.1 below). MPI-F floats are installed by customer.

IMPORTANT: Floats must be oriented properly on the stem, or sensor readings will be inaccurate and unreliable. Unstapled floats will have a sticker or etching indicating the top of the float. Remove sticker prior to use.

ATEX Stated Conditions of Use:

- Under certain extreme circumstances, the non-metallic parts incorporated in the enclosure of this equipment may generate an ignition-capable level of electrostatic charge. Therefore the equipment shall not be installed in a location where the external conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge on such surfaces. In addition, the equipment shall only be cleaned with a damp cloth.
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PVDF Installation Temperature Requirements

Prior to installing a PVDF-stem MPU, the interior, mid-column temperature of the tank must be measured to determine the amount clearance needed at the bottom of the probe for thermal expansion. See Figure 7.1.

1. Determine interior, mid-column temperature in °F.
2. Determine interior tank height from top of probe mounting to tank interior bottom, in inches.
3. Use formula in Figure 7.1 to determine necessary clearance from bottom of probe to interior tank bottom.
4. If necessary, adjust placement of slide mount on probe to accommodate required clearance.

Contact factory with any PVDF-stem thermal expansion requirement questions.

Physical Installation Instructions

Ensure that all components have been received, including:
- MPU-F sensor (head and stem, slide mount if purchased)
- Float or floats, if purchased from APG
- Stem Weight(s), Weight-Locking Pin and Set Screw for SS; Top Weight Retention Ring (with two screws), Dowel Pin for PVDF
- Assembly drawing

Assemble sensor mounting, float(s), weight and pins at installation location, if possible.
- If not already attached, slide mounting option onto stem. Loosen compression cap so it will slide easily on stem. For probes with PVDF stems, be sure to account for thermal expansion clearance (see section 7) when placing slide mount on stem.
- For SS sensors with float stops, refer to the assembly drawing included with the sensor for float stop installation locations. PVDF float stops are installed at the factory.
- Note: If the floats do not fit through the tank/vessel mounting hole, mount them on the stem from inside the vessel being monitored. Then secure the sensor to the vessel.
- Slide floats onto stem. If using two floats, slide the lighter float on first. Tops of floats will be indicated by sticker, taper, or etching on float. (See Figure 5.1) After ensuring top of float is toward MPU-F sensor head, remove sticker(s).
  - For PVDF stem:
    - Slide weight retention ring onto stem, then insert weight(s) on end of stem.
    - Secure dowel pin in end of stem (use hammer/mallet if necessary).
    - Slide weight(s) down onto dowel pin
    - Lock weight(s) in place by sliding weight retention ring down to top weight, tighten ring
  - For SS stem:
    - Insert weight(s) on end of stem.
    - Insert weight-locking pin into end plug hole.
    - Lock into place with set screw, using 1/8" Allen wrench

Install MPU-F sensor on tank
- When lifting and installing the sensor be sure to minimize the bending angle between the rigid stem at the top and bottom of the sensor and the flexible stem in-between. Sharp bends at those points could damage the sensor. The 10" bend radius of the PVDF probe’s shipping box can be used as a guide for the smallest allowable bend for the PVDF stem (see PVDF Shipping Box Contents, section 4).
- If your sensor’s stem and float(s) fit through the mounting hole, insert the weight and the floats into the mount opening.
- Carefully unroll and feed the MPU-F sensor stem into the tank, being careful not to let the float(s) drop uncontrolled on the stem. Slide the mount up to the top of the stem.
  - For PVDF stem:
    - When the weight is on the bottom of the tank, secure the mounting option to the vessel.
    - Take any slack out of the flexible stem, raising bottom of stem to previously calculated clearance height (see section 7).
    - Tighten the compression fitting to hold stem in place.
  - For SS stem:
    - When the weight is on the bottom of the tank, secure the mounting option to the vessel.
    - Take any slack out of the flexible stem.
    - Tighten the compression fitting to hold stem in place.

Electrical Installation Instructions

- Remove the housing cover of your MPU.
- Feed system wires into MPU through NPT conduit openings. Any fittings used must be UL/CSA Listed for CSA installation.
- Connect wires to MPU terminals. Use crimped ferrules on wires, if possible.
- Replace the housing cover.

See Sensor and System Wiring Diagrams (section 10) for wiring examples.
**General Care**

Your level sensor is very low maintenance and will need little care as long as it was installed correctly. However, in general, you should periodically inspect your MPI unit to ensure the stem is free of any heavy buildup that might impede the movement of the float(s). If sediment or other foreign matter becomes trapped between the stem and floats, detection errors can occur. If you need to remove the float(s) from the stem of your MPI, be sure to note the orientation of the floats prior to removal. This will help ensure proper re-installation of the floats.

Also, ensure that the housing cover is snugly secured. If the cover becomes damaged or is misplaced, order a replacement immediately.

**Repair Information**

If your MPI level sensor needs repair, contact us via email, phone, or online chat on our website. We will issue you an RMA number with instructions.

- **Phone**: 888-525-7300
- **Email**: sales@apgsensors.com
- **Online chat**: at www.apgsensors.com

**NOTE**: For APG Modbus programming instructions, please see MPI-F user manual. APG Modbus software can be downloaded from www.apgsensors.com/support.

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**IMPORTANT**: All repairs and adjustments of the MPI-F level sensor must be made by the factory. Modifying, disassembling, or altering the MPI-F is strictly prohibited.

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**NOTE**: When connecting MPI with APG Modbus software, use the RST-4100. The 4-20 mA Programming must be made only.

**Hazardous Location Installation Drawings**

**MPI-F Modbus System Wiring with RST-6001**

**Note**: An independent 4-20 mA power supply is required when using an APG Modbus Controller. This power supply must be able to provide the 10-12 Vdc required by the MPi.

**4-20 mA Programming Wiring**

Programming configuration is for programming ONLY. After programming, sensor must be re-integrated to 4-20 mA loop for proper system operation.

**4-20 mA Loop Wiring**

**Sensor and System Wiring Diagrams**

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