



USER'S GUIDE

Installation, Operation, Maintenance Instructions



SC404

Capacitive
Level Sensor

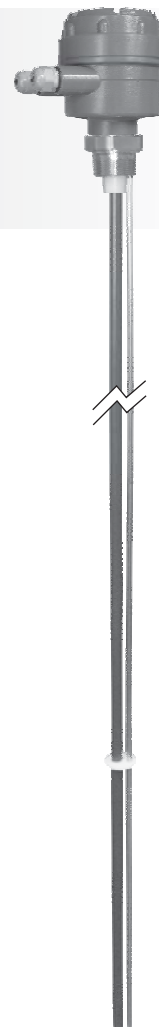


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SC404 - Capacitive Level Sensor



The SC404 is a capacitance continuous level transmitter with an integrated electronics module mounted within the housing. This 2 wire loop powered unit provides a 4-20mA output. Set up and calibration is achieved with a zero and span adjustment which works best when starting with an empty tank to set the zero and then filling it to set the span. This flexible level measurement device works well in many industrial processes and process media including a variety of liquids, powders and pastes. The SC404 is made with 316SS rigid rods or 316SS cables (coatings are required for conductive mediums) and can also be made with a secondary reference rod or reference sheath built into the process connection.

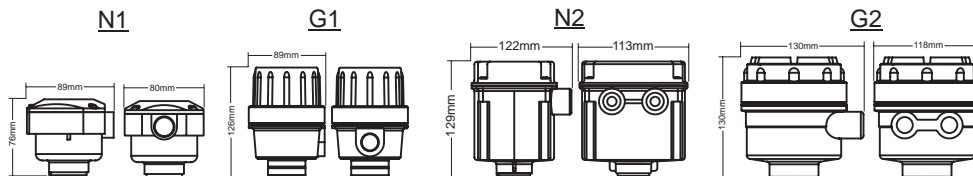
The wide range of applications for RF analog level measurement probes (such as liquids, pastes, solids and granules), requires attention in selecting the correct configuration and installing it in the proper location. To cater to all applications, Sitron's probes are offered with different designs and features.

Features

- Wide range of applications/industries:
i.e. water, oils, corrosives, solids, powders, grains, etc.
- Accurate and reliable measurement
- No moving parts - Rugged construction
- Can operate at high temperatures and pressure
- Functions on conductive as well as non-conductive medias

Models and Dimensions

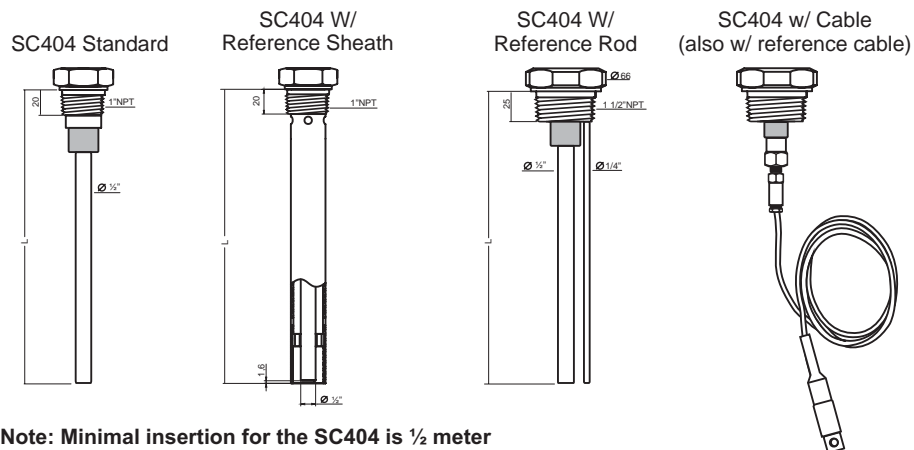
Housing Types



Mounting Options for SC404



Extended necks for medium temperature (up to 120°C) and high temperature (up to 150°C)



Note: Minimal insertion for the SC404 is 1/2 meter

Process Connections

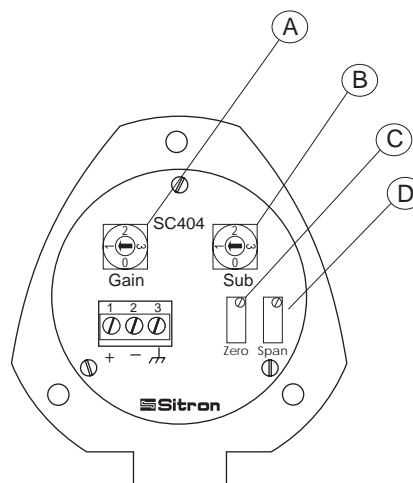
Threaded		Tri-Clamp		Flange	
3/4"		1 1/2"		1"	ANSI 150# ANSI 300#
1"	NPT	2"	TC Connection	1 1/2"	FF
1 1/2"	BSP	2 1/2"	Rubber Seal	2"	RF
2"		3"	Process Connection	2 1/2"	

Wiring Diagram

SC404 with N1 Housing

- A- Adjust Sensibility (Gain)
- B- Adjust Sensibility (Sub gain)
- C- Adjust Zero (begin scale)
- D- Adjust Span (end of scale)

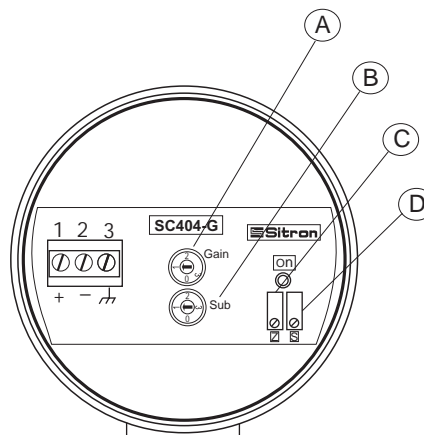
- 1- Power Supply (+) 12...30Vdc / 4...20mA
- 2- Power Supply (-)
- 3- Ground



SC404 with G1 Housing

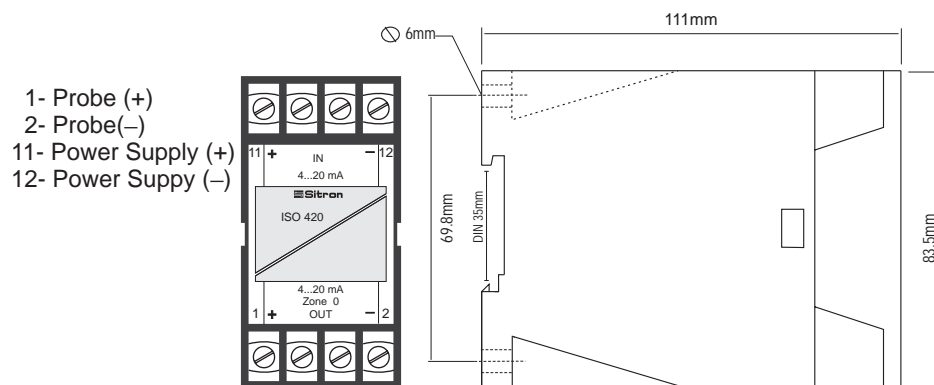
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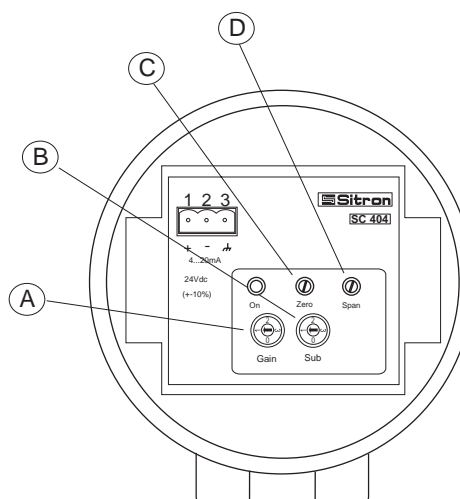
Galvanic Isolator - ISO420



SC404 with G2 and N2 Housing and internal ISO420

- A- Adjust Sensibility (Gain)
- B- Adjust Sensibility (Sub gain)
- C- Adjust Zero (begin scale)
- D- Adjust Span (end of scale)

- 1- Power Supply (+) 24Vdc / 4...20mA
- 2- Power Supply (-)
- 3- Ground

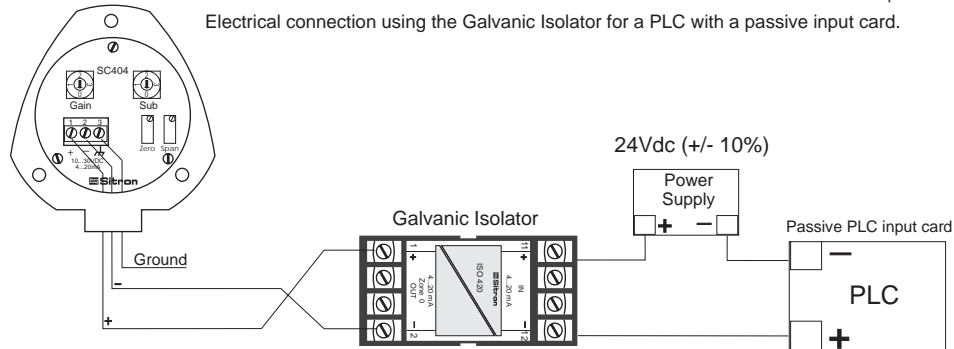
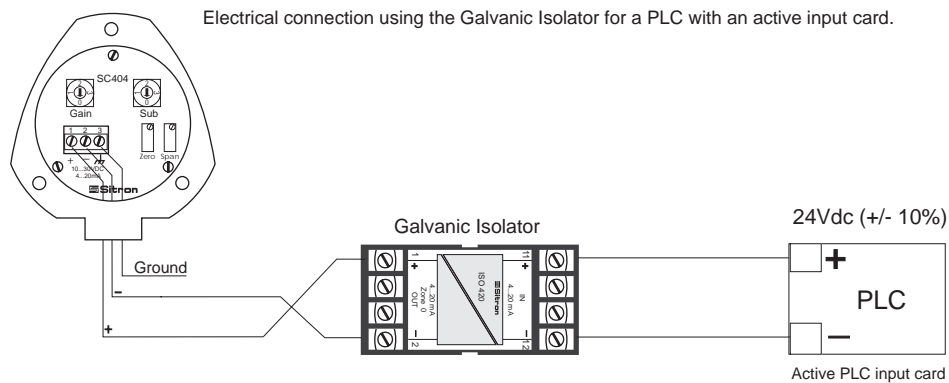
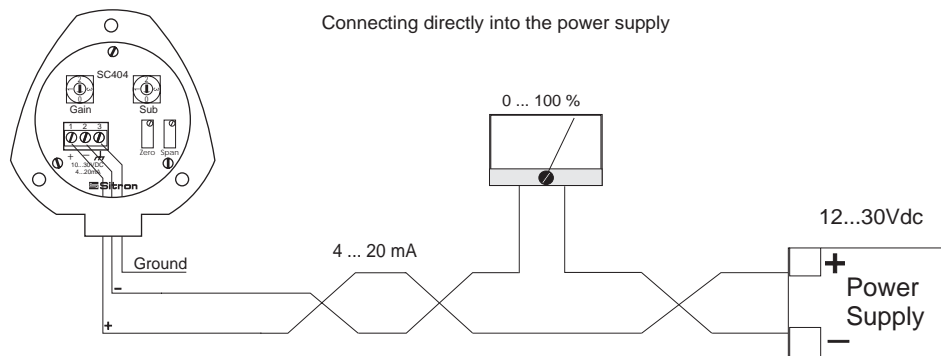


Wiring Diagram

Different wiring scenarios for the N1 electronics

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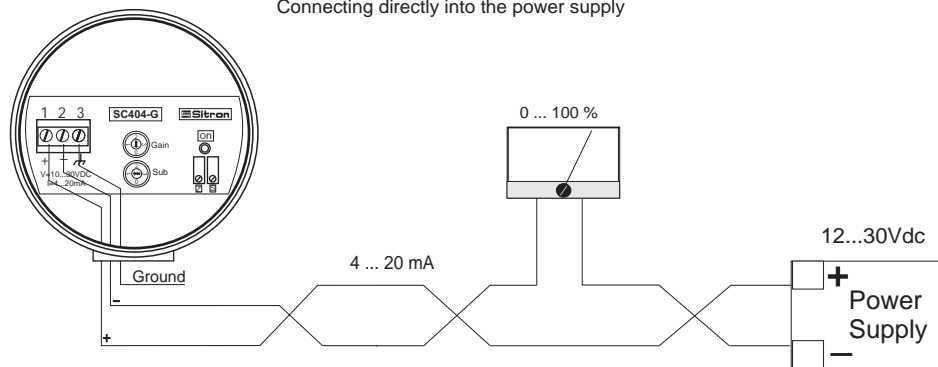
There are several types of PLC configurations and some of them have the negative terminal grounded internally. In this case, a galvanic isolator must be used along with the probe to distinguish both signals (negative and ground).



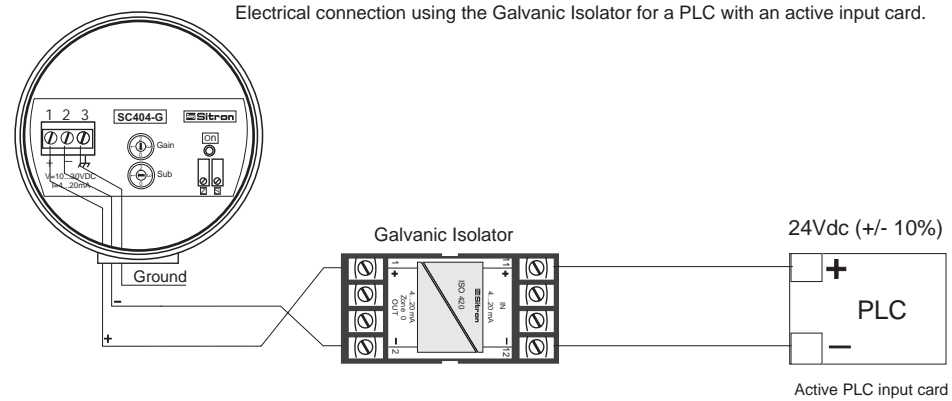
Wiring Diagram

Different wiring scenarios for the G1 electronics

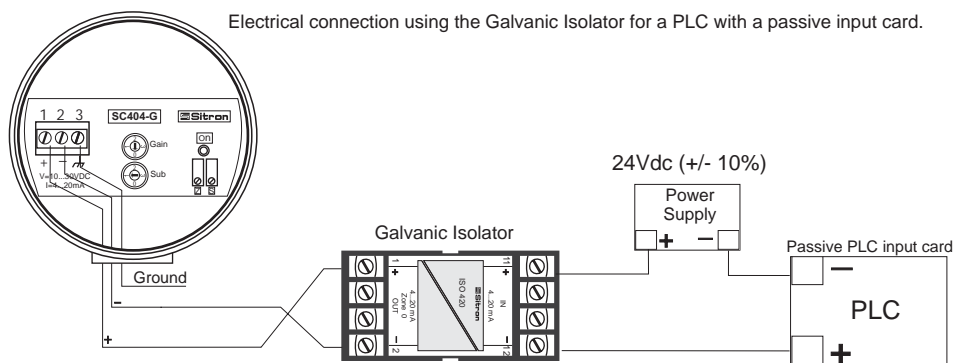
Connecting directly into the power supply



Electrical connection using the Galvanic Isolator for a PLC with an active input card.



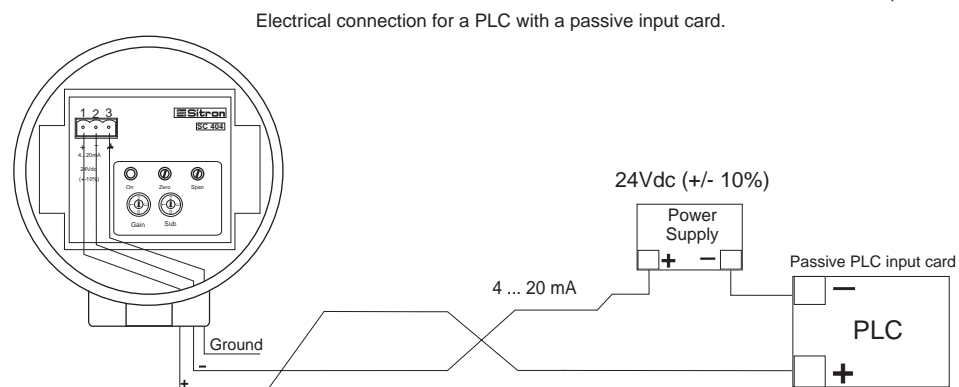
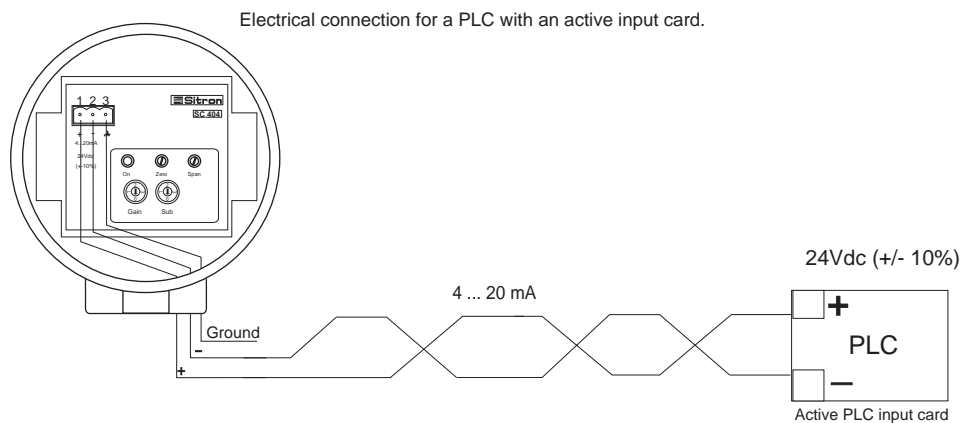
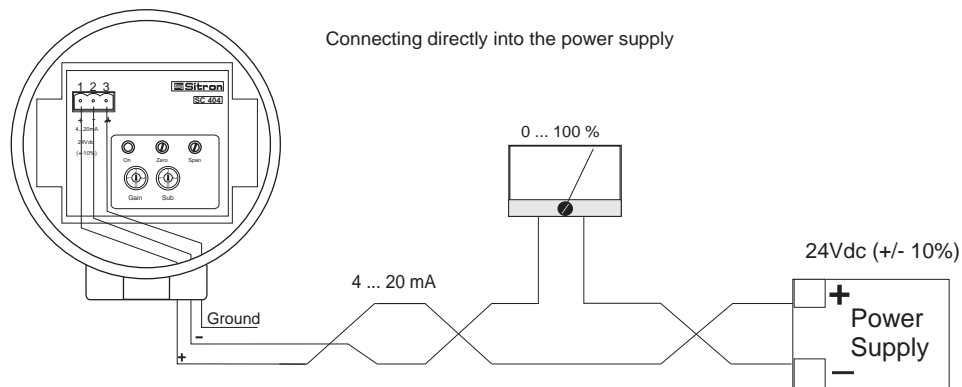
Electrical connection using the Galvanic Isolator for a PLC with a passive input card.



Wiring Diagram

Different wiring scenarios for the G2 electronics

The G2 offers a built in galvanic isolator. In this case a separate one is not necessary.



Mounting Note

Materials that are conductive will cause a short circuit between a bare stainless steel probe and the tank wall. For that reason we recommend the use of Teflon or other types of insulating coatings on the rod's surface (Fig. 1)

Material build-up also affects the accuracy of RF capacitive measurements, and therefore additional adjustment to the probe's sensitivity is recommended in applications where build-up is a concern (Fig. 2)

Housings must also be compatible with the requirements for wash-down, wet, and/or dusty environments. Hazardous environments may require the housing to be certified. In addition, the active probe might need to be intrinsically safe or have an intrinsic safety barrier (Fig. 3).

The electronic circuitry of the probe performs several functions such as rectifying and filtering the incoming power, generating the radio frequency signal, measuring the changes in current flow, analog signal generators and display meters. The circuitry is provided with potentiometer adjustments for setting sensitivity that is located in the housing of the probe. These adjustments give an added level of fine-tuning which enable our customers to control the probe's sensitivity with greater accuracy (Fig. 3).

Variation in current input (power supply) to the probe will affect the output. Therefore, a stable power supply should be available (Fig. 4).

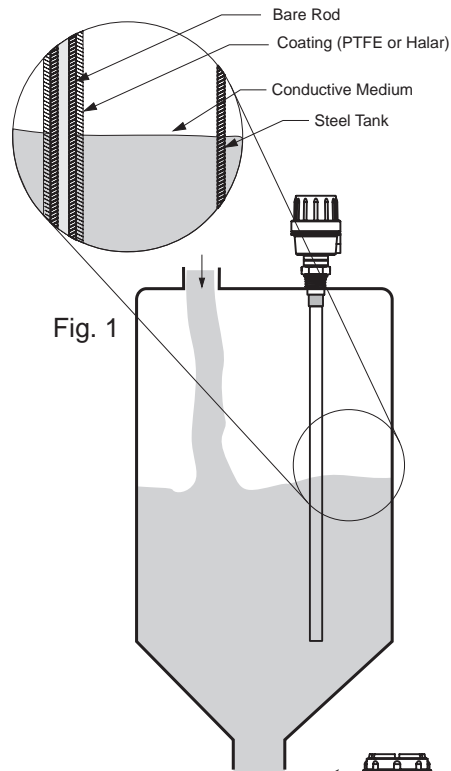


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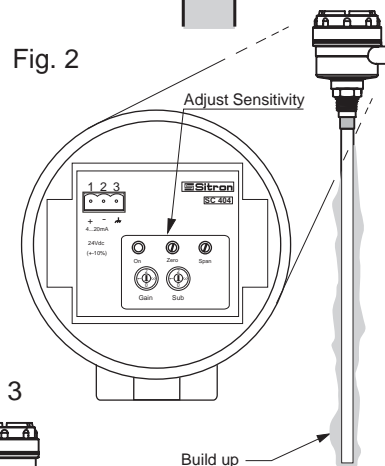


Fig. 2

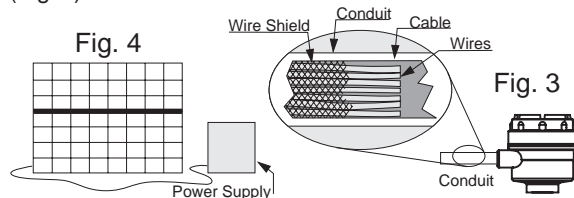


Fig. 3

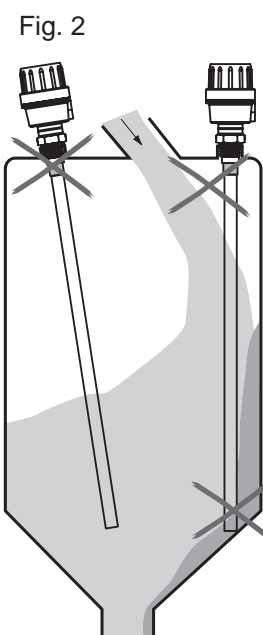
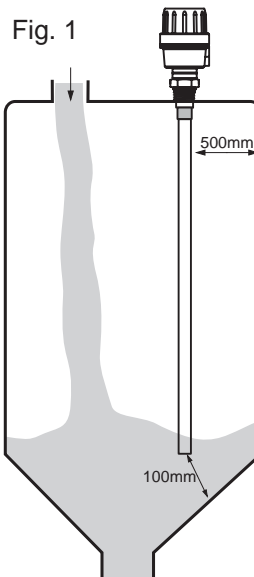
Fig. 4

Installation

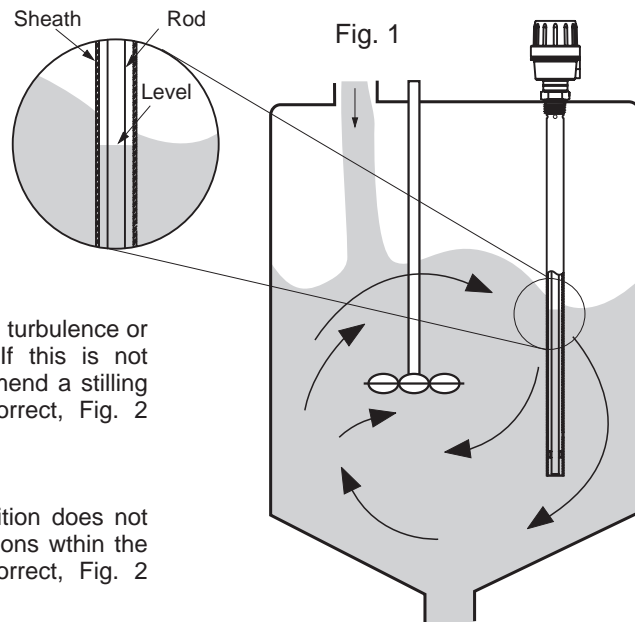
When installing the probe either directly to the tank, or utilizing a connection, the capacitance probe should be mounted on the top of the tank, never on the side or angle, so that the rod stays parallel to the tank wall (Fig. 1 correct Fig. 2 Incorrect).

The mounting location of the probe should stay clear away from the point where the medium enters, this will avoid false reading from the sensor while being filled (Fig. 1 correct Fig. 2 Incorrect).

The recommended distance of installation of the probe from the internal wall is a minimum of 500mm, and from the tip of the rod to the bottom of the tank is 100mm, this will prevent a false signal and possible build up between the wall and probe (Fig. 1 correct Fig. 2 Incorrect).



Installation



The tank must be free from turbulence or vortices throughout use. If this is not possible we highly recommend a stilling well or sheath (Fig. 1 correct, Fig. 2 incorrect).

Ensure that mounting position does not interfere with any obstructions within the vessel or tank (Fig. 1 correct, Fig. 2 incorrect).

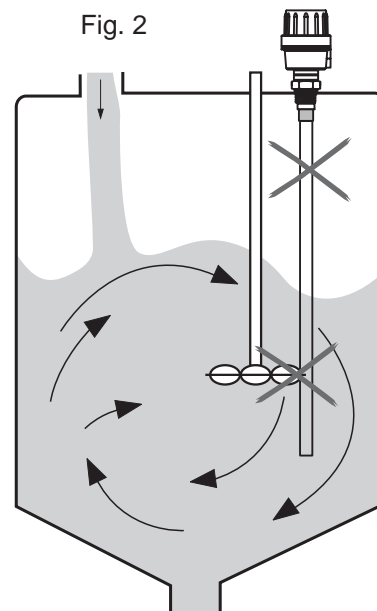
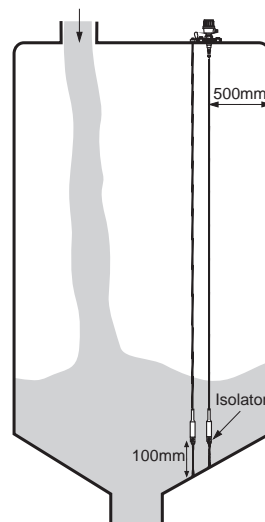


Fig. 1



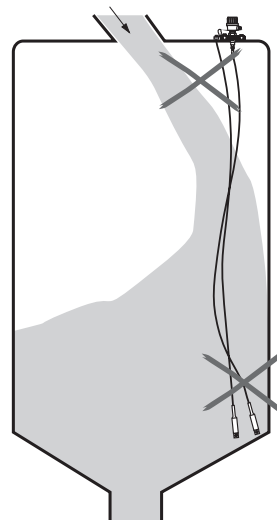
When installing the SC404 with cable and reference be sure that they are well connected to the bottom of the tank and that it has no slack. (Fig. 1 correct Fig. 2 Incorrect).

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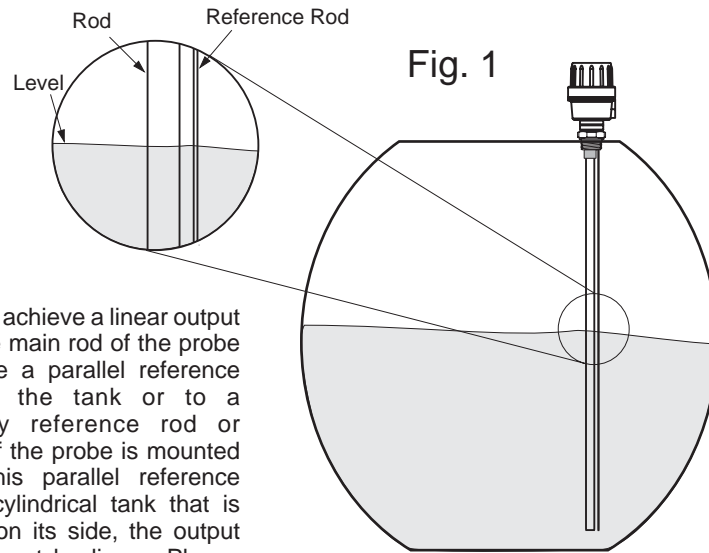
The recommended distance of installation of the probe from the internal wall is a minimum of 500mm, and from the tip of the pendulum to the bottom of the tank is 100mm, this will prevent a false signal and possible build up between the wall and probe (Fig. 1 correct Fig. 2 Incorrect).

If the cable is secure to the bottom of the vessel it must be isolated and the vessel is steel it must be isolated so that it does not create a short circuit.

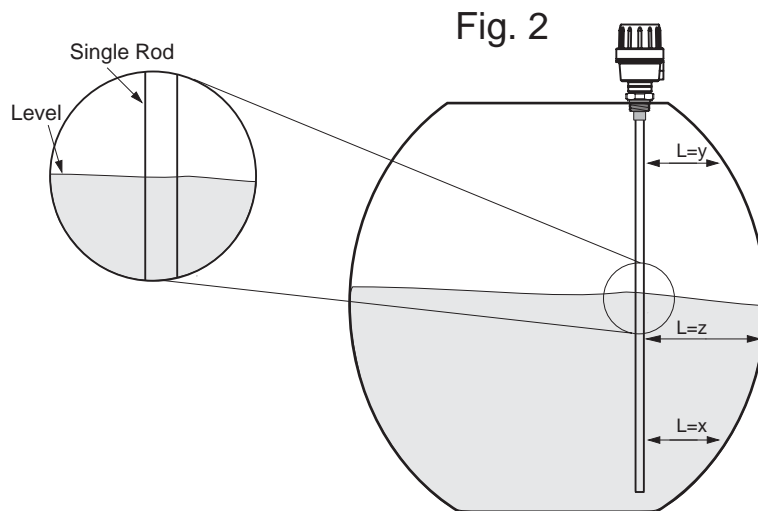
Fig. 2



Installation



In order to achieve a linear output signal, the main rod of the probe must have a parallel reference either to the tank or to a secondary reference rod or sheath. If the probe is mounted without this parallel reference within a cylindrical tank that is mounted on its side, the output signal will not be linear. Please consult one of our applications engineers if you have further questions (Fig.1 correct Fig. 2 incorrect).



Calibration

Adjustment (4-20mA):

It is recommended that an multimeter be connected according to the figure below (fig.5) to monitor the current value during the calibration. Prior to calibration it is recommended that both potentiometers are reset. Turn both potentiometers counter-clockwise until they stop (or approximately 20 turns) (Fig. 1).

1) Drain the tank to minimum level (Zero% or 4mA).

2) Select the Gain switch 1,2,3 and Sub positions 1,2 or 3. It is recommended to begin with Gain switch 1 and Sub position 1 (Fig. 2).

3) Use the Zero potentiometer to set the current value for the actual level to 4mA. Turn the potentiometer clockwise to increase current. Turn the potentiometer counter-clockwise to decrease current (If the adjustment wasn't possible, alter the Sub and Gain position and try in adjust the minimum value (4mA) through the Zero Potentiometer)(Fig.3)

4) After calibrating the minimum value (4mA), fill up the tank to maximum level (100% - level).

5) The Sub and Gain switches should be in the same position as adjusted to 4mA.

6) Use the Span potentiometer to set the current value for the actual level to 20mA. Turn the potentiometer clockwise to increase current. Turn the potentiometer counter-clockwise to decrease current (Fig.4).

7) If the current is lower than 20mA after fully turning the Span Potentiometer clockwise, it is necessary to increase the sensitivity by selecting the next level of the switch (Sub and Gain). If the current still remains lower than 20mA, continue on to the next level until you achieve 20mA.

8) With the 20mA signal adjusted it is best to re-adjust the Zero. Drain the tank back down to the starting level and re-adjust (if necessary) the minimum level to 4mA one more time. After this stage, set-up is complete.

Fig.1

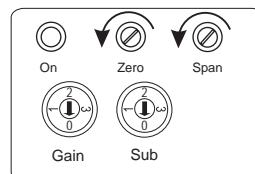


Fig.2

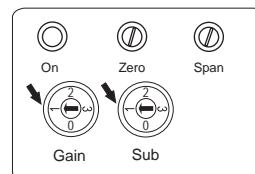


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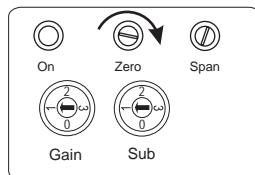


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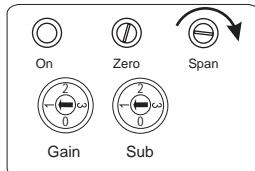
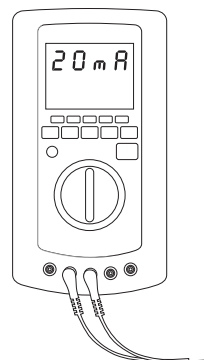


Fig.5



Calibration

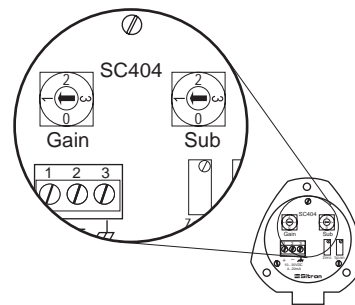
The dielectric value varies according to the product, temperature, pressure, rod's length and shape of the tank. Because of these variations, the parameters of the capacitive probe need to be adjusted according to each application as well as each tank. While the SC404 can be tested on a bench, the results of calibrating it will not be the same as calibrating the unit within the actual tank that you plan on installing it in.

The SC 404 has 3 stages of sensitivity and that can be adjusted by a selective switch. Each stage has 3 subdivisions (1, 2, 3) for the SC404 and 4 subdivisions (1, 2, 3, 4) for the SC404-G to be combined with the selective switch. Check the values on the chart below according to your application.

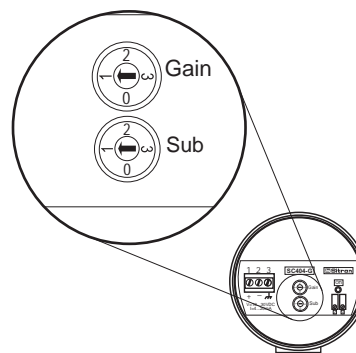
Capacitive Range for the SC404-G:

Gain	Sub
1) 1600pF to 5500pF	1 - 3750 to 5500pF 2 - 2500 to 3750pF 3 - 1600 to 2500pF
2) 400pF to 1500pF	1 - 900 to 1500pF 2 - 600 to 900pF 3 - 400 to 600pF
3) 100pF to 330pF	1 - 225 to 330pF 2 - 150 to 225pF 3 - 100 to 150pF
4) 25pF to 150pF	1 - 150 to 100pF 2 - 100 to 70pF 3 - 70 to 25pF

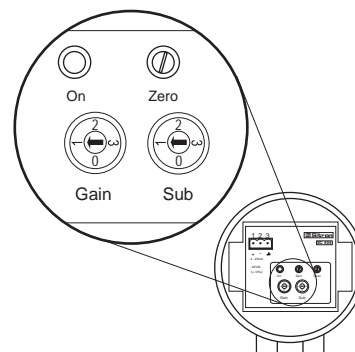
Nylon-N1



Aluminum-G1



Aluminum-G2

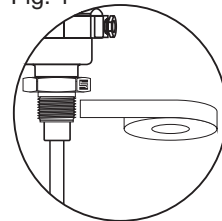


Handling

Probes:

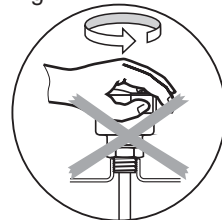
Seal the thread with Teflon tape before installation (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1



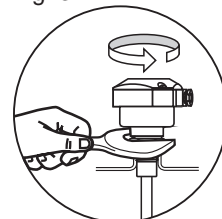
Do not turn or handle by the housing (Fig. 2).

Fig. 2



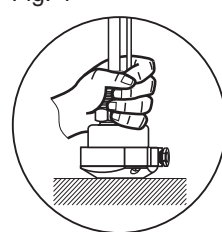
When tightening the sensor, use only use the 316S.S. hexagon fitting to achieve a seal, do not twist with the body of the sensor. (Fig. 3)

Fig. 3



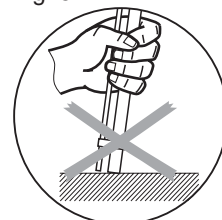
The probe should not be dropped or suffer any impact or fall that could damage the electronics or the coating of the probe (Fig. 4 and 5).

Fig. 4



Periodic visual inspection of the probe is required to check for corrosion or deposit build-up. If deposits are found, clean the sensor to ensure optimum performance.

Fig. 5

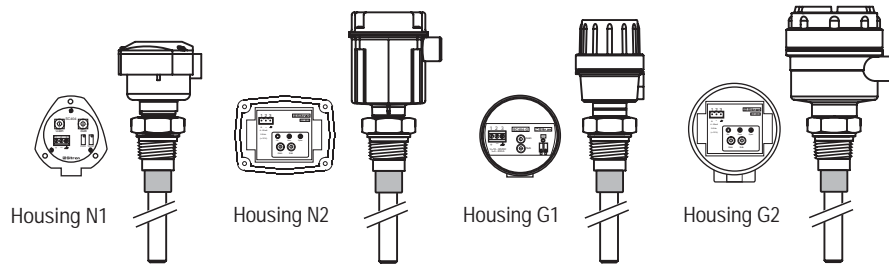


Care should be taken when handling and installing probes with coated rods to avoid scratching them. Scratching the coating could interfere with the probe performance.

When cleaning the rod use a soft brush or any other similar object.

Technical Specifications

SC404



Application	Continuous Level Measurement for Liquids and Solids
Operating Voltage	12..30Vdc Housing (N1/G1) 24Vdc (+/- 10%) / Housing G2/N2 & (N1/G1 w/ ISO420)
Current Consumption	22mA max
Adjustment	Zero & Span Potentiometer
Sensitivity Range	100 to 5500pF
Frequency Oscillation	400 kHz
Output	4...20mA
Accuracy	0.5%
Repeatability	+/- 1mm
Level Indication	—
Electrical Connection	Cable gland - 1/2" NPT conduit entry or M12 connector
Process Connection	3/4" to 1 1/2" BSP or NPT Flange or Sanitary Connections
Wetted Parts	316 Stainless Steel, PTFE
Enclosure Material	Glass filled nylon, Aluminum
Max Pressure	290 PSI (20 Bar)
Operating Temperature	14 to 248° F (-10 to 120°C)
Class Protection	(IP 65)

Trouble Shooting

Fault	Cause	Solution
No signal	No power supply	Verify power supply
	Inadequate connection	Verify the polarity of the power supply
Signal over 22mA	Probable short circuit	Verify that the rod is coated for conductive mediums
	Sensitivity too high	Adjust sensitivity again
Signal Fluctuating	Lack of signal from reference rod	Verify the grounding
Signal under 20mA	Sensitivity too low	Adjust sensitivity again
Lack of linearity	Reference is incorrect	Add a Reference
		Sheath the rod
	Coating on the rod is damaged	Send back for repair

Order Information

MODEL	
SC404	
SIZE	
4	3/4"
5	1"
6	1 1/2"
7	2"
9	3"
Q	4"
X	OTHER
PROCESS CONNECTION TYPE	
B	BSP
D	FLANGE ANSI 150# CARBON STEEL PAINTED
E	FLANGE ANSI 150# 316 SS
F	FLANGE ANSI 150# PVC
K	FLANGE ANSI 150# 304 SS
N	NPT
T	TRI-CLAMP
X	OTHER-SPECIFY
COATING	
S	NONE
H	HALLAR COATED
N	NYLON 11 COATED
T	PTFE TUBED (UP TO 120C)
T	PTFE TUBED (CABLE)
X	OTHER-SPECIFY
M	PTFE TUBED FOR HIGH TEMP. (UP TO 200C)
TYPE OF ROD OR CABLE	
R	RIGID ROD-1/2"(12.7mm) or 5/8"(16mm)-316SS
RR	RIGID ROD+REFERENCE ROD-1/2"(12.7mm) or 1/4"(6.3mm)-316SS
M	STEEL CABLE-6.0mm
C	ROD (1/2") and SHEATH 316SS
INSERTION LENGTH	
L	SPECIFY
HOUSING	
N1	SMALL NYLON
G1	SMALL ALUMINIUM
N2	LARGE NYLON
G2	LARGE ALUMINIUM
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION	
1	1/2" BSP
2	CABLE GLAND W/ 1/2" BSP
4	3/4" BSP
5	CABLE GLAND W/ 3/4" BSP
6	1/2" NPT
7	CABLE GLAND W/ 1/2" NPT
9	3/4" NPT
C	CABLE GLAND W/ 3/4" NPT
OPTIONS	
MT	Medium Temp - 50mm 316SS Neck (80-120C)
AT	High Temp - 100mm 316SS Neck (80-150C)

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In this case, Sitron reserves the right to adjust the pricing and or delivery of the order, which will be agreed to by both parties before further work is performed on the order. Any such requests will be priced according to the scope of changes and the status of the current order. Customer must sign and return or acknowledge approval of drawings along with any Purchase Order. If approval drawings are not returned with order, the delivery date may be held or pushed back until Customer has acknowledged approval.

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Terms & Conditions

Termination Fee Schedule:

Order entered but not released for manufacturing	10%
Order in any stage of production	75%
Order complete and ready for shipment	100%

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Sitron is not responsible for damage to Sitron's Products or other equipment or products because of improper installation or misapplication of the Products by Buyer. Installation or startup of Sitron's equipment must be performed under the guidelines set forth in Sitron's instruction manuals, wiring diagrams, etc., or performed under the direct supervision of Sitron's field technicians or Sitron's authorized Sales Representatives, in order to be covered by Sitron's warranty.

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Sitron shall not be liable under the above warranty (or any other warranty, condition or guarantee) if the total price for the Products or the payment of Services rendered has not been paid by the due date for payment.

The Buyer must make all tools, resources or personnel available to help Sitron to diagnose the defect without any back charge. In absence of Buyer's cooperation in this regard, there shall be no liability under the above Warranty.

Sitron's liability under this warranty shall be limited to repair or replacement at Sitron's option of such defective Products, FOB factory, upon proof of defect satisfactory to Sitron. Warranty does not include transport.

Return Goods: No goods may be returned without Sitron's permission and an RMA number. Sitron assumes no responsibility for return shipments made without permission. In issuing credit for such shipments, Sitron reserves the right to charge a restocking fee dependent on Sitron's ability to recondition and resell the returned equipment.

Insurance: The responsibility for insuring the Goods after the risk in them has passed to the Buyer shall be that of the Buyer.

Confidential Information: All drawings, specifications, and technical information provided by either Buyer or Sitron shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone other than those who require it as part of the fulfillment of the order. Buyer agrees that the designs and/or any other related material provided are and remain Sitron's exclusive property and that the Buyer acquires no right, title or interest to this intellectual property, whether in whole or in part.

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