

Level Instrumentation

# Vibrating Fork Level Switch – 135 VL



The ever-growing popularity of the 135-VL Vibrating Fork Type Level Switches is ensured by their versatility, provided by their principle of operation. The 135-VL is a Vibrating Fork Level Switch mainly for Liquids and free-flowing low-density solids. It works on the principle of a change in frequency of a Vibrating Fork due to presence of a liquid / solid. The change in frequency is detected by a frequency to voltage converter. The voltage proportional to frequency is compared to a set voltage by a comparator, which drives a relay or provides open collector output.

The 135-VL can be used in almost all liquids: aggressive liquids (acids, solvents), high viscosity liquids it is unaffected by foam, turbulence and gas contents. It can also be used on light and medium density free flowing granules and powders.

The 135-VL covers a large variety of level detection applications and more....high/ low fail safe limit switch, overfill or dry run protection, pump controls, dry / wet indication in pipes etc.

- General purpose level switch with intelligent electronics applicable for:
  - almost all liquids

- light, free flowing solids
- Two output versions:
- power relay with DPDT
- PNP/NPN open collector contact output (for use with PLC's and for Alarm Annunciation)
- PVDF/ECTFE(HALAR) coated versions for corrosive or sticky media
- □ Fit and forget device: simple installation no maintenance
- Switching performance does not depend on the change of liquid conductivity, dielectric constant, viscosity, pressure and temperature.
- □ Probe extension upto 3 m length.
- □ Suitable for Food, Edible oils and hydrogenated fats.
- □ Flange or collet sleeve options
- Hygienic / Sanitary connections
- Hygienic versions with various process connections (and 1.4 micron fine polishing) for Milk / Food applications.
- High or Low Fail Safe mode, field selectable.
- □ Switching sensitivity Low High, field selectable
- Bright Bi-colour LED indication. Colour changes from Green to Red under alarm condition.

### **APPLICATIONS:**

Free flowing solids Use only on free flowing materials stored in small vessels,



Side mounting is Recommended only in case of free flowing molecules. In case of side mounting, the 135-VL must be mounted with the fork-tines standing vertically (look for the "dimple" on the hexagonal boss.) Use only on free flowing materials stored in small vessels, hoppers.



Protect the probe from falling material ! Fork-tines should not be exposed to mechanical load.

Adjust switching sensitivity for solid and liquids according to table.





Do not adjust a high sensitivity than necessary, as this may result in the probe indicating even slight residues of material adhering to it. Avoid mountings shown in high viscous liquids and powders.

135-VL is offered in two output versions..... **Relay output** and **Open Collector Output** The switch consists of 2 modular units. The output module and the Process Connection & Fork.





### SPECIFICATIONS

Fork material	SS316	
Process connection	Threaded / Flanged / Triclamp	
Maximum Pressure *	30 kg/cm <sup>3</sup> *See note #	
Media temperature	- 20°C to + 130°C	
Ambient temperature range	- 20°C to + 70°C	
Insertion length	127 to 3000 mm	
Process connection size	Min. 1" BSP / NPT or 1" flanged	

# For Higher pressures consult factory Atmospheric 135-VL X C,U,P,Q versions

For positioning the fork-tines use the marking on the

Use a TEFLON (PTFE) tape to position the fork-tines.

CLEARANCE FROM ALL SIDES REQUIRED

CORRECT

 $\Leftrightarrow 0$ 

**POSITIONING POINT** 

INCORRECT

INCORRECT

Hexagonal neck

#### Density of Liquid $\geq$ 0.5 kg/dm<sup>3</sup> medium Solids $\geq$ 0.05 kg/dm<sup>3</sup> $\leq$ 10000 cst Liquid viscosity Response time ≤ 1 sec Bi-colour LED, Green Normal Red -Alarm Output mode indicator Sensitivity settings For Liquids – Low - If density $\geq 0.7$ kg/dm<sup>3</sup> For Solids - Low - If density $\ge 0.5 \text{ kg/dm}^3$



Liquids: Switching point as well as the switch differential depends on liquid density and mounting position. (Values are for water at 25 °C). Solids : Switching point as well as the switch differential depends on material quality and mounting position.

DESCRIPTION	RELAY OUTPUT VERSION	3 WIRE PNP-NPN OPEN COLLECTOR VERSION
Model	135 VL-R	135 VL-C
Housing Material	Polyurethane painted Aluminium	Stainless Steel, 304
Fail safe high/low selection	By slide switch (field selectable)	By slide switch (field selectable)
Sensitivity programming (Low/High Density)	By slide switch (field selectable)	By slide switch (field selectable)
Output rating	Potential free DPDT relay, 250 VAC, 5 A	PNP/NPN Transistor : 350 mA max.
Electric connections (wire cross section)	(2 x ¾" UNF)	Reverse polarity, over-current and overload
(1.5 sq.max.)	2 x <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " NPT (standard)	Protection – connector PG 11
Supply Voltage	115/230 VAC, 24 VDC (selectable)	$24 \text{ VDC} \pm 10\%$
Consumption	< 5 VA	< 2.7 W
Mechanical protection	IP 65	IP 65 (with boot)
Weight (standard)	≤ 1.6 kg	≤ 0.8 kg



### **ORDERING INFORMATION**





\*\*\* Continuous developments may necessitate changes without notice.

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