



## **Assembly and operating Instructions**

### **Variable Area Flow Meters**

### **RA 60 / FA 60**



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## 1. Foreword

These Installation and Operating Instructions are applicable to devices of Series RA 60 and FA 60. Please follow all instructions and information given for installation, operation, inspection and maintenance. The Instructions form a component part of the device, and should be kept in an appropriate place accessible to the personnel in the vicinity of the location. Where various plant components are operated together, the operating instructions pertaining to the other devices should also be observed.

## 2. Safety

### 2.1. Symbol and meaning



Safety notice

This symbol is placed against all directions/information relating to occupational health and safety in these Installation and Operating Instructions, and draws attention to danger to life and limb. Such notices should be strictly observed.

### 2.2. General safety directions and exemption from liability

This document contains basic instructions for the installation, operation, inspection and maintenance of the variable area flow meter. Non-observance of these directions can lead to hazardous situations for man and beast and also to damage to property, for which Kirchner und Tochter disclaims all liability.

The operator is required to rule out potentially hazardous situations through voltage and released media energy.

### 2.3. Intended use

The Series RA 60 / FA 60 device is a variable area flow meter designed for liquids and gases, and for installation in vertical pipe runs. Installation in the pipeline should be carried out solely in accordance with these Instructions. The required version of variable area flow meter should be selected on the basis of the pipe diameter at the point of use of the device. The limit values pertaining to the device are given in Section 10 and should not be exceeded. Modifications or other alterations to the flow meter may only be carried out by Kirchner und Tochter. Installation in horizontal pipe runs is possible using appropriate pipe bends. The direction of flow must always be from bottom to top. Details of the process product and the operating conditions are marked on the measuring glass.



## 2.4. Special safety instructions concerning glass devices



For safety reasons, we recommend fitting a protective shield in front of the measuring tube when starting up flow meters fitted with glass measuring tubes. The devices should not be operated where there is a risk of pressure surges (water hammer)!

To avoid glass breakage, all fitting work between measuring glass and heads inside the glass should be carried out by twisting and simultaneously pressing after having wetted the packing rings/gaskets.

## 2.5. Information for Operator and operating personnel

Authorized installation, operating, inspection and maintenance personnel should be suitably qualified for the jobs assigned to them, and should receive appropriate training and instruction.

## 2.6. Regulations and guidelines

In addition to the directions given in these Installation and Operating Instructions, observe the regulations, guidelines and standards, such as DIN EN, and, for specific applications, the codes of practice issued by DVGW (gas and water) and VdS (underwriters), or the equivalent national codes, and applicable national accident prevention regulations.

## 2.7. Notice as required by the hazardous materials directive

In accordance with the law concerning handling of waste (critical waste) and the hazardous materials directive (general duty to protect), we would point out that all flow meters returned to Kirchner und Tochter for repair are required to be free from any and all hazardous substances (alkaline solutions, acids, solvents, etc.).



Make sure that devices are thoroughly rinsed out to neutralize hazardous substances.

## 3. Transport and storage

Always use the original packing for transport, handling and storage. Protect the device against rough handling, impact, jolts, etc.

## 4. Installation

### 4.1. Work preparatory to installation

Preparation of the installation point:

- Check the pipe run at the point of installation. Variable area flow meters are only suitable for vertical installation and an upward flow direction (from bottom to top). For all other installation situations, appropriate pipe bends need to be fitted in the existing pipeline to ensure upward vertical flow through the device. Unimpeded straight inlet and outlet runs upstream and downstream of the flow meter should



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measure 5 x DN. Control equipment for gaseous media in particular should be installed downstream of the flow meter.

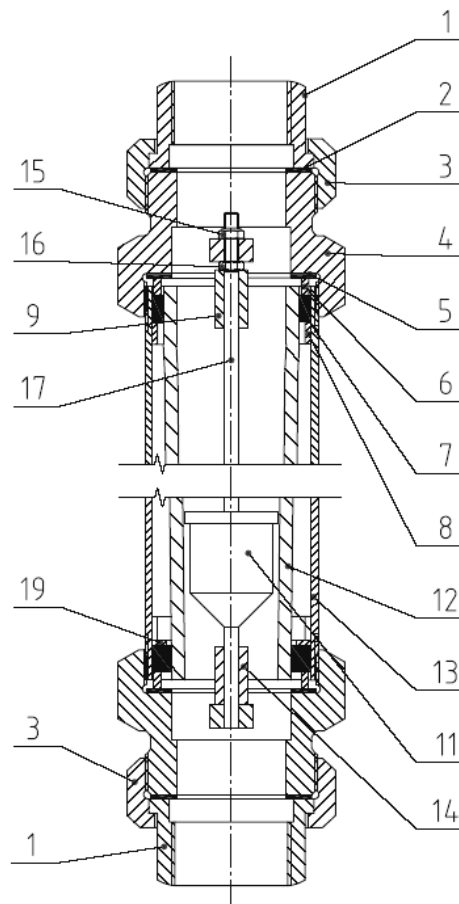
- If necessary, support the pipeline on both sides of the flow meter to prevent vibration from being transferred to the device.
- Before connecting, clean the pipelines leading to the device by blowing out or flushing.
- Prepare the installation point for the measuring device with appropriate pipe threads (RA 60) or flanges (FA 60) before beginning installation work. Pay attention to the correct spacing of the sealing faces and to exact alignment.
- Under no circumstances should the variable area flow meter be used to draw the pipe ends together (install free of stresses!). Do not over-tighten the union nuts.

Preparation of the measuring device:

- Remove the device from the transport packing.
- Remove the transport protection stoppers from the ends of the device.
- Pull the float securing rod out of the device (PVC red or grey).
- Check that the float can move freely in the device.
- Have ready: flat gaskets (FA 60) or packing material such as hemp (RA 60). These are not included with the supply.

## 4.2. Installation RA 60

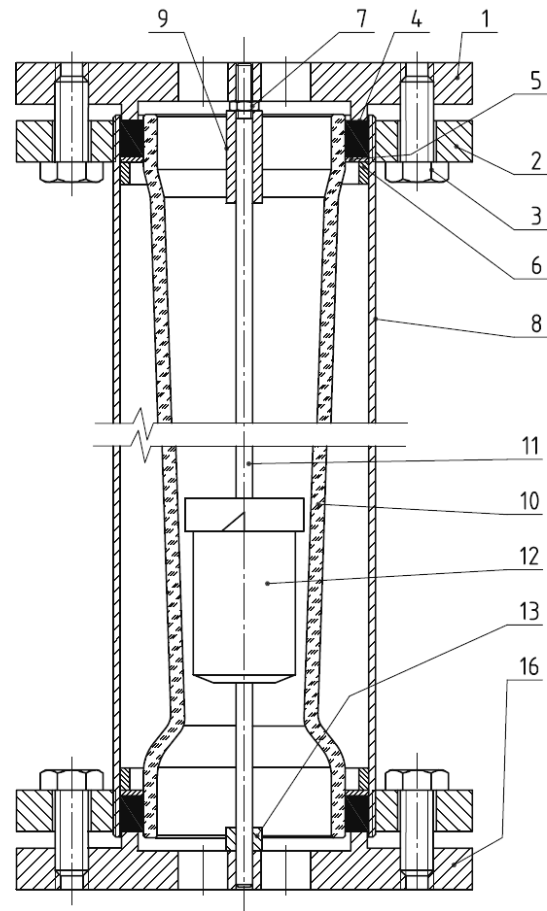
- Remove the insert, Item 1, and the union nuts, Item 3, from the device.
- Slip the union nuts over the ends of the pipeline at the installation point.
- Screw the inserts using packing material (e.g. hemp) to the ends of the pipeline.
- Slide the device together with the flat gaskets, Item 2, on both ends into the installation point.
- Screw the union nuts, Item 3, on to the device heads, Item 4, and tighten them so that the device is positioned in the pipeline free of stresses.





### 4.3. Installation FA 60

- Slide the device together with the flat gaskets (not included with supply) at both ends (Item 1) into the installation point.
- Check that the flat gaskets are in alignment and do not project into the pipeline.
- Fit the bolts and nuts of the flanged connection loosely.
- Tighten the bolted connection between customer-supplied flange and Item 1 in diagonally opposite sequence so that the device is fixed free of stresses in the pipeline.



### 5. Start-up

The device must be properly installed before it is started up.

- Check all device connections.
- To set the flow: pressurize the pipelines by slowly opening the shut-off valves. On liquid service: carefully evacuate the pipeline.
- Check the leak-tightness of all components and, if necessary, tighten down threaded joints or screw connections.

### 6. Readings in operation

The flow value is read off from the scale on the glass cone at the top edge of the float. The measured-value readings are only correct when the operating condition at the measuring point (flowing medium, operating pressure and temperature) corresponds to the values marked on the measuring glass. If operating conditions should differ, the measured value must be corrected with the aid of the general float equation, which you will find in our technical documents.

You can also do the recalculation with the help of our conversion program given on our homepage: [www.kt-web.de](http://www.kt-web.de), Section "Physical Basics".



## 7. Limit switches MSK1 / MSK12 / MSKW

The flow meter can be equipped with limit switches to provide local indication with monitoring function. The limit switches consist of a limit switch (reed switch) that is switched over by the magnet integrated in the float. The limit switch is guided in a guide slot in the protective case and can be adjusted over the full measuring range. The reed switches have a bistable characteristic.

Uncontrolled current and voltage peaks can occur in the case of inductive or capacitive loads, e.g. from contactors or solenoid valves. Such peaks will also occur, depending on cable geometry, where cables exceed a certain length.

We therefore recommend using an MSR contact protection relay, which is additionally available. This will increase the contact rating and prevent occurrence of inductive and capacitive peaks, thus ensuring long service life of the contacts.

Electrical data and limit values are specified in Section 10.2.

### 7.1. Connection of limit switches



- Electrical connection of the device must be carried out in conformity with the relevant VDE regulations (or equivalent national standards) and in accordance with the regulations issued by the local power supply utility.
- Disconnect the plant from supply before connecting the limit switch.
- Provide a protective circuit for the switches in keeping with their capacity.
- Connect line-side fuse elements matched to consumption.
- Connect the cable using the supplied right-angle plug.. The circuit diagram for the limit switches is shown in the Technical Data , Section 10.1 on page 14.

### 7.2. Setting the limit switches

- Loosen the lock nut M10 on the neck of the switch.
- Slide the switch to the flow value required to be monitored.
- Test the switching characteristic by moving the float over and beyond the switching position.
- Retighten the lock nut.

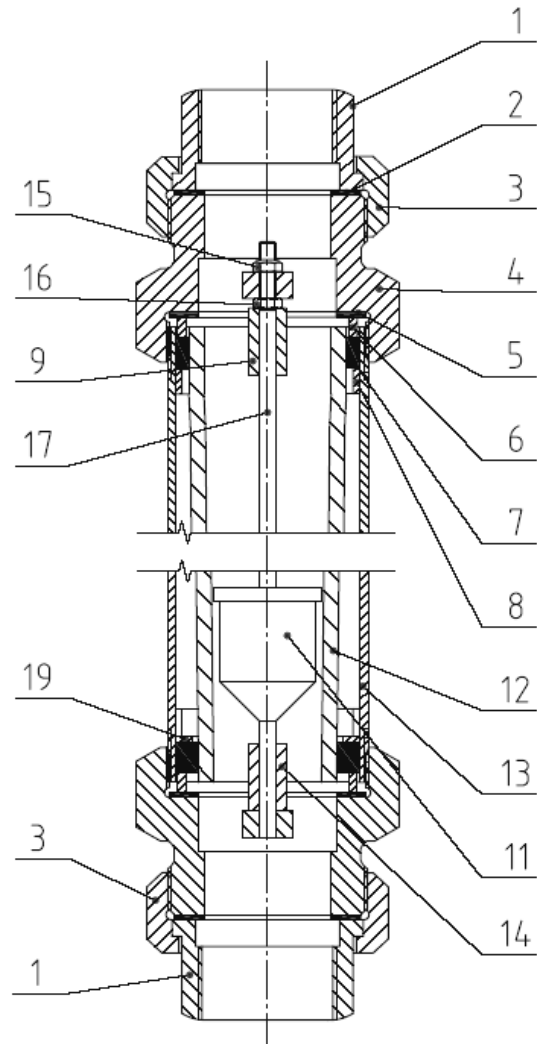
## 8. Maintenance and cleaning of the flow meter

The device is maintenance-free. Should the glass cone become fouled, the device can be removed from the pipeline as follows.



### 8.1. Dismantling and assembling the glass cone RA 60

- First dismantle the device by undoing the screw connections, Item 3.
- Take the device out together with the gaskets, Item 2.
- Detach upper head, Item 4, together with gasket, Item 5, and thrust collar, Item 6, from the device. If the float is provided with a guide, Item 17, remove this completely with the head but without dismantling it any further.
- Unscrew the lower head, Item 4, and remove the gasket and thrust collar.
- On nonguided floats, the float stops [receptacles] in the measuring glass are either helical springs or inserts made of plastics. Remove these together with the float and make a note of the installation positions and directions.
- Remove the glass from the case by pressing it towards an opening. Avoid using sharp pointed tools. If not required, leave the rubber ring in place on the glass cone.
- Clean the glass cone. Do not use any abrasive implements or aggressive cleaning agents (wire brushes, scouring cleaners, alkaline solutions, acids, etc.).



Reassemble in the reverse order:

- Be aware of the original direction of installation and the installation positions. In particular, do not let tools come into direct contact with the glass when inserting the glass cone and jointing the loose rubber ring. In this instance, use water as a lubricant. Inspect all gaskets to see whether they can still be used, and replace if necessary.
- Align the glass cone so that the markings can be read off through the cutout in the case.

### 8.2. Replacement of the glass cone RA 60

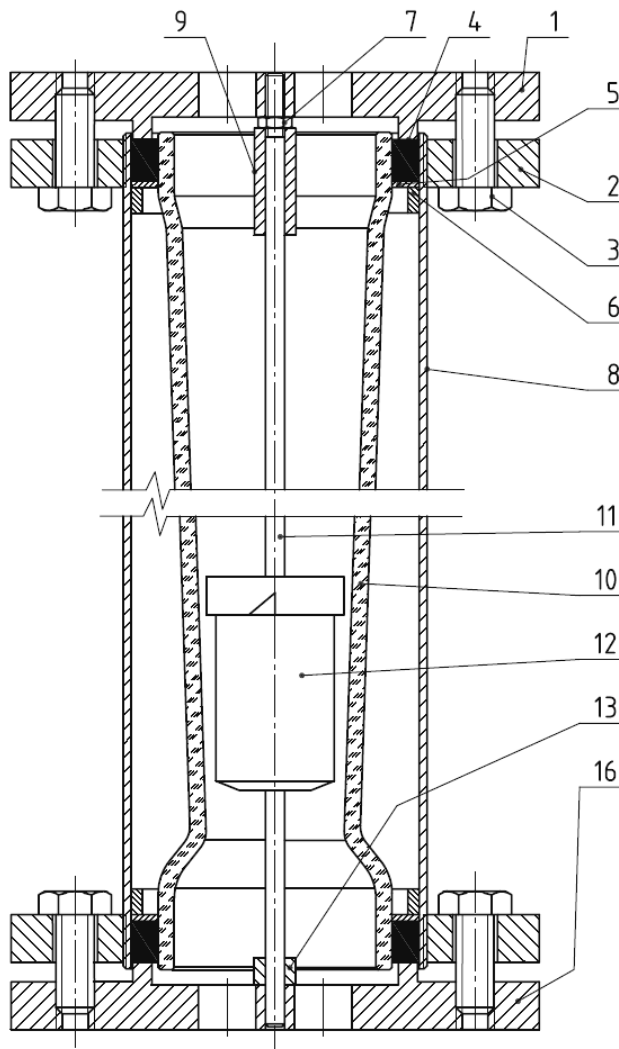
Proceed as described in Point 8.1.





### 8.3. Dismantling and installation of the glass cone FA 60

- Remove the device together with the gaskets pertaining to the flanged connections (detach the flanged connections).
- Dismantle the outer flanges, Items 1 and 16.
- On non-guided floats: the float stops in the measuring glass are either helical springs or inserts made of plastics. Remove these together with the float and make a note of the installation positions and directions.
- Press the glass cone to one side out of the case. Avoid using sharp pointed tools. Remove the loose rubber ring from the glass cone.
- The ring remaining on the glass cone does not need to be removed.
- Clean the glass cone. Do not use abrasive tools or aggressive cleansing agents (wire brush, scouring cleaner, alkaline solutions, acids, etc.).



Reassemble in reverse order:

- Replace the glass cone together with the rubber ring in the case and slip the loose rubber ring over the glass cone. Use water as lubricant (wet rubber ring first).
- Align the glass cone so that the inscriptions can be read through the cutout in the case.
- Tighten down the bolts of the outer flanges (in diagonally opposite sequence).

### 8.4. Replacement of the glass cone FA 60

Proceed as described in Point 8.3.



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## 9. Service

All devices with defects or deficiencies should be sent direct to our repair department. To enable our customer service facility to deal with complaints and repairs as quickly as possible, you are kindly requested to coordinate the return of devices with our sales department, Tel. +49 (0) 2065-96090.

### 9.1. Disposal

Please help to protect our environment, and dispose of workpieces in conformity with current regulations or use them for some other purpose.



## 10. Technical data

Nominal pressure rating	FA 60: PN 10 at 20°C RA 60: PN 10 at 20°C														
Max. operating pressure	<table><thead><tr><th>Size according dimension tables</th><th>pressure [bar]</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>10, 19, 30</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>36, 43</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>100</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>110</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>105, 150</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>180</td><td>3</td></tr></tbody></table>	Size according dimension tables	pressure [bar]	10, 19, 30	10	36, 43	8	100	6	110	5	105, 150	4	180	3
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Thermal endurance	80°C at 5 bar gauge														
Turndown ratio	1:10														
Accuracy class	1.6 to VDI/VDE 3513														
Connection RA 60	Bolted joint consisting of nut with fastening thread to DIN ISO 228 T1 Insert with fitting thread to DIN 2999, ISO 7-1														
Connection FA 60	Flanges PN 10 to DIN EN 1092-1														

## Materials

Protective case	Precision steel tubing (grade St35)
Heads RA 60	Grey cast iron GG20 (cast aluminium AlSi9Cu3 for size 43 and higher)
Screw connection	Malleable cast iron EN-GJMW-400-5, galvanized
Flanges FA 60	SJ235JR (grade St37-2 steel)
Measuring glass	Borosilicate glass
Gaskets	NBR, optionally Viton, EPDM
Float for gases <sup>1)</sup>	Standard: 1.4305 sst, Special version: 1.4571 sst, PVC, PP, PVDF with lead core
Schwebekörper für Gase <sup>1)</sup>	Standard: anodized aluminium Special version: PVC, PP, PTFE, PVDF or 1.4571 sst
with limit switches <sup>1)</sup>	Standard: 1.4571 sst with magnetic core or PVC with magnetic core

<sup>1)</sup> Floats up to size 19 are non-guided, floats from size 30 on are guided. Optional sizes 9,5 (without magnetic core for limit switches) and 19 are in guided version available.

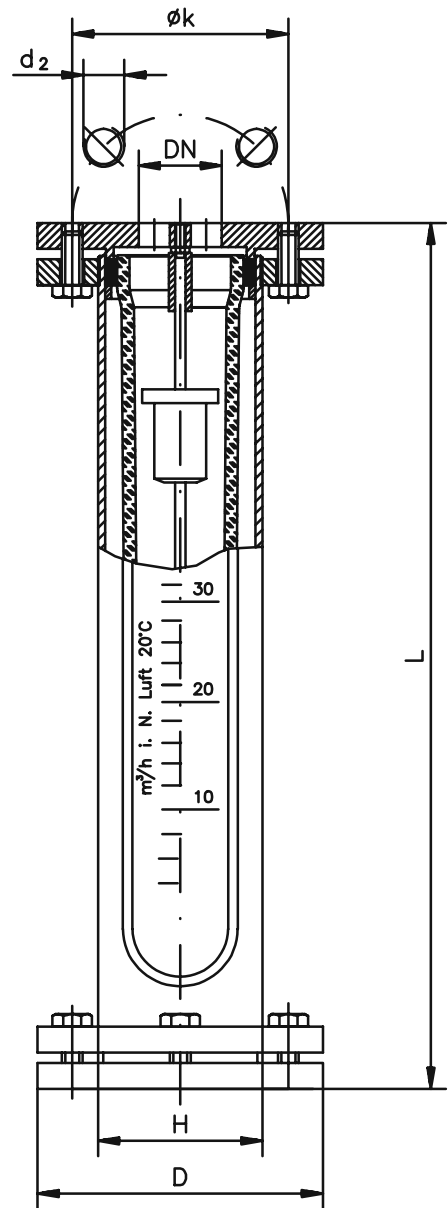


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Dimensions

FA 60								
Size	DN	L	H	D	k	Screws Quantity	Thread	d <sub>2</sub>
10	10	340	28	90	60	4	M 12	M 12
	15			95	65	4	M 12	M 12
	20			105	75	4	M 12	M 12
	25			115	85	4	M 12	M 12
19	10	340	45	90	60	4	M 12	M 12
	15			95	65	4	M 12	M 12
	20			105	75	4	M 12	M 12
	25			115	85	4	M 12	M 12
30	25	340	60	115	85	4	M 12	M 12
	32			140	100	4	M 16	M 16
	40			150	110	4	M 16	M 16
36	32	340	75	140	100	4	M 16	M 16
	40			150	110	4	M 16	M 16
	50			165	125	4	M 16	M 16
43	40	340	95	150	110	4	M 16	M 16
	50			165	125	4	M 16	M 16
	65			185	145	4	M 16	M 16
100	65	340	115	185	145	4	M 16	M 16
	80			200	160	8	M 16	M 16
	100			220	180	8	M 16	M 16
110	65	340	133	185	145	4	M 16	M 16
	80			200	160	8	M 16	M 16
	100			220	180	8	M 16	M 16
105	65	640	133	185	145	4	M 16	M 16
	80			200	160	8	M 16	M 16
	100			220	180	8	M 16	M 16
150	80 <sup>2)</sup>	640	178	220	160	8	M 16	M 16
	100			220	180	8	M 16	M 16
	125			250	210	8	M 16	M 16
	150			285	240	8	M 20	M 20
180	150	640	219	285	240	8	M 20	M 20
	200			340	295	8	M 20	M 20

<sup>2)</sup> 655mm overall Length

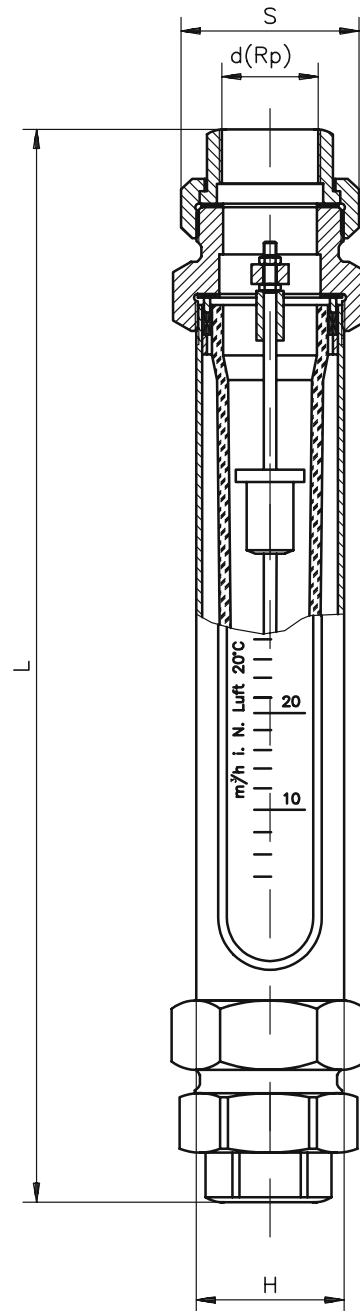




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Size	Pipe union	d <sup>1)</sup>	S	L	H
10	Rp 1/4	12	28	388	28
	Rp 3/8	16	32	390	
	Rp 1/2	20	39	393	
19	Rp 1/2	20	39	405	45
	Rp 3/4	25	48	407	
	Rp 1	32	55	415	
30	Rp 1	32	55	415	60
	Rp 1 1/4	40	67	430	
	Rp 1 1/2	50	74	436	
36	Rp 1 1/4	40	67	430	75
	Rp 1 1/2	50	74	436	
	Rp 2	63	90	446	
43	Rp 1 1/2	50	74	440	95
	Rp 2	63	90	446	
	Rp 2 1/2	75	111	460	
	Rp 3	90	131	470	
100	Rp 2	63	90	446	115
	Rp 2 1/2	75	111	458	
	Rp 3	90	131	470	
110	Rp 2 1/2	75	111	462	133
	Rp 3	90	131	474	
105	Rp 2 1/2	75	111	762	133
	Rp 3	90	131	774	

<sup>1)</sup> d with gluing and welding sleeves





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**10.1. Technical data of limit switches**

Ausführung	MSK1	MSK12
Voltage switched	50VAC/75VDC	50VAC/75VDC
Current switched	0,5A	0,5A
Contact rating	10W/VA	10W/VA
Dielectric strength	230VAC/400VDC	230VAC/400VDC
Temperature range	-20 bis +90°C	-20 bis +90°C
Switching function	normally closed contact	normally open contact
Ausführung	MSKW	
Voltage switched	50VAC/75VDC	
Current switched	0,5A	
Contact rating	5W/VA	
Dielectric strength	110VAC/200VDC	
Temperature range	-20 bis +90°C	
Switching function	change over contact	

<sup>1)</sup> The deciding factor is the thermal endurance of the flow meter!  
 Connection via right angle plug (number of contacts 3 +PE) according to  
 DIN 46350 Form A and cable gland M16 (IP65)

**10.1.1. Low-Voltage Directive**

Above 50 V AC/75 V DC, contacts are subject to the EU Low-Voltage Directive.  
 The user is required to verify their use accordingly.



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The equipment from Kirchner und Tochter has been tested in compliance with the applicable CE-regulations of the European Community. The respective declaration of conformity is available on request. The KIRCHNER QM-System will be certified in accordance with DIN-EN-ISO 9001:2000. The quality is systematically adapted to the increasing demands.



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