PHEHT & PHT NUMERICAL SENSOR

Version Monobloc

User manual

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1. General

In order to maintain and ensure the good working order of the PHEHT or PHT sensor, users must comply with the safety precautions and warnings featured in this manual.

Assembly and activation:

- Assembly, electrical connection, activation, operation and maintenance of the measuring system must only be carried out by specialist personnel authorized by the user of the facilities.
- Trained personnel must be familiar with and comply with the instructions in this manual.
- Make sure the power supply complies with the specifications before connecting the device.
- A clearly-labeled power switch must be installed near the device.
- Check all connections before turning the power on.
- Do not attempt to use damaged equipment: it may represent a hazard and should be labeled as faulty.
- Repairs must only be carried out by the manufacturer or by AQUALABO after-sales service department.

➢ Marking on the body of the sensor:

The marking on the body of the sensor indicates the serial number of the sensor (for the traceability) and the LOGO CE.

1	Datamatrix (contains the serial number)
2	**Serial number PHEHT sensor : SN-PPHOX-YYYY** X : version YYYY : number
2 bis	**Serial number PHT sensor: SN-PPHMX-YYYY** X : version YYYY : number
3	CE mark

2. Characteristics

2.1 Technical characteristics.

The technical characteristics can be modified without advance notice.

pH (PHEHT and pHT sensor)	
Measure principle	Combined electrode (pH/ref): special glass, Ag/AgCl ref. Gelled electrolyte (KCl)
Range	0 – 14 pH
Resolution /Accuracy	0,01 pH; +/- 0,1 pH
Linearity	R^2 >0.99 (2<pH<10)
Response time	T90 < 20s (variation pH4/pH9)
Redox for PHEHT sensor	
Measure principle	Combined electrode (Redox/reference): Platinum tip, Ag/AgCl AgAgCl. Gelled reference (KCl)
Range	- 1000 to + 1000 mV
Resolution/Accuracy	0,1 mV; +/- 2 mV
Response time	T90< 5s
Temperature	
Technology	NTC
Range	0,00 °C to + 50,00°C
Resolution/ Accuracy	0,01 °C; +/- 0,5 °C
Linearity	R^2 >0.99
Response time	T90< 50 s
Sensor	
Storage temperature	0°C to + 60°C
Protection	IP 68
Interface	Modbus RS-485[1] as standard or SDI-12[2,3] 1,2. sensor responds in Modbus/SDI12 mode including during standby 3. Using and connecting the SDI12 bus can increase standby consumption up to 100 µA depending on the level of the line (up or down). Consumption is not increased if line SDI12 is disconnected or released at 0V (Modbus RTU only)
Measurement Refresh rate	Maximum < 1 seconde
Signal interface	Modbus [1] RS-485 or SDI-12 [2,3] [1,2] The sensor responds in Modbus / SDI12 including during Standby [3] The use and connexion of SDI12 bus may increase the standby power consumption* up to 100µA depending on the level of the line (high or low). The consumption is not increased if the SDI12 line is disconnected or released to 0V (Modbus RTU only)
Sensor power-supply (RS485 and SDI12)	5 V [1,2] to 12 [3,4] V DC (warm-up time 100 ms) [1] Absolute minimum 4.5V with 1m of cable, boot and precision not guaranteed under 5V [2] Minimum voltage subjected to cable length-related losses [3] 13V Absolute maximum with a more than 2 mA continuous over consumption [4] Small over consumption between 12V and 12.5V

Typical Consumption at 5V (RS485) ***Applicable when using "low power mode"*** *Recommended for low power mode (1 measure uses less than 10 µWh) Subject to modifications in case of internal parts evolution*	Automatic standby less than 10 µA* (*50 µW*) Maximum peak current: 500 mA (1 ms) / 41 mA (6.5 ms) Maximum current during the measurement: 25 mA (*125 mW*) Average current during the measurement: 17 mA (*85 mW*) Average current RS485 (1 meas. / seconde): 4.8 mA (*24 mW*) Average current RS485 (1 meas. / 10 seconde): 0.5 mA (*2.5 mW*) Continuous power mode average current RS485 : 17 mA continuous (*85 mW*)
Typical Consumption at 12V (RS485) ***Applicable when using "low power mode"*** *Never exceed 12.0V for low power (1 measure uses less than 25 µWh) Subject to modifications in case of internal parts evolution*	Automatic standby less than 12 µA* (*144 µW*) Maximum peak current: 500 mA (1 ms) / 60 mA (6.5 ms) Maximum current during the measurement: 25 mA (300 *mW*) Average current during the measurement: 17 mA (204 *mW*) Average current RS485 (1 meas. / seconde): 4.8 mA (*57.6 mW*) Average current RS485 (1 meas. / 10 seconde): 0.5 mA (*6 mW*) Continuous power mode average current RS485 : 17 mA continious *(204 mW)*
Typical Consumption at 12.5V (RS485) ***Applicable when using "low power mode"*** *Not recommended for low power Subject to modifications in case of internal parts evolution*	Automatic standby less than typical 15 µA* (*187.5 µW*) max 1 mA Maximum peak current: 500 mA (1 ms)/ 62.6 mA (6.5 ms) Maximum current during the measurement: 25 mA (*312.5 mW*) Average current during the measurement: 17 mA (*212.5 mW)* Average current RS485 (1 meas. / seconde): 4.8 mA (*60 mW*) Continuous power mode average current RS485 : 17 mA continious *(312.5 mW)*

Sensor	
Dimensions	Diameter: 27 mm ; Lenght: 171,5 mm
Weight	350 g (sensor + 3 m cable)
Material	PVC, DELRIN, special pH glass, platinum, polyamide
Pressure	5 bars
Cable	Coaxial armoured, Polyurethane, bare wire or Fisher connector

2.2 CE compliance.

Pursuant to the article 11 of the directive 89 / 336 / EEC relative to the electromagnetic compatibility.

We declare that the digital sensor of the range DIGISENS sensor PHEHT Monobloc was tested and declared in compliance with the European standards when used continuous power mode.

Standard tests: NF EN IEC 61326-1: 2021-06

NF EN IEC 61326-1 (2021-06)
Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements – Part 1: General requirements.

NORMATIVE REFERENCES [1]
NF EN 55011: 2016-06 +/A1 : 2017-06 +/A2 : 2021-04
Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement.

Immunity: Radiated immunity EN 61000-4-3 Industrial environment – Criteria A
ESD (Electrostatic discharge) EN 61000-4-2 Industrial environment - Criteria B
RF Common mode EN 61000-4-6 Industrial environment - Criteria A

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Surge EN 61000-4-5 Industrial environment - Criteria B
Fast Transients EN 61000-4-4 Industrial environment – Criteria B

Disturbance: EN 55011B
Radiated emissions - EN 55011 Group 1 - Class A
Conducted emissions - EN 55011 Group 1 - Class A

Identification of the measurement process composed of:
1- one probe
2- Ponsel's cable. EN 61000-4-5

Commercial Name: DIGISENS range

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The compact and robust sensor is particularly well suited to the following typical areas of application:
• Industrial and municipal sewage treatment plants
• Wastewater management (nitrification and de-nitrification)
• Surface water monitoring
• Drinking water monitoring

3.3 Construction and dimensions.

3. Description.

3.1 Product overview

The combined sensor PHEHT/PHT is based on a principle of measure of difference of potential between a reference electrode (Ag/AgCl) and an electrode of measure (Special pH glass for the measure of pH, and a ring of platinum for the ORP measurement). The returned measure is given for a temperature of 25 °.

The PHEH Monobloc sensor has been designed to perform lakes and rivers, seawater with conductivities of 55 mS/cm and to wastewater with conductivity higher than 200 mS/cm.

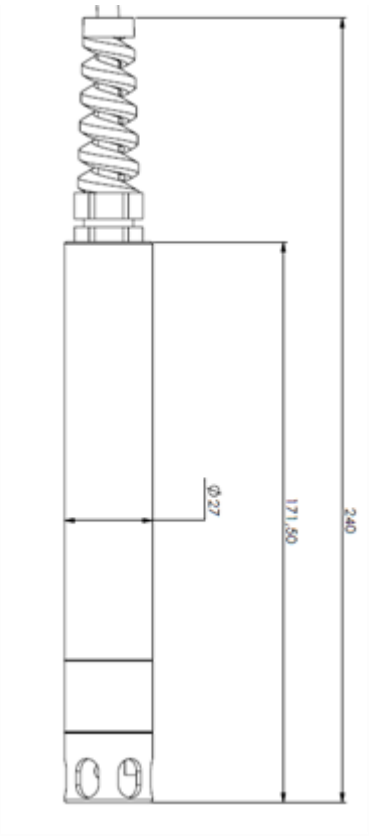
This sensor features a “long life” reference. The Plastogel® PONSEL technology increase the lifetime of the probe the need to refill.

This sensor has been designed also for handheld and in situ applications which have been the most difficult situations for a pH/ORP sensor in term of sensor resistance, quick time response, minimal flow dependence and low power consumption.

The sensor features excellent interference immunity thanks to the integrated preamplifier and digital signal processing. The measured value for pH is automatically compensated with the temperature and transferred without interference to the connected display unit and controller via a digital interface. As a result, the Plug and Play function of the system is enabled without the need for recalibration. The sensor also includes a logbook containing the last ten successful calibrations in the form of a ring buffer.

3.2 Applications

Strainer of protection
(1) Sensor body with measurement electronics
(2) Cable bushing
(3) Securely connected connection cable



3.4 Communication.

3.4.1 Modbus RTU registers.

The link protocol must correspond to MODBUS RTU.
See document:

- Modbus_over_serial_line_V1_02.pdf - Modbus_Application_Protocol_V1_1a.pdf
- Modbus memory for PONSEL digital Sensors:
  SENSOR_TramesCom_xxx_UK.xls (refer to AQUALABO web site)

The Modbus memory plane is identical for each parameter of the Sensors.
The Modbus protocol for the Sensors allows you to measure the parameter (+ temperature) of the Sensor and to calibrate the parameter (+ temperature). Furthermore, there are certain numbers of functions such as:

- Select the averaging value
- Read the Sensor description
- Return to default coefficients
- Modify the Sensor address
- Information on measures conducted (Out Of Specification measures, measures in progress, etc.).
- Date and name of the operator who performed the calibration - etc.

To have more information on the open PONSEL's Modbus protocol please consult the last version of the following documents:

- the pdf file : Modbus_SpecificationsVxxx-EN
- the excel file : Digital sensor Frame_XXX_UK

3.4.2 SDI12 frame.

A list of SDI12 registers is available for network communication. Refer to AQUALABO web site for more information.

3.5 Temperature Compensation

The pH measurement is dependent on parameters:
• The temperature of the measurement medium
This dependency is stored in the sensor's measurement electronics in the form of functions. The sensor can therefore determine the pH of the measurement. medium, in order to digitally transmit the influencing factors above, in compensated form, to the transmitter/controller.

The temperature compensation is automatic and managed directly by the sensor via the integrated sensor of temperature (NTC).

3.6 Sampling rate

PHEHT/PHT sensors do not carry out any continuous measurements, but it is possible to have a measure all 500 mS.

4. Installation.

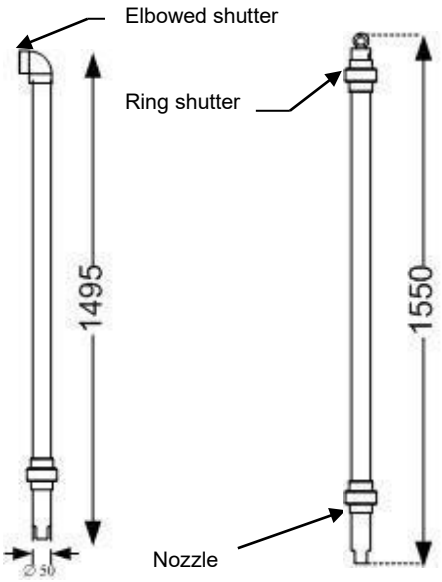
4.1 Sensor installation option

For the installation of the sensors in condition of immersion or in-pipe insertion, we advise to use accessories adapted and proposed by AQUALABO.

4.1.1 Accessories for immersion installation.
In immersion condition, it is necessary to maintain the sensor by the body and not to leave the sensor suspended by the cable at the risk of damaging the sensor
AQUALABO proposes a range or pole (short and long version) in order to install the sensor in open basins. It can be positioned a considerable distance from the basin edge with the bracket suspended on a chain, for example.
Please note the following when planning your set-up:
• The fitting must be easily accessible to allow the sensor or the fitting itself to be maintained and cleaned regularly
• Do not allow the fitting (and thus also the sensor) to swing against and hit the basin edge
• When working with systems involving pressure and/or temperature, ensure that the fitting and sensor meet all relevant requirements
• The system designer must check that the materials in the fitting and sensor are suitable for the measurement (chemical compatibility, for instance)

Material	PVC
Admissible temperature	0 to 60 °C
Pressure max.	5 bars

OShort pole



The short pole is available in 2 versions :

- ***version with elbowed shutter***. The nozzle of support is included in the offer.

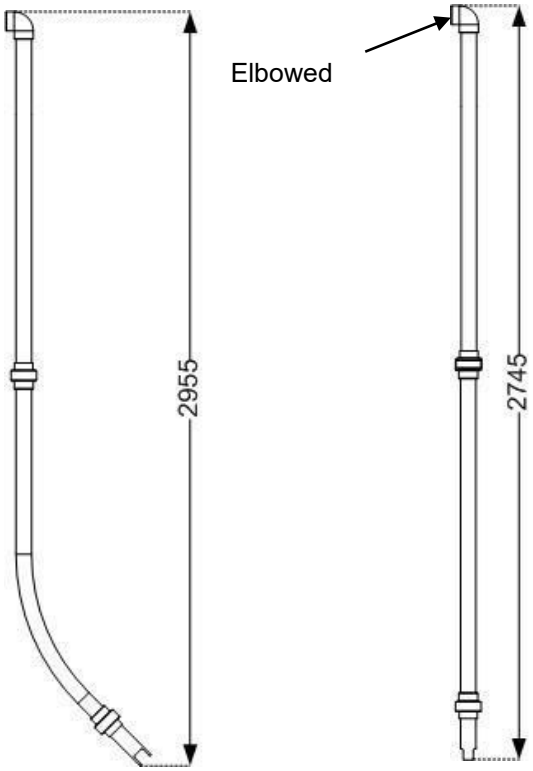
PF-ACC-C-00609	STRAIGHT SHORT POLE FOR PHEHT Monobloc SENSOR (1495 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)

- ***version with shutter for mounting with chain*** The nozzle of support is included in the offer.

PF-ACC-C-00614	STRAIGHT SHORT POLE FOR PHEHT MONOBLOC SENSOR (1550 mm, RING SHUTTER)

OLong pole

The long poles are available in elbow version, for installations in aeration basin, and straight, for applications in open channel. Every pole is equipped with an elbowed shutter and with waterproofness joints. The lower part includes a nozzle which is adapted to the sensor what assures its mechanical support.



- E**lbowed pole with elbowed shutter** shutter

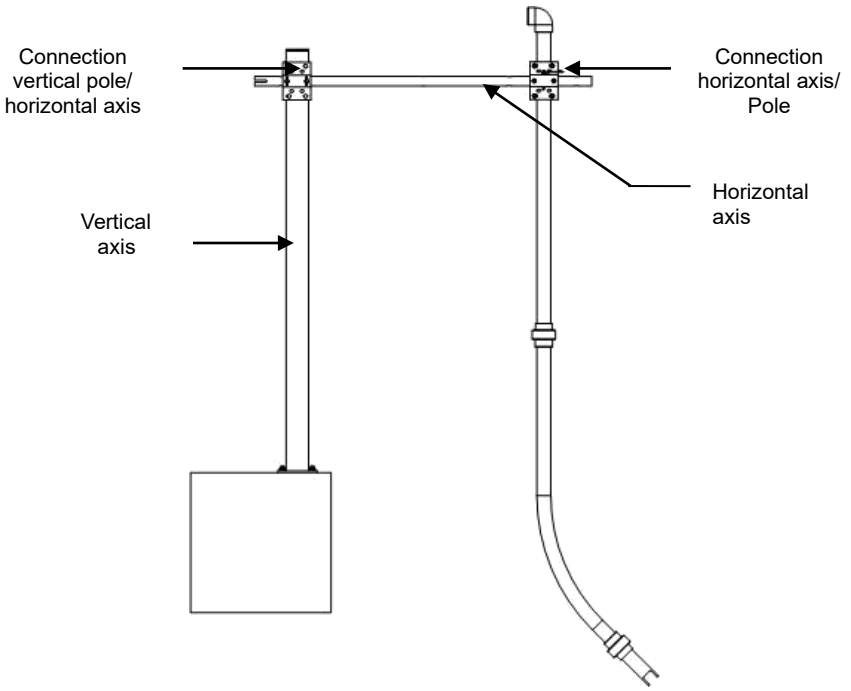
PF-ACC-C-00608	90° ELBOW LONG POLE FOR PHEHT MONOBLOC SENSOR (2955 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)

- **Straight long pole with elbowed shutter**

PF-ACC-C-00611	STRAIGHT LONG POLE FOR PHEHT MONOBLOC SENSOR (2745 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)

O Mounting accessories for pole.

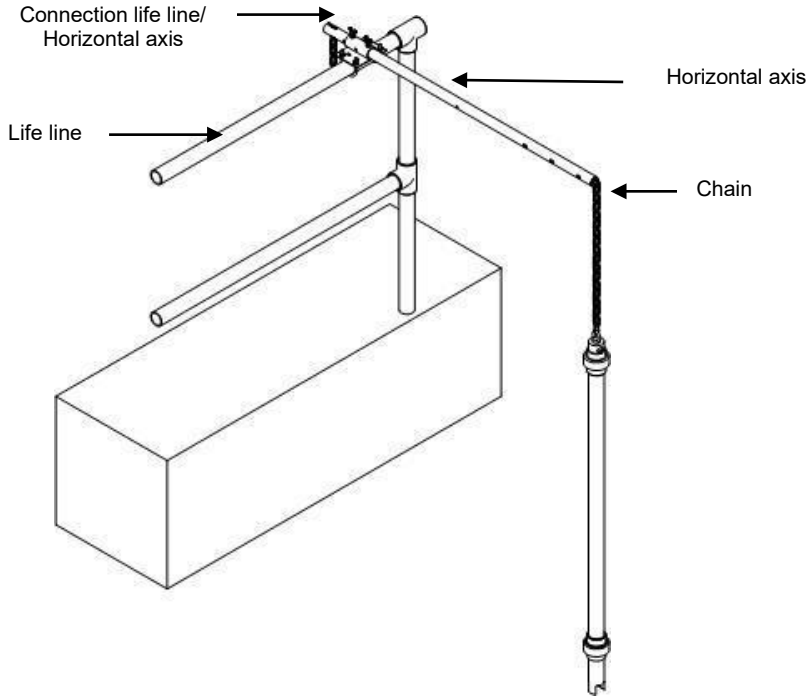
The elements of fixation for the poles are flexible and specially studied to adapt themselves to the different configurations of assembly.



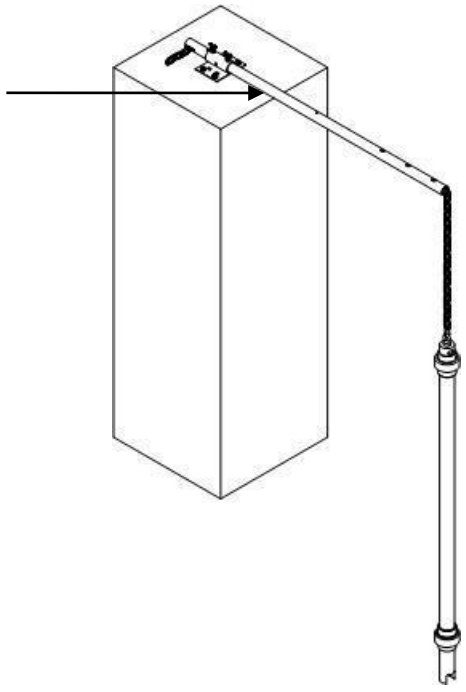
Example of mounting on vertical axis

- Pole kit fixation

NC-ACC-C-00009	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LOW WALL)
NC-ACC-C-00010	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LIFE LINE)
NC-ACC-C-00011	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON VERTICAL AXIS)
PF-ACC-C-00272	VERTICAL AXIS FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR POLE (TO BE FIXED ON SOIL)



Example of mounting on life line



Example of mounting on low wall

- **Accessories kit for assembly of poles with chain**.

NC-ACC-C-00012	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LOW WALL)
NC-ACC-C-00013	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LIFE LINE)
NC-ACC-C-00014	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON VERTICAL AXIS)

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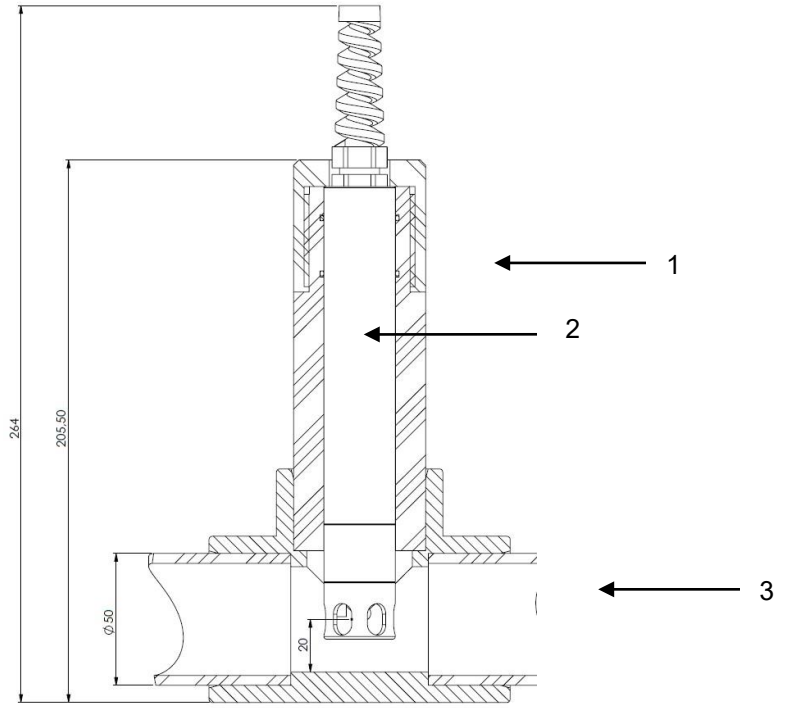
4.1.2 Accessories for PVC pipe-mounting

Every system of assembly is delivered with an adapter (and the appropriate joints) and one T of assembly (90 ° for PHEHT sensor) to stick on a 50 mm diameter pipe. Its special design type ensures the correct inflow to the sensor, thus preventing incorrect measurements.

Please note the following when planning your piping set-up:

- The fitting must be easily accessible to allow the sensor or the fitting itself to be maintained and cleaned regularly.
- We recommend bypass measurements. It must be possible to remove the sensor through the use of shut-off valves.
- When working with systems involving pressure and/or temperature, ensure that the fitting and sensor meet all relevant requirements.
- The system designer must check that the materials in the fitting and sensor are suitable for the measurement (chemical compatibility, for instance)



(1) adapter

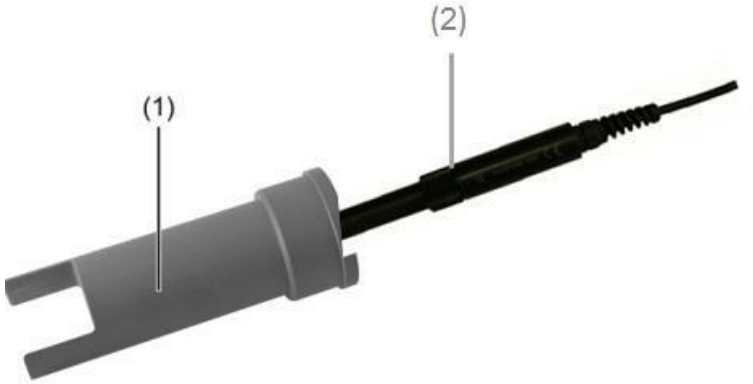
(2) PHEHT sensor

(3) 50 mm pipe diameter

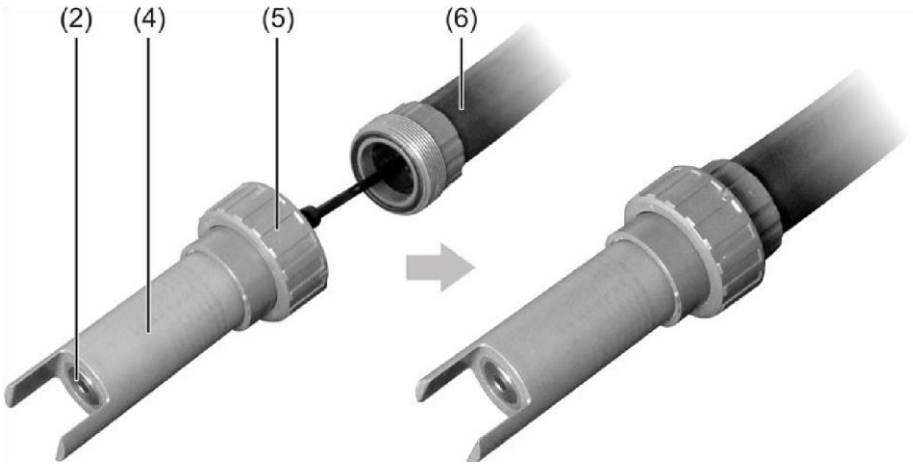
Mounting system for PHEHT/PHT sensor (**PF-ACC-C-00610**)

4.2 Installation of the sensor in the accessories of assembly

4.2.1 Insertion in a pole.
The sensor is mounted on the relevant fitting as described below, using a sensor holder, which can be used both for the short and long pole:

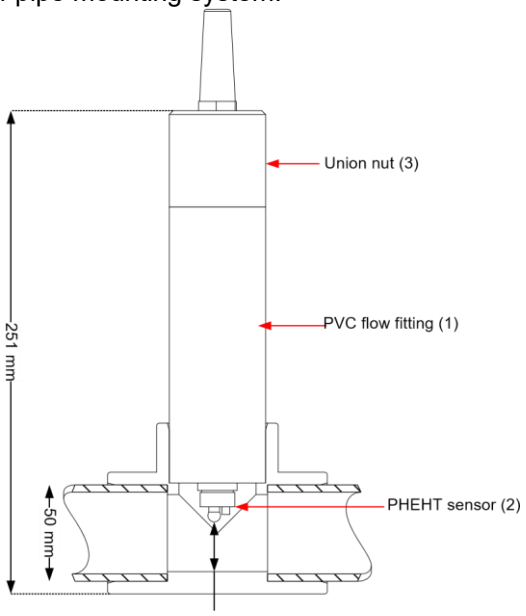


1 Remove the protective cap on the sensor and insert the sensor (2) into the nozzle (1) as far as the stop.
2 Insert the sensor cable into the fitting pipe (6) and completely feed through.



3 Screw the sensor holder with the union nut (5) onto the fitting pipe (6) and tighten until handtight.

4.2.2 Insertion into the PVC in-pipe mounting system.

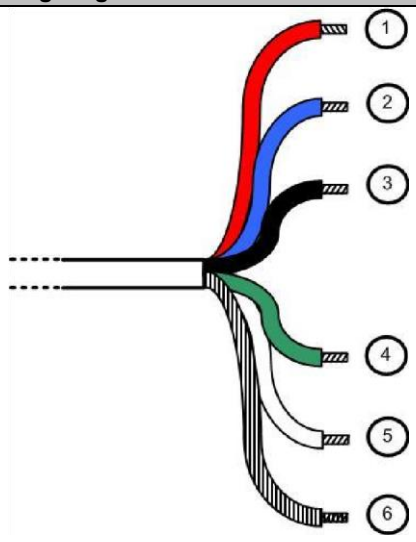


1 Unscrew the union nut (3) from the PVC flow fitting (1).
2 Guide the sensor cable through the union nut on the fitting.
3 Insert the sensor (2) into the fitting as far as the position shown in the middle image above. 4 Screw the union nut onto the fitting as far as the stop.

4.3 Electrical connections.

The sensor could deliver within version bare wire on 3, 7, 15 m or on other length (up to 100 m).

Wiring diagram



Cable length up to 15m

1- Red	Power supply V+
2 - Blue	SDI-12
3 - Black	Power supply V-
4 - Green	B " RS-485 "
5 - White	A " RS-485 "
6 – Green/yellow	Cable shield with Power supply V-

Cable lenght 15 to 100 meters

Red Purple Yellow Orange pink	Power supply V+
2 - Blue	SDI-12
3 - Black	Power supply V-
4 - Green	B " RS-485 "
5 - White	A " RS-485 "
6 – Green/yellow	Cable shield with Power supply V-

Note:
Never exceed a voltage of 10VDC (absolute maximum rating) on communication lines RS485, A or B, under penalty of irreversible destruction of the transceiver component RS 485.

SDI-12: respect the voltage value described in the associated standard (nominal: 5 VDC)
Always connect ground + shield first.

Always connect V-(black) +Shield (Green/Yellow) from the sensor to both V-/0V/GND from power supply AND GND from RS485/SDI12 master to avoid sensor destruction (as defined by RS485 standard).

5. Startup and maintenance.

5.1 Initial startup

Once the sensor is connected to your terminal, the sensor is settled in its accessory of assembly and the parameterization has been carried out on the display unit, the sensor is ready for initial startup.

O Note:
For measurement, you must eliminate bubbles trapped under the pH glass bulb.
During the introduction of the sensor in measurement environment, wait for sensor's temperature stabilization before measure processing.


The glass electrode is vulnerable to:
- chemicals (organic solvents, acids and strong bases, peroxide, hydrocarbons), -
  mechanical treatments (impacts).

The redox potential electrode is sensitive to sulphide adsorption on platinum.

O Started:
Remove the black cap of protection (by holding the sensor head downward and by unscrewing the hood towards the right).
The sensor is delivered dry, and the pH glass must be rehydrated so that the measures are optimized. After dry storage, rehydrate the pH bulb for a 12 hour period (one night) in a standard solution pH4 or in the cleaning solution delivered from AQUALABO Control (PF-CSO-C-00010).

5.2 Calibration

The sensor is calibrated to specification at the factory. The frequency of calibration depends of the application (depends on the fouling of the sensor, on the conductivity of the environment.).If calibration is required, let the sensor come to equilibrium with the process before calibration. Do not calibrate the sensor at setup.
After the cartridge is replaced, calibration should be carried out.
It is also advisable to regularly clean the sensor in a cleaning solution (PF-CSO-C-00010) (see the chapter maintenance 5.3).

With two-point calibration, the zero point (offset with standard solution) and slope (second standard solution) of the sensor are calibrated. This calibration method offers the greatest possible level of accuracy and is particularly recommended.

5.2.1. pH calibration (PHEHT and PHT sensors).

5.2.1.1. Offset calibration.

It is carried out as follows:

• The sensor beforehand cleaned (to see chapter maintenance 5.3) is immersed in a first standard solution (PH 7.01 at 25 °C for example) in order to determine the zero point (offset). Maintain the standard solution under agitation and wait that the sensor puts itself in equilibrium with the temperature of the standard solution.

The pH of the standard solution varies with the temperature, note the temperature of the solution and refer to the board of variation of the pH according to the temperature to fix the pH value to be calibrated. For example, for a standard solution pH 7.01 at 25 °C if the temperature of the standard solution is 20°C the value of the pH is 7.03.

Standard PH 7.01 at 25°C	°C	°F	pH
	0	32	7.13
	5	41	7.10
	10	50	7.07
	15	59	7.04
	20	68	7.03
	25	77	7.01
	30	86	7.00
	35	95	6.99
	40	104	6.98
	45	113	6.98

• Washing (with clear water) and drying the sensor with a soft cloth or an absorbent paper.

5.2.1.2. Slope calibration.

• Sensor slope is determined by positioning in a second pH buffer solution.
Immerse the sensor in the selected standard solution, maintain the standard solution under agitation and wait that the sensor puts itself in equilibrium with the temperature of the standard solution.

The pH of the standard solution varies with the temperature, note the temperature of the solution and refer to the board of variation of the pH according to the temperature to fix the pH value to be calibrated. For example, for a standard solution pH 4.01 at 25 °C if the temperature of the standard solution is 20°C the value of the pH is 4.00.

Standard PH 4.01 at 25°C	°C	°F	pH
	0	32	4.01
	5	41	4.00
	10	50	4.00
	15	59	4.00
	20	68	4.00
	25	77	4.01
	30	86	4.02
	35	95	4.03
	40	104	4.04
	45	113	4.05

5.2.2. Check of the Redox potential (PHEHT sensor).
5.2.2.1. Wedging of the offset.

The first step in the calibration is to set the offset by exposing the sensor to air. The default value of this calibration standard is set at 0 mV and cannot be changed. Wait for the stabilization of the measure and validate the point of calibration.

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5.2.2.2. Validation of the slope.
Immerse the sensor in the selected standard solution (240 mV for example), maintain the standard solution under agitation and wait that the sensor puts itself in equilibrium with the temperature of the standard solution.
• Washing (with clear water) and drying the sensor with a soft cloth or an absorbent paper.

5.3 Maintenance

The maintenance schedule shows minimum intervals for regular maintenance tasks.
Perform maintenance tasks more frequently for applications that cause electrode fouling.
Note: *Do not disassemble the probe for maintenance or cleaning.*

• The sensor must always be kept clean, particularly in the area around the pH bulb and the platinum disk (Redox measurement).
The presence of a biofilm on the pH bulb can lead to measuring errors.
• For pH bulb, A dirty bulb should be cleaned with warm, soapy water.
• For the redox measurement, clean the platinum disk to optimize the measures of redox potential.
• If the sensor is put out of operation, it should be rinsed prior to being stored, and the protective cap should be fitted with the protective case and a moist absorbent surface (like cotton).

5.3.1. Cleaning.
Rinse meticulously the sensor and the bulb with clear water.
For pH glass: if deposits like biofilm or mud persist, put the sensor in a cleaning solution (1SN004) for a few hours and rinse profusely before use.
Avoid using a soft cloth or an absorbent paper because the glass ball is extremely vulnerable to frictions.

For the Redox part, clean the platinum disk with an abrasive moist paper (type P1200 or P220) and rinse the electrode with clean water.
The electrolyte " PLASTOGEL " ® communicates directly with the outside environment without interposition of capillary or porous. There is thus no risk of closing or dismantling of the reference.
Plastogel tends to become impoverished in KCl according to the use of the sensor PHEHT. When the Plastogel is exhausted, the probe does not answer any more the variations of pH and\or is very slow to stabilize. In that case, it is necessary to proceed to the change of the sensor.

5.4 FAQ

○ **What is the service life of the PHEHT/PHT sensor?**
The lifetime of the PHEHT sensor depends on its use (in point mode or fixed position) and application (in wastewater, fresh water, sea water).
In permanent use (fixed position) the service life can be more than 1 year if the medium conductivity is greater than 1000 µS/cm and 18 to 24 months in point mode.

○ **Why can't I calibrate my PHEHT/PHT sensor?**
If you have trouble with the calibration steps, clean the glass bulb (chapter 5.3.1 Cleaning). Then inspect the glass bulb for damage and try calibrating the sensor with new buffer solutions.
If calibration is still not possible (slow measurement evolution and/or impossibility to reach the value of the buffer solution) it is possible that the sensor is at the end of life.

○ **Why does my sensor always show a value close to 7 pH units?**
A sensor that measures a value of 7 regardless of the solution in which it is quenched may mean that the glass pH bulb is damaged. In this case, visually inspect the bulb (it may be broken or cracked).

○ **What is the minimum immersion level for the PHEHT/PHT Monobloc sensor?**
When monitoring pH and redox potential, make sure to immerse the small platinum tip located at the bottom of the sensor. In this case, the head must be immersed at least 5 cm.

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○ **What are the recommended applications for measuring Redox potential (PHEHT)?**
The combined sensor offers temperature, pH and redox potential measurements. For the ORP parameter, the sensor is intended for spot measurements and is not recommended for medium or long-term measurement campaigns. The surface of platinum is quite small, this part may get dirty very quickly making the measurement difficult to exploit.
In case of a continuous redox potential measurement need, the EHAN ring redox sensor will be more suitable.

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