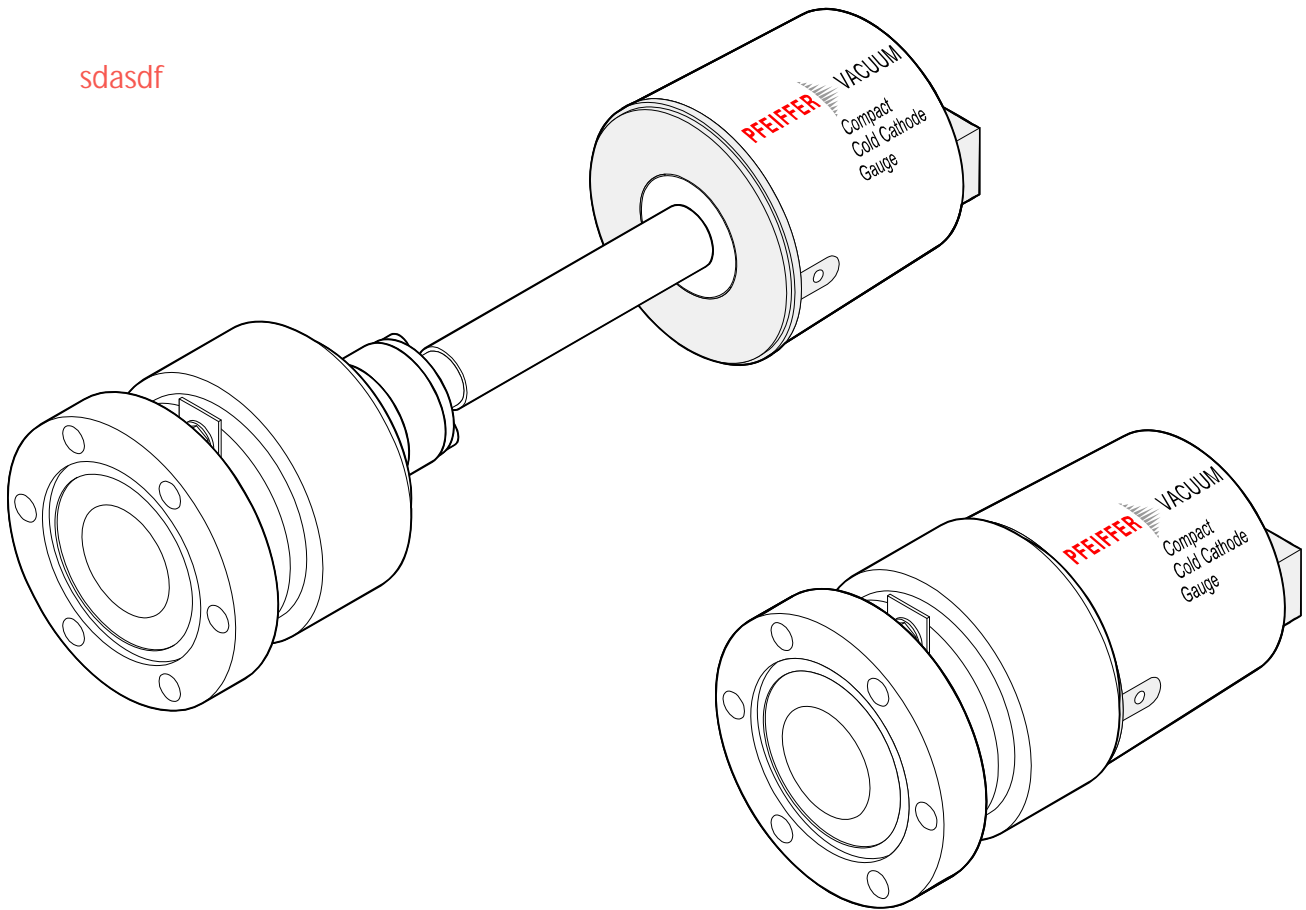


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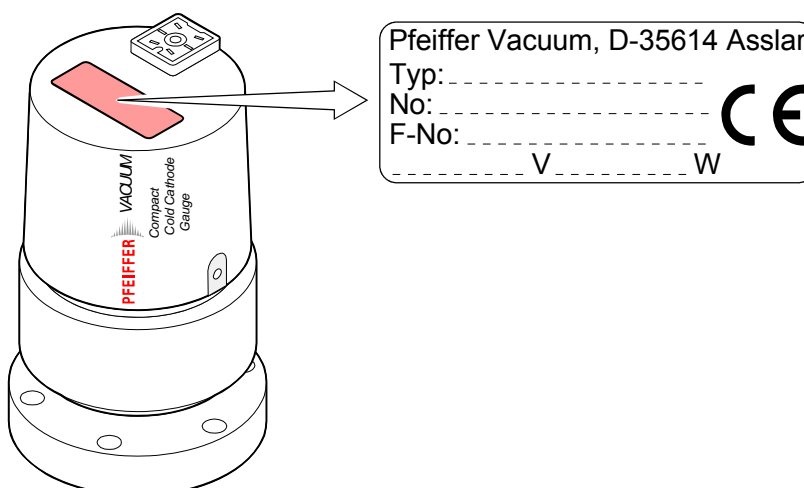
IKR 270

Compact Cold Cathode Gauge, All-metal

Operating Instructions

Product Identification

In all communications with Pfeiffer Vacuum, please specify the information given on the product nameplate.



Validity

This manual applies to products with the following part numbers

PT R21 251	(DN 40 CF-F flange	short type)
PT R21 261	(DN 40 CF-F flange	long type)

The part number (No) can be taken from the nameplate.

We reserve the right to make engineering changes without notice.

Intended Use

The Compact Cold Cathode Gauge IKR 270 has been designed for vacuum measurement in a pressure range of 5×10^{-11} ... 1×10^{-2} mbar.

The gauge can be used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges or with another evaluation unit.



Functional Principle

Over the whole measurement range, the measuring signal is output as logarithm of the pressure.

The Compact Cold Cathode Gauge IKR 270 functions with a cold cathode ionization measurement circuit (according to the inverted magnetron principle).

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1 Safety

1.1 Symbols Used



DANGER

Information on preventing any kind of physical injury.



WARNING

Information on preventing extensive equipment and environmental damage.



Caution

Information on correct handling or use. Disregard can lead to malfunctions or minor equipment damage.

1.2 Personnel Qualifications



Skilled personnel

All work described in this document may only be carried out by persons who have suitable technical training and the necessary experience or who have been instructed by the end-user of the product.

1.3 Safety Information

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.
Consider possible reactions between the materials (→ 7) and the process media.
Consider possible reactions of the process media due to the heat generated by the product.
- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety information in this document.
- Before you begin to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.



DANGER



DANGER: magnetic fields

Strong magnetic fields can disturb electronic devices like heart pacemakers or impair their function.



Maintain a safety distance of ≥ 10 cm between the magnet and the heart pacemaker or prevent the influence of strong magnetic fields by antimagnetic shielding.

Pass on the safety information to other users.

1.4 Liability and Warranty

Pfeiffer Vacuum assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the custodian or third parties

- disregard the information in this document
- use the product in a non-conforming manner
- make any kind of changes (modifications, alterations etc.) to the product
- use the product with accessories not listed in the corresponding product documentation.

The custodian assumes the responsibility in conjunction with the process media used.

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.

2 Technical Data

Admissible temperature	
Storage	-40 °C ... +65 °C
Operation	
all types	+ 5 °C ... +55 °C
long type	250 °C in bakeout area, see dimension drawing (without magnetic shielding)
Bakeout	
short type	+250 °C (without electronics and magnetic shielding)
long type	+250 °C in bakeout area, see dimension drawing (without magnetic shielding)
Relative humidity	max. 80% at temperatures up to +31 °C decreasing to 50 % at +40 °C
Use	indoors only altitude up to 2000 m (6600 ft.)

Measurement range (air, N ₂)	$5 \times 10^{-11} \dots 1 \times 10^{-2}$ mbar
Accuracy	$\approx \pm 30\%$ in the range of $1 \times 10^{-9} \dots 1 \times 10^{-3}$ mbar
Reproducibility	$\approx \pm 5\%$ in the range of $1 \times 10^{-9} \dots 1 \times 10^{-3}$ mbar
Gas type dependence	→ Appendix B

Type of protection	IP 40
Overpressure	≤ 9 bar only for inert gases < 100 °C

Supply



 **DANGER**

The gauge may only be connected to supply or measurement units that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV). The connection to the gauge has to be fused.¹⁾

Voltage at the gauge	14.5 ... 30.0 V= (ripple max. 1 V _{pp})
Power consumption	≤ 2 W
Fuse ¹⁾	≤ 1 AT

The minimum voltage of the power supply must be increased proportionally to the length of the measuring cable.

Voltage of the supply unit at maximum cable length	16.0 ... 30.0 V= (ripple max. 1 V _{pp})
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Electrical connection	Compact connector Hirschmann type GO 6, 6 poles, male
Cable	5 poles plus screen
Maximum cable length	100 m (0.25 mm ² conductor) 150 m (0.34 mm ² conductor) 500 m (1.0 mm ² conductor)

Operating voltage (in the measuring chamber)	≤ 3.3 kV
Operating current (in the measuring chamber)	≤ 100 μ A

¹⁾ Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement and control units for Compact Gauges fulfill these requirements.

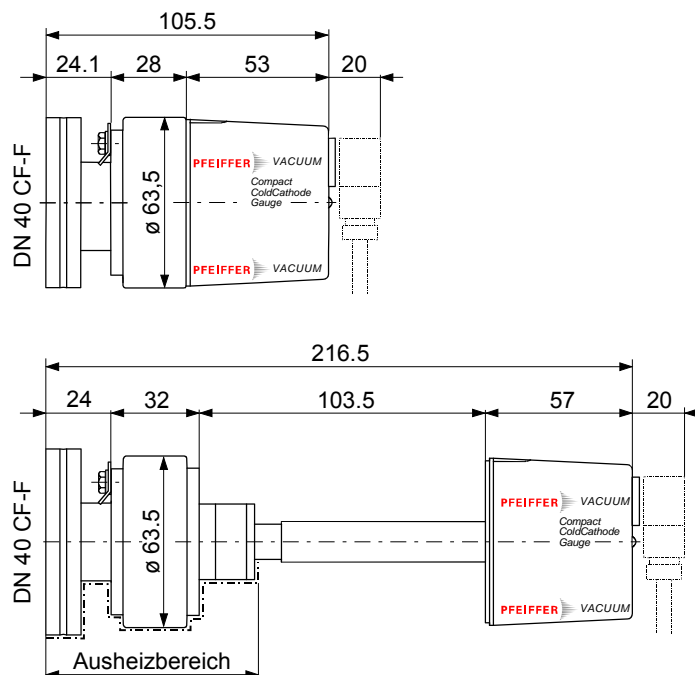
Output signal (measuring signal)	
Voltage range	$\approx 0 \text{ V} \dots \approx +10.5 \text{ V}$
Voltage/pressure relationship	logarithmic, increase $0.8 \text{ V} / \text{decade}$ (→ Appendix A)
Error signal	$< 0.5 \text{ V}$ (no supply)
Output impedance	$2 \times 10 \text{ } \Omega$
Normal load	$100 \text{ k}\Omega$
Minimum load	$10 \text{ k}\Omega$, short-circuit proof
Response time	pressure dependent
$p > 10^{-6} \text{ mbar}$	$< 10 \text{ ms}$
$p = 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}$	$\approx 1 \text{ s}$

Gauge identification	$7.15 \text{ k}\Omega$ resistance referenced to supply common
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Grounding concept	→ Figure 1
Vacuum flange-signal common	connected via $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ (max. voltage differential with respect to safety $\pm 50 \text{ V}$ with respect to accuracy $\pm 10 \text{ V}$)
Supply common-signal common	conducted separately; differential measurement recommended for cable lengths $\geq 10 \text{ m}$

Materials exposed to the vacuum	
Feedthrough isolation	ceramic (Al_2O_3)
Internal seal	Ag
Flange	stainless steel (1.4306 / AISI 304L)
Anode	Mo
Ignition aid	stainless steel (1.4310 / AISI 301)
Internal volume	$\approx 20 \text{ cm}^3$

Dimensions



Weight	950 g (DN 40 CF-F short type) 1100 g (DN 40 CF-F long type)
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3 Installation

3.1 Vacuum Connection



Caution



Caution: vacuum component

Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component.

When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

The gauge can be mounted in any orientation. However, it should be mounted so that any particles present cannot enter the measuring chamber (→ 13).

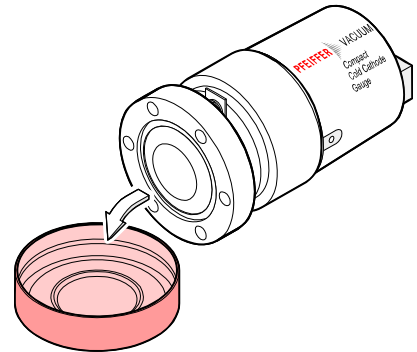
See dimension drawing for space requirements (→ 7).

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Remove the protective cap.



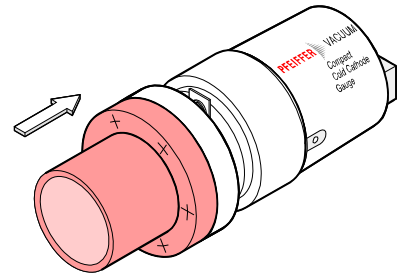
The protective cap will be needed for maintenance.



2

Make the flange connection.

When making CF flange connections, it can be advantageous to temporarily remove the magnet (→ section 3.1.1).



DANGER



DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >2.5 bar

KF flange connections with elastomer sealing rings (e.g. O-rings) cannot withstand such pressures. Process media can thus leak and possibly damage your health.

Use sealing rings provided with an outer centering ring.



DANGER



DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >1 bar

If clamps are opened unintentionally injury can be caused by catapulted parts.

Use the type of clamps which can only be opened and closed by means of a tool (e.g. hose clip clamping ring).

**DANGER**

The gauge must be electrically connected to the grounded vacuum chamber. The connection must conform to the requirements of a protective connection according to EN 61010:

- CF flanges fulfill this requirement
- For gauges with KF flanges, use a conductive metallic clamping ring.

**WARNING**

WARNING: electric arcing

Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.

3.1.1 Removing the Magnet Unit

Tools required

- Allen wrench AF 1.5
- Open-end wrench AF 7

Procedure

1

Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2).

2

Remove the electronics unit.

**Caution**

For reasons of tolerance, the same magnet and electronics unit have to be used when reassembling the gauge.

3

Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.

**Caution**

The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).

4

Make the flange connection between the gauge and the vacuum system.

5

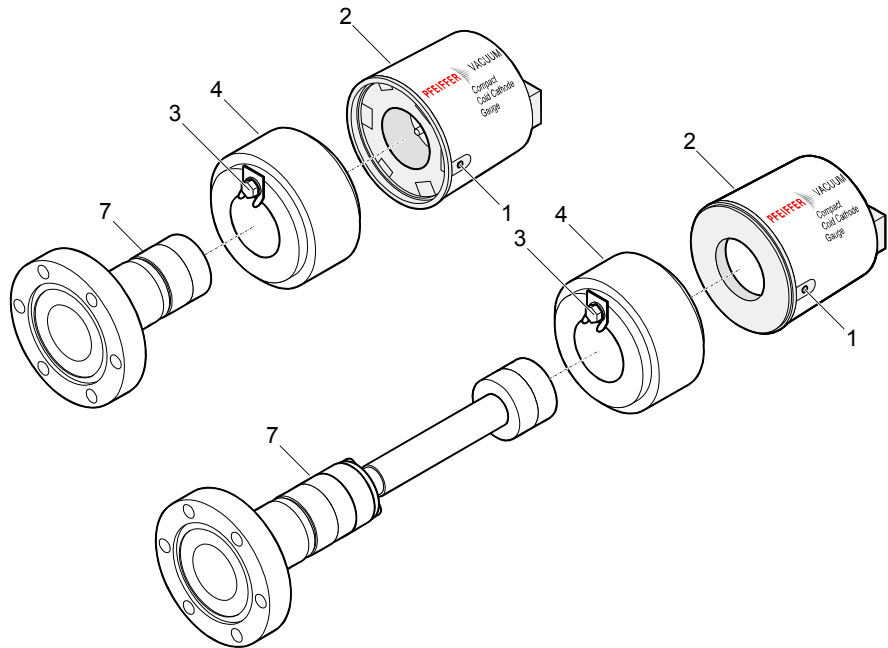
Remount the magnet unit and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).

6

Carefully mount the electronics unit (2).

7

Push the electronics unit up to the mechanical stop and lock it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

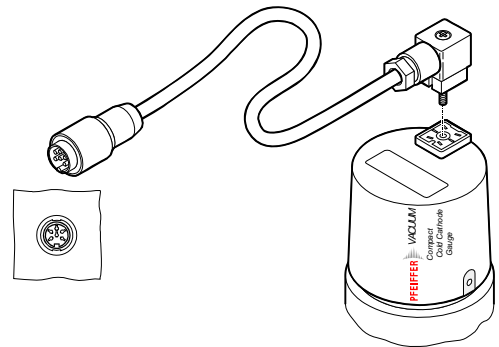


3.2 Power Connection

3.2.1 Use With a Pfeiffer Vacuum Measurement Unit

If the gauge is used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges, a corresponding connection cable is required (→ 22).

- Secure the connection socket on the gauge with the screw.



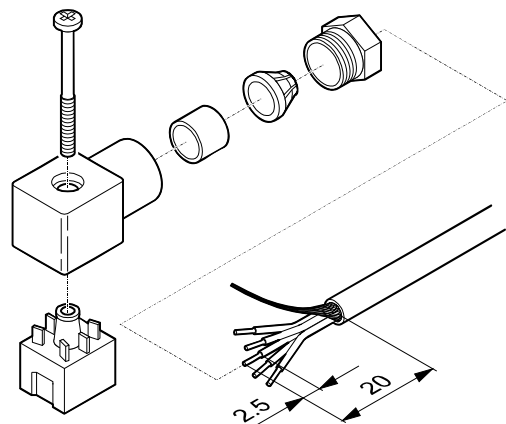
3.2.2 Use With Another Evaluation Unit

The gauge can also be operated with other evaluation units. In this case, an individual connection cable must be made.

For cable lengths up to 10 m (0.34 mm² conductor cross-section), the measuring signal can be read directly between the positive signal output (pin 2) and the supply common (pin 5) without the degree of accuracy being reduced. For longer measuring cable lengths, we recommend a differential measurement between the signal output and signal common (pin 3) (as a result of the voltage drop along the supply cable ground lead, the common mode signal is approx. 1.0 V at the max. permissible cable length).

Procedure

- 1 Prepare the connection socket (ordering number → 22).



- 2 Solder the connection cable according to the diagram.

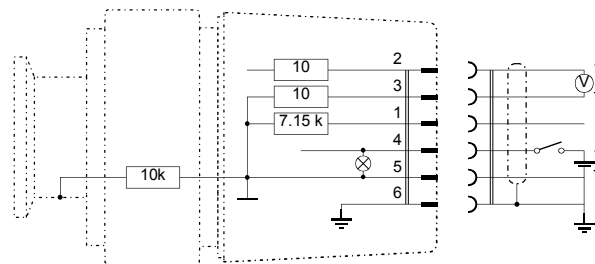
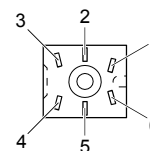


Figure 1: Electrical connection

- Pin 1 identification
- Pin 2 signal output (measuring signal)
- Pin 3 signal common
- Pin 4 supply
- Pin 5 supply common
- Pin 6 screen



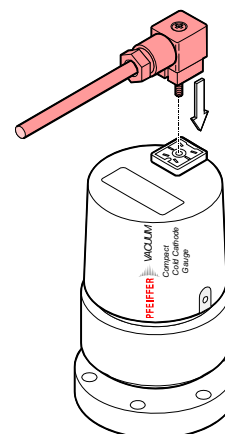
WARNING



The supply common (pin 5) and the screen (pin 6) must be connected to the supply unit with protective ground. Incorrect connection, incorrect polarity, or inadmissible supply voltages can damage the gauge.

- 3 Reassemble the connection socket.

- 4 Plug in the connection socket.
Secure the connection socket on the gauge with the screw.



4 Operation

As soon as the required voltage is applied, the measurement signal is available between pins 2 and 3 (→ Appendix A for the relationship between the measuring signal and the pressure)).

The green lamp on the gauge indicates the operating state:



Supply voltage present.



No supply voltage.



Caution




Turn on the gauge only at pressures $<10^{-2}$ mbar to prevent excessive contamination.

If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges with at least two gauge connections, the cold cathode gauge can be controlled, for example, by a Pirani gauge.

Gas type dependence

The measuring signal depends on the type of gas being measured. The curves are accurate for dry air, N_2 , O_2 , and CO. They can be mathematically converted for other gases (→ Appendix B).

If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Pfeiffer Vacuum Compact Gauges, you can enter a calibration factor to correct the measurement value displayed (→  of that measurement unit).

Ignition delay


An ignition delay occurs when cold cathode gauges are switched on. The delay time increases at low pressures and is typically:

10^{-7} mbar	≈ 0.1 minute
10^{-8} mbar	≈ 1 minute
10^{-9} mbar	≈ 5 minutes
10^{-10} mbar	≈ 20 minutes
5×10^{-11} mbar	≈ 30 minutes

Contamination



Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.

Gauge contamination is influenced by the process media used as well as any existing or new contaminants and their respective partial pressures. With constantly low pressures ($< 1 \times 10^{-6}$ mbar), the gauge can be operated for more than one year without cleaning (cleaning the gauge →  13).

Contamination can to a certain extent be reduced by:

- geometric protections (e.g. screenings, elbows) against particles that spread rectilinearly
- mounting the flange of the gauge at a place where the partial pressure of the pollutants is particularly low.

Special precautions are required for vapors deposited under plasma (e.g. of the cold cathode measuring system). It may even be necessary to temporarily switch off the gauge while vapors occur.

5 Maintenance

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.



DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment. Before you begin to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

5.1 Cleaning the Gauge / Changing Parts



DANGER

DANGER: cleaning agents

Cleaning agents can be detrimental to health and environment. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling and disposing of cleaning agents. Consider possible reactions with the product materials (→ 7).

Tools / material required

- Allen wrench AF 1.5
- Allen wrench AF 3
- Open-end wrench AF 7
- Pliers for circlips
- Polishing cloth (400 grain) or Scotch-Brite
- Tweezers
- Cleaning alcohol
- Mounting tool for ignition aid
- Ignition aid
- Metal seal (11) for anode feedthrough

5.1.1 Disassembling the Gauge

Procedure for short type

1

Remove the gauge from the vacuum system (→ 21).

2

Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (→ Figure 2).

3

Remove the electronics unit.



Caution



The cover of the electronics unit cannot be removed.

4

Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.



Caution



The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).

- 5** Remove the circlip (5) as well as the polarity insert (6) from the measuring chamber.
- 6** Remove the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) on the back of the measuring chamber.
- 7** Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (9), washer (9a), complete anode (10), metal seal (11) incl. centering ring (12).

The parts can now be cleaned or replaced.

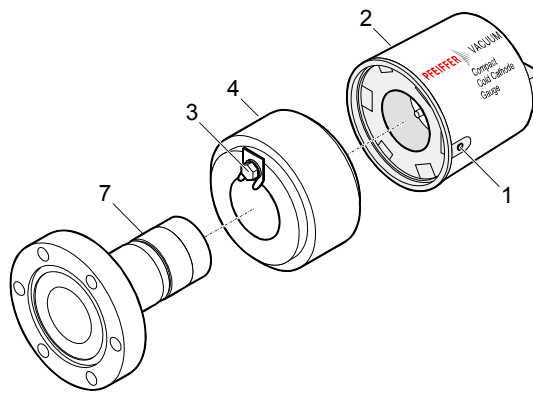


Figure 2a

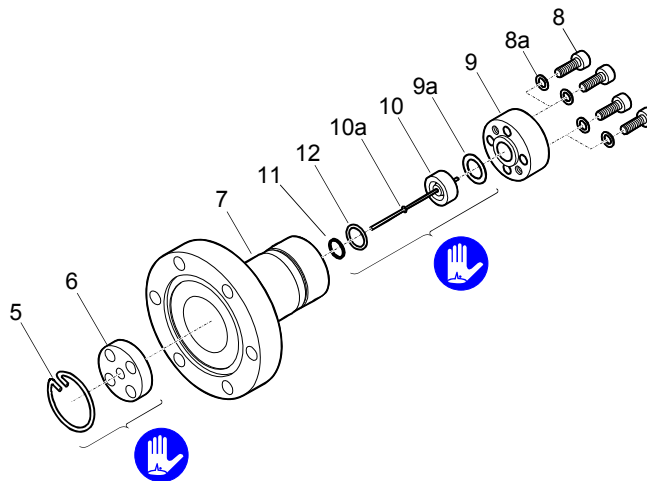


Figure 2b

Procedure for long type

- 1** Remove the gauge from the vacuum system (→ 21).
- 2** Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (→ Figure 3).
- 3** Remove the electronics unit.

**Caution**

For reasons of tolerance, the same magnet and electronics unit have to be used when reassembling the gauge.

4

Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.

**Caution**

The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).

5

Remove the circlip (5) and the polarity insert (6) from the measuring chamber.

6

Remove the two hexagon socket screws (20) incl. lock washers (19) from the extension piece.

7

Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (18), insulator (17), anode extension (13).

8

Remove the two hexagon socket screws (16) incl. lock washers (15) and the tube (14).

9

Remove the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) on the back of the measuring chamber.

10

Carefully remove the following items in this order: pressure piece (9), washer (9a), complete anode (10), metal seal (11) incl. centering ring (12).

The parts can now be cleaned or replaced.

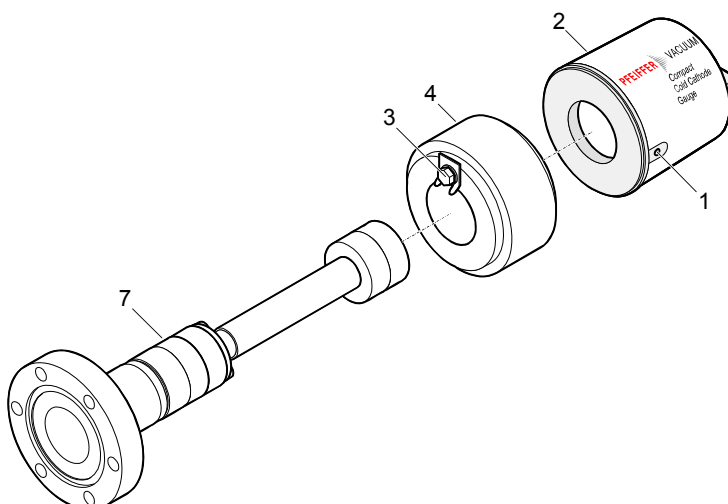


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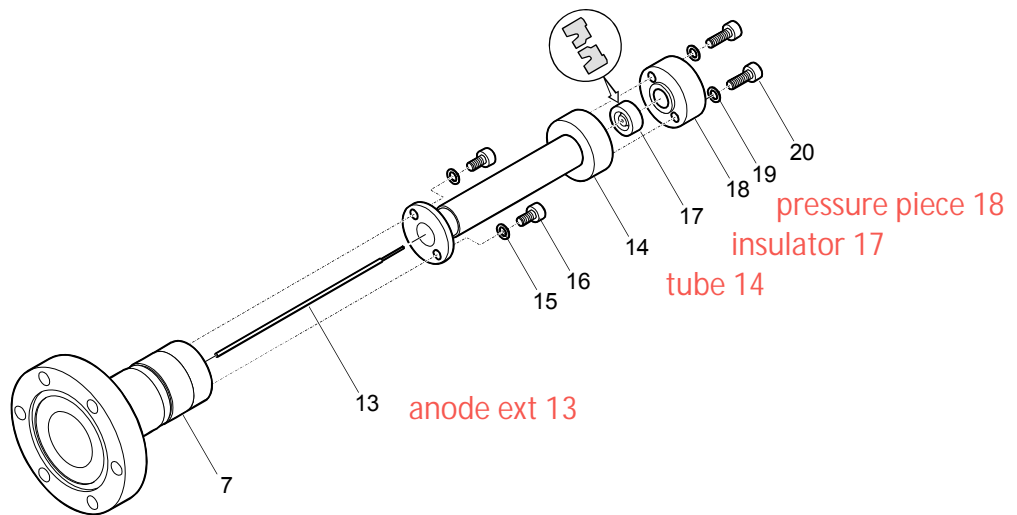


Figure 3b

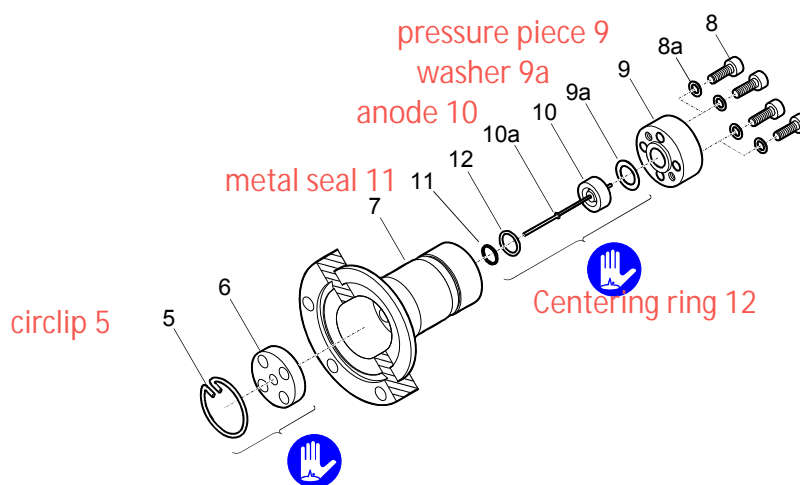


Figure 3c

5.1.2 Cleaning the Gauge

Procedure

- 1 Using a polishing cloth rub the inside walls of the measuring chamber and the polarity insert to a bright finish.



Caution

The sealing surfaces must only be worked concentrically.

- 2 Rinse the measuring chamber and the polarity insert with cleaning alcohol.
- 3 Allow both to dry.

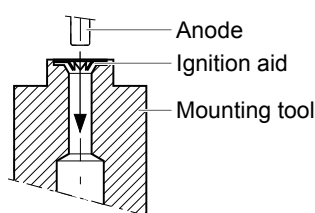
Cleaning or replacing the anode:

- 1 Remove the old ignition aid (10a), for example with tweezers (→ Figure 2).
- 2 Using a polishing cloth rub the anode pin to a bright finish.

**Caution**

Do not bend the anode. Do not carry out mechanical work on the ceramic part.

- ③ Rinse the anode with cleaning alcohol.
- ④ Allow the anode to dry.
- ⑤ Insert a new ignition aid (10a) into the mounting tool.
- ⑥ Carefully press the anode (clean or new) centered and parallel to the tool axis into the ignition aid and insert it to a depth of approx. 15 mm. The final position is established after the anode is installed.



5.1.3 Assembling the Gauge

Procedure for short type

- ① Insert the new metal seal (11) with the centering ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber. The sealing surfaces, seal and ceramic part must be clean (→ Figure 2b).
- ② Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring chamber.
- ③ Carefully place the washer (9a) and the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them **uniformly** with the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) until the stop position is reached.
- ④ Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.
- ⑤ Remove the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen (be careful to hold the measuring chamber with the flange pointing downwards).
- ⑥ Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber up to the mechanical stop.
- ⑦ Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.

**Caution**

Visually check that the anode pin is centered over the middle hole of the polarity insert (max. eccentricity = 0.5 mm).

- ⑧ If possible perform a leak test (leak rate $<10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).

**WARNING**

WARNING: electric arcing

Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.

9

Mount the magnet unit (4) and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).

10

Mount the electronics unit (2) and secure it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

**DANGER**

Due to missing ground connection in conjunction with missing or not correctly tightened hexagon socket set screw (1) dangerous contact voltage will occur.

Procedure long version

1

Insert the new metal seal (11) with the centering ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber. The sealing surfaces, seal and ceramic part must be clean (→ Figure 3c).

2

Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring chamber.

3

Carefully place the washer (9a) and the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them **uniformly** with the four hexagon socket screws (8) incl. the lock washers (8a) until the stop position is reached.

4

Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.

5

Remove the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen.

6

Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber up to the mechanical stop.

7

Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.

**Caution**

Visually check that the anode pin is centered over the middle hole of the polarity insert (max. eccentricity = 0.5 mm).

8

If possible perform a leak test (leak rate $<10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).

**WARNING**

WARNING: electric arcing

Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.

Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.

- 9 Put the complete measuring chamber on the table with the flange pointing downwards and carefully slide the extension piece (13) over the anode pin (→ Figure 4).
- 10 Carefully slide the tube (14) over the extension piece and secure it with the two screws (16) and the lock washers (15).
- 11 Slide the insulator (17) over the extension piece (13) as shown in Figure 4 and secure the pressure piece (18) with the two screws (20) and the lock washers (19).

**Caution**

The inside of the tube and the insulator must be absolutely clean and lint-free.

- 12 Mount the magnet unit (4) and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).
- 13 Mount the electronics unit (2) and secure it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

**DANGER**

Due to missing ground connection in conjunction with missing or not correctly tightened hexagon socket set screw (1) dangerous contact voltage will occur.

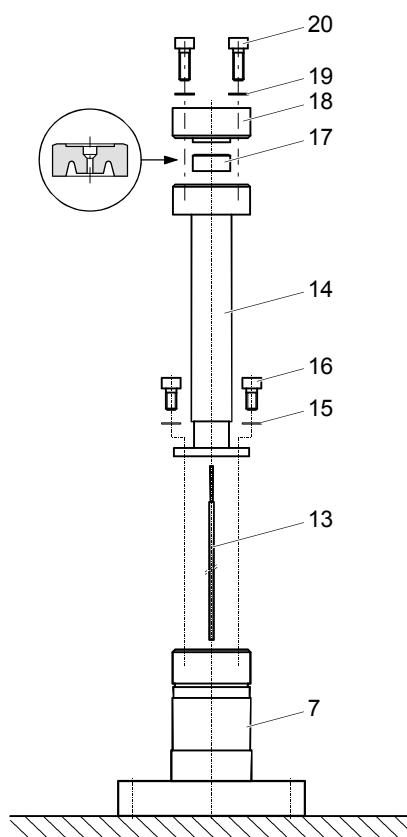


Figure 4

5.2 What to Do in Case of Problems

Problem	Possible cause	Correction
Measuring signal continually < 0.5 V and green lamp is OFF.	No supply voltage.	Turn on the power supply.
Measuring signal continually < 0.5 V and green lamp is ON.	Supply voltage too low.	Increase the supply voltage (→ Fig 6).
	Electronics unit defective.	Replace the electronics unit (→ Fig 13).
Measuring signal continually in the range of 0.5 ... 1.96 V (underrange).	Pressure in the vacuum chamber < 5×10^{-11} mbar.	–
	Gas discharge has not ignited.	Wait until the gas discharge ignites (≈ 20 minutes at a pressure of 10^{-10} mbar).

6 Removing the Gauge From the System



DANGER



DANGER: contaminated parts

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Caution



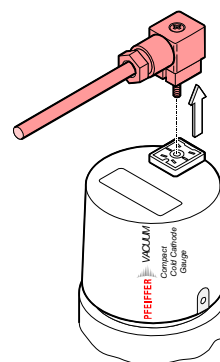
Caution: vacuum component

Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component.

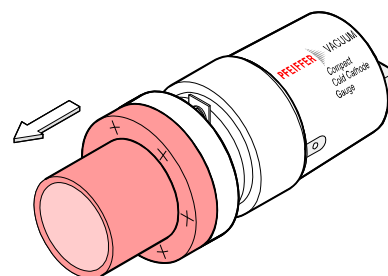
When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

Procedure

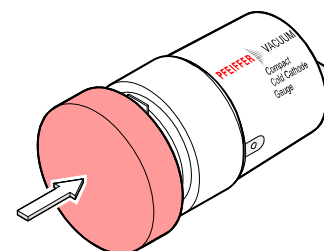
- 1 Deactivate the gauge.
- 2 Unplug the connection socket.




- 3 Detach the gauge from the vacuum apparatus.



- 4 Place the protective cap.



7 Returning the Product




WARNING

WARNING: forwarding contaminated products

Products returned to Pfeiffer Vacuum for service or repair should, if possible, be free of harmful substances (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological). Otherwise, the type of contamination must be declared.

Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a completed contamination declaration^{*)}.



^{*)} Form under www.pfeiffer-vacuum.net

Products that are not clearly declared as "free of harmful substances" are decontaminated at the expense of the customer.

Products not accompanied by a duly completed declaration of contamination are returned to the sender at his own expense.

8 Accessories

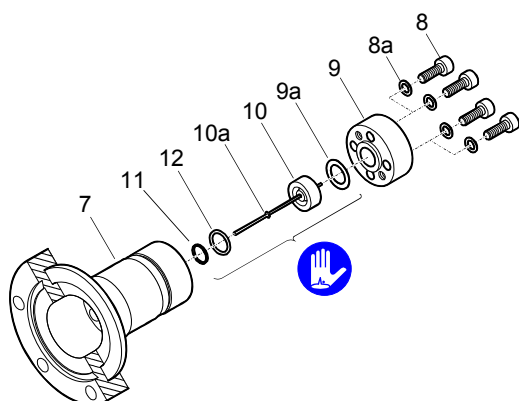
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Cable for connection to Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges	
3 m	PT 448 250-T
6 m	PT 448 251-T
10 m	PT 448 252-T
Connection socket, Hirschmann	B 4707 283 MA
GO 6 WF, 6 poles, angled, female	
Magnetic shielding	PT 443 155-X

9 Spare Parts

Always include the following information with your spare parts order:

- Type of product
- Manufacturing number according to nameplate
- Position, description, and ordering number according to spare parts list

The following parts are available as spare parts sets:



Pos.	Description	Ordering number
	Maintenance set, consisting of:	BN 846 241-T
10a	3× ignition aid	
11	1× seal HNV 100 (9×1.6)	
12	1× centering ring	
9a	1× washer	
	Repair set, consisting of:	BN 846 240-T
10	1× anode, complete	
10a	3× ignition aid	
11	1× seal HNV 100 (9×1.6)	
12	1× centering ring	
9a	1× washer	
10a	Set of ignition aids, consisting of: 10× ignition aid	BN 845 995-T
	Mounting tool for ignition aid	BG 510 600
	Exchange gauge (return defective gauge to Pfeiffer Vacuum) DN 40 CF-F flange, short type DN 40 CF-F flange, long type	BG G21 251A BG G21 261A

10 Disposal



WARNING



WARNING: substances detrimental to the environment

Products, operating materials etc. may have to be specially disposed of.

For environmentally compatible disposal, please contact your nearest Pfeiffer Vacuum Service Center.

Appendix

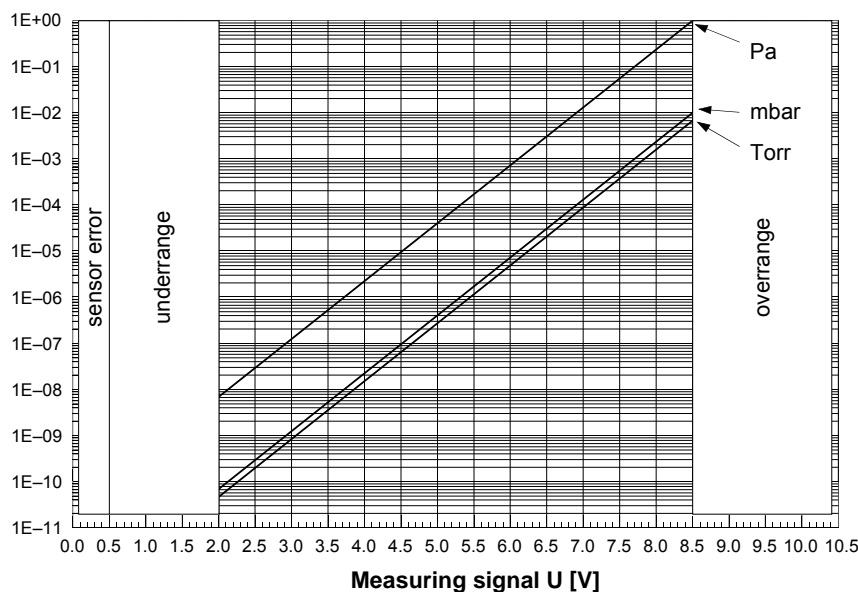
A: Relationship Measuring Signal vs. Pressure

Conversion table

Measuring signal U [V]	[mbar]	Pressure p [Torr]	[Pa]
< 0.5	Sensor error		
0.5...1.96	Underrange		
1.96	5.0×10^{-11}	3.75×10^{-11}	5.0×10^{-9}
2.2	1.0×10^{-10}	7.5×10^{-11}	1.0×10^{-8}
3.0	1.0×10^{-9}	7.5×10^{-10}	1.0×10^{-7}
3.8	1.0×10^{-8}	7.5×10^{-9}	1.0×10^{-6}
4.6	1.0×10^{-7}	7.5×10^{-8}	1.0×10^{-5}
5.4	1.0×10^{-6}	7.5×10^{-7}	1.0×10^{-4}
6.2	1.0×10^{-5}	7.5×10^{-6}	1.0×10^{-3}
7.0	1.0×10^{-4}	7.5×10^{-5}	1.0×10^{-2}
7.8	1.0×10^{-3}	7.5×10^{-4}	0.1
8.6	1.0×10^{-2}	7.5×10^{-3}	1.0
8.6...10.5	Overrange		

Conversion curves

Pressure p



Conversion formulae

$$U = c + 0.8 \times \log_{10} p$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$p = 10^{1.25 \times U - d}$$

U	p	c	d
[V]	[mbar]	10.2	12.75
[V]	[μbar]	7.8	9.75
[V]	[Torr]	10.3	12.875
[V]	[mTorr]	7.9	9.875

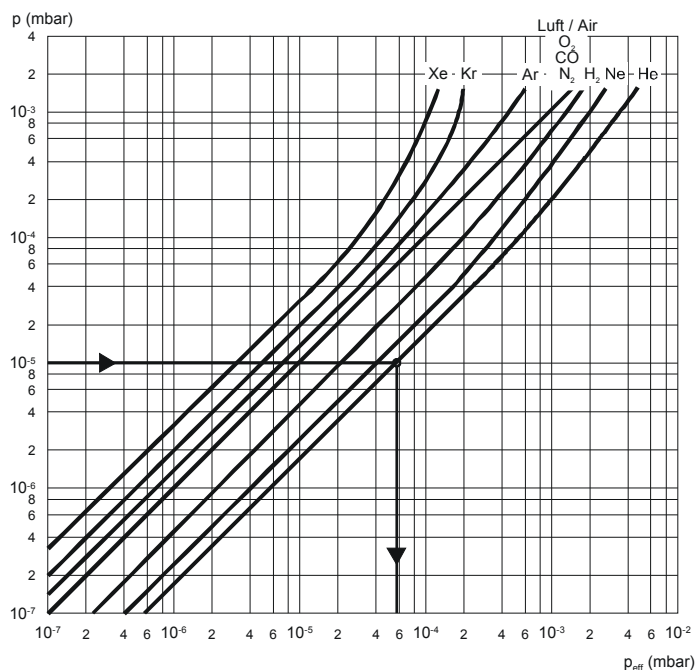
U	p	c	d
[V]	[micron]	7.9	9.875
[V]	[Pa]	8.6	10.75
[V]	[kPa]	11.0	13.75

where U measuring signal
p pressure
c, d constants (dependent
on pressure unit)

valid in the range:
 1×10^{-11} mbar < p < 1×10^{-2} mbar
 7.5×10^{-12} Torr < p < 7.5×10^{-3} Torr
 1×10^{-9} Pa < p < 1 Pa

B: Gas Type Dependence

Indicated pressure
(Gauge calibrated for air)



Indication range below
 10^{-5} mbar

In the range below 10^{-5} mbar the pressure indication is linear. For gases other than air the pressure can be determined by means of a simple conversion formula:

$$p_{\text{eff}} = K \times \text{indicated pressure}$$

where	gas type	K
	air (N_2 , O_2 , CO)	1.0
	Xe	0.4
	Kr	0.5
	Ar	0.8
	H_2	2.4
	Ne	4.1
	He	5.9

These conversion factors are average values.



Caution



A mixture of gases and vapors is often involved. In this case, accurate determination is only possible with a partial pressure measurement instrument, e.g. a quadrupole mass spectrometer.

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