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General Instructions

- Instrument shouldn't block the material filling inlet.
- Secure the cover of housing tightly. Tighten the cable glands. For side mounting, the cable glands should point downwards.
- For side mounting, provide a baffle to prevent the material from falling on the probe.
- When handling forks, do not lift them using their tines. While using them with solids, ensure that material size is less than 10mm.
- Deforming the shape of the tines may interfere with the fork's operating frequency.
- Make all electrical connections as instructed in the manual. Don't power on the device before verifying the connections.

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1 Introduction

Sapcon MPILC series instruments are RISC Processor based Capacitance type Continuous Level Indicators with built-in Three Point Switching. The instrument is suitable for measuring the level of conductive or non conductive liquids, slurries and powdered or fine grained solids homogeneous composition having a stable dielectric constant. Apart from level indication, the built-in three point electronic level limit switch offers the switching functions for alarm annunciation and/or control application at the set point levels. The set points are independent of each other and are continuously configurable over the entire range.



Figure 1: MPILC

2 Operating Principle

In an application, the measuring electrode (sense probe) and the container wall (ground or reference probe) form a capacitor. The amount of capacitance of this capacitor is governed by the dielectric constant of the material between the two electrodes (sense probe metallic container wall or reference probe or ground).

The value of this capacitor is dependent on the level of material, since the dielectric of the material is effective only to the level to which the material is filled. MPILC measures the change of capacitance to measure the change of level of the material. Since this is a relative measurement, a proper calibration is thus always necessary.

3 Features

- Latest RISC Core Micro-controller Technology.
- \bullet Measured Level is Displayed Continuously from 50% to 150%.
- Multipurpose 5 digit Seven Segment LED Display for best resolution and better viewing from distance.



Figure 2: Part Diagram

- Two wire Pulse Coded Digital Communication from Sensor to Evaluation unit. Supporting as much as 1 KM distance between Sensor and Evaluation Unit with shielded two core cables.
- Three Independent Potential Free relays providing flexibility of selecting three independent switch points.
- Galvanically Isolated True Two Wire 4-20 mA Proportional to 0% and 100% level is available for remote indication purposes.
- Two wire implementation solves the malfunction problems that occurs with various PLC 4-20 input interfaces and thus better suits for higher end automation.
- 4-20 mA Loop can handle 700 Ohm Loop Resistance with Internal Isolated Supply. The loop resistance can be 1K Ohm for External DC Supply of 24 Volts.

4 Technical Specifications

4.1 Evaluation Unit

For Evaluation Unit please refer to Table 1.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Housing	Cast aluminium weatherproof stoving enamel painted suitable for wall/back Panel mounting.
Cable Entries	3 Numbers of 1/2"/3/4"/BSP/NPT/Double Compression.
Ambient Temperature Range	-20 deg.C. to +60 deg. C.
Power Supply	Universal Mains 90 to 265 V AC, 50/60Hz and 24 V DC(@ 3Watt).
Sensor to Evaluation Unit Cable	2-Core ; Resistance per core not to exceed 30 Ohms.Use of Shielded Twisted Pair Cables is recommended for long runs of cable.Cable length of 1000 Meters are thus are supported with the Grounded Weather Shields.
Zero% Range	30pf tp 250pf
100% Range	10pf to 4500pf(Difference from Zero%) Current- 4 to 20 mA.RL max = 700 Ohm using internal Isolated supply.RL max = 1 KOhm for external loop supply of 24 V DC.
Output	3 potential free relays with one set of potential free charge over contact per relay. Contact Ratings : 6 Amp @230 V AC 50/60Hz for non- inductive loads.
Indication	Continuous: -50% to 150% digitally on 1/2"seven segment display.
Switching	5mm Red Leds for alarm indication.
Switching Hysteresis	1% in single point switching, 1 to 98% Selectable in pump control.
Failsafe Select	Field Selectable through interactive relay configuration menu.
Dimensions	Refer Enclosed Drawings
Weight	2.3Approx.

Table 1: Evaluation Unit

4.2 Electronic Insert-LDC117, LDCM111

For Electronic Insert please refer to Table 2.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Housing	Plastic, potted with epoxy resin.
Power Supply	16 V DC @ 5 mA derived from sensor commu- nication interface of Evaluation Unit.
Measuring Frequency	250KHz to 20KHz.Reverse frequency measure- ment.
Operating Ambient Temperature	$-20^\circ { m C}$ to $+60^\circ { m C}$
Sensitivity	10 counts per pf
Output	Digitally encoded current(5mA-8mA)pulse.

Table 2: Electronic Insert



Figure 3: Connection Diagram : Sensor and Power Supply



External DC Power Supply (RL to Lp):



External DC Power Supply (RL to Negative):



Loop Resistance = (Loop Supply Voltage -4) ÷ 0.02 (Ohm)

Figure 4: Connection Diagram : 4-20mA Combinations



Figure 5: Quick Reference : Calibration



Figure 6: Quick Reference : Relay Programming

How to calibrate MPILC?

Calibration Condition	Page No.
When tank can be emptied to 0% and can be filled to 100%	C-01 to C-03
When tank cannot be emptied to 0% or cannot be filled to 100% or both	C-04 to C-05
When tank can be emptied or filled for the purpose of calibration in a long range of time or few days.	C-06 to C-09



Figure 7: Calibration

Zero to 100% : When the tank can be Emptied to 0% and can be Filled to 100%

Calibrating Low Point at 0%:



Note that 100% should be calibrated before reseting of the instrument due to events like power failure.

In case if filling to 100% may take long time and an electric power failure/interruption is expected, refer the topic "Calibrating High and Low level at long intervals of time".



Zero to 100% : When the tank can be Emptied to 0% and can be Filled to 100%

Calibrating High Point at 100%:



Fill the Tank to desired 100% level.

Since now Low and High both Calibration points are entered with respect to their material levels, the Calibration will now be Saved (Applied).

Saving (Applying) the values is essential, so that MPILC can recall the calibration after the electric power supply is interrupted.

Zero to 100% : When the tank can be Emptied to 0% and can be Filled to 100%

Saving the Calibration Permanently:



Intermediate Calibration : When tank can't be Emptied to 0% or Filled to 100% or both

For Example: 20% to 80%Calibration:

Calibrating Low Point at 20%:





80%-20%, 70%-30% etc. may not be as accurate for the purpose of level indication as it could be for 0%-100%.

Please note that calibrating at

intermediate values like

Use this feature only if the accuracy of indication is of lesser concern.

Keep maximum difference between the Low Calib and High Calib Points for better Result. The Low Level Calibration point is just calibrated to read existing material level as 20%.

20% level indication.

Note that 100% (or 80% or any other High Calib Point) should be calibrated before reseting of the instrument due to events like power failure.

In case if filling to High Calib Point may take long time and an electric power failure/interruption is expected, refer the topic "Calibrating High and Low level at long intervals of time"



Intermediate Calibration : When tank can't be Emptied to 0% or Filled to 100% or both

For Example: 20% to 80%Calibration:

Calibrating High Point at 80%:



Keep maximum difference between the Low Calib and High Calib Points for better Result. Since now Low and High both Calibration points are entered with respect to their material levels, the Calibration will now be Saved (Applied).

Saving (Applying) the values is essential, so that MPILC can recall the calibration after the electric power supply is interrupted. Refer the topic "Saving the Calibration Permanently" for information on how to save or apply the Calibration points.

Figure 12: Calibration

Fill the Tank to desired 80% level.

Calibrating High and Low level at long intervals of time:

For Example: 10% to 75%Calibration in 2 days

Calibrating High Point at 75%:



Please note that calibrating at intermediate values like 80%-20%, 70%-30% etc. may not be as accurate for the purpose of level indication as it could be for 0%-100%.

Use this feature only if the accuracy of indication is of lesser concern.

Keep maximum difference between the Low Calib and High Calib Points for better Result. Suppose there is a case that at the time of commissioning of MPILC, the level is at 75%. And this level will fall in next 2-3 days to 10%. In this example it will be shown how to calibrate MPILC over the long intervals of time.



Figure 13: Calibration

Calibration Over Long Intervals of Time (Days):

Saving Calibration Point for delayed Calibration:



Figure 14: Calibration

Calibration Over Long Intervals of Time (Days):

For Example: 10% to 75%Calibration:

Calibrating Low Point at 10% after 2 days:



Please note that calibrating at intermediate values like 80%-20%, 70%-30% etc. may not be as accurate for the purpose of level indication as it could be for 0%-100%.

Use this feature only if the accuracy of indication is of lesser concern.

Keep maximum difference between the Low Calib and High Calib Points for better Result. Now, after calibrating and saving (Applying) the 75% level 2 days back, the level is now emptied down to 10%.

The Low Calib Point will now be set to complete the Calibration.



Since the High Calib Point was already set 2 days back. Corrected Low Calib Point will now be Saved.

Figure 15: Calibration

Calibration Over Long Intervals of Time (Days):

Saving Calibration Point after delayed Calibration:



Programming the Relays of MPILC

Complete Relay Configuration Guide with Application Example

<u>Note:</u> Application is explained while keeping an intentional fault in the in the example. A proposed solution is later is explained. It is, however, left on the experience and discretion of the Instrumentation Personnel of the Plant t decide how to use the various available futures of MPILC skillfully for the purpose of automation/control of a given Process.







Figure 17: Programming

Operation of MPILC After Power On:

Various Display Messages at Power On Sequence











When MPILC is showing Level %, the MPILC is said to be in Run Mode or Level Indicator Mode

This is normal working mode of MPILC.

During this mode following operations will be performed as long as power supply is maintained.

Measuring and Indicating Level as per Calibration.

Output on 4-20mA as per indicated percent value. 0% or less is always 4mA 100% is always 20mA Anything above 100% maximum 20.3 mA

Operation of Three Potential Free Relays.

While in this mode, MPILC can be Calibrated using CALIB key and Relay Operation Set Points and Delays can be set using PROG key.

About MPILC Relays:





How To Configure Relay Outputs:

Application Example:

Suppose that it is required in an application to keep a tank filled between the two levels 80% and 15%. And two signals are required when level is above 60% indicating sufficient material and when the level falls below 30% indicating reserve material.



Example Application Relay Connection Diagram



Using MPILC this application can be implemented as:-

N/C contact of Relay 1 will operate the fill tank valve as long as Level is not filled to 80% from 15%.

1. Keep level between 80% and 15%.

Take Relay#1.

Configure it for Pump Control Switching. Select its Fail Safe Low.

Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 0 second will be used. Set High Set Point to 80%.

Set Low Set Point to 15%.

N/C contact of Relay 2 will operate the Sufficient Level Indicator Lamp.

2. Issue Sufficient Signal at level >= 60%.

Take Relay#2.

Configure it for Single Point Switching. Select its Fail Safe High.

Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 1 second will be used. Set its Set Point to 60%.

N/C contact of Relay 3 will operate the Reserve Level Indicator Lamp.

3. Issue Reserve Signal at level < 30%.

Take Relay#3.

Configure it for Single Point Switching. Select its Fail Safe Low.

Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 1 second will be used. Set its Set Point to 30%.

Figure 20: Programming

Entering Relay Parameters:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will set the Relay#1 parameters as per application example requirement.



Selecting Fail Safe for Relay

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will set the Relay#1 parameters as per application example requirement.



Setting Delay Timers:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will set the Relay#1 parameters as per application example requirement.



Figure 23: Programming

from 15%.

The Uncovered Delay is now set to

0 seconds.

Entering Pump Control Switch Points:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will set the Relay#1 parameters as per application example requirement.



Last two digits stopped blinking. The Low Set Point is now set to

15%

Selecting Next Relay for Entry:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will select Relay#2 for parameters setting as per application example requirement.



Display from last step.

Press Button.

Press

Press

Press



Button.

MPILC is asking for if the relay parameters are required to be saved.

"Apply should be done when no more changes are required.

Therefor in this example, the modified values will be applied in when all the entries for all three Relays are over.

Pressing enter key here will "quit" to the Run mode.

"Quit" without "Apply" will discard any changes.

"Quit" will not be entered.

Proceeding for next Relay.

Here, the next relay will be selected by pressing enter.

N/C contact of Relay 2 will operate the Sufficient Level Indicator Lamp.

2. Issue Sufficient Signal at level >= 60%.

Take Relay#2.

Configure it for Single Point Switching. Select its Fail Safe High. Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 1 second will be used. Set its Set Point to 60%.

Last Digit starts blinking, indicates that new Relay # can be selected by using:



For now change it to 2.

Digit stops blinking. Relay 2 is thus selected for parameter entry.



Press



Button.

Button.

Button.

Entering Relay 2 Parameters:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will modify the parameters setting of Relay #2 as per application example requirement.



Figure 26: Programming

Point for Relay#2 is just changed to give alarm above 60% level.

Selecting Next Relay for Entry:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will select Relay#3 for parameters setting as per application example requirement.



Display from last step.

Press Button.

Press

Press



Button.

MPILC is asking for if the relay parameters are required to be saved.

"Apply should be done when no more changes are required.

Therefor in this example, the modified values will be applied in when all the entries for all three Relays are over.

Pressing enter key here will "quit" to the Run mode.

"Quit" without "Apply" will discard any changes.

"Quit" will not be entered.

Proceeding for next Relay.

N/C contact of Relay 3 will operate the Reserve Level Indicator Lamp.

3. Issue Reserve Signal at level < 30%.

Take Relay#3.

Configure it for Single Point Switching. Select its Fail Safe Low.

Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 1 second will be used. Set its Set Point to 30%.



Last Digit starts blinking, indicates that new Relay # can be selected by using:



For now change it to 3.

Digit stops blinking. Relay 2 is thus selected for parameter entry.



Press

Press Button.



Button.

Button.

Here, the next relay will be selected by pressing enter.

Entering Relay 3 Parameters:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will modify the parameters setting of Relay #2 as per application example requirement.



Figure 28: Programming

Therefore no change is required.

Entering Relay 2 Parameters:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will modify the parameters setting of Relay #2 as per application example requirement.



Figure 29: Programming

Problem with the Application:

Application Example:



Example Application Relay Connection Diagram



After this solution:

The Alarm LED will now on MPILC will now have another meaning. It will now mean lit-up to show that Tank has the Material and Fill Operation is Not in the process.

Fill Valve Solenoid will operate when Alarm LED of Relay 1 is turned off.

Alarm means that N/C is connected to Common.

Suppose that it is required in an application to keep a tank filled between the two levels 80% and 15%. And two signals are required when level is above 60% indicating sufficient material and when the level falls below 30% indicating reserve material.

In Proposed MPILC solution the Relay 1 was configured to provide the required "keep it filled" action.:

N/C contact of Relay 1 will operate the fill tank valve as long as Level is not filled to 80% from 15%.

1. Keep level between 80% and 15%.

Take Relay#1. Configure it for Pump Control Switching. Select its Fail Safe Low. Set Covered and Uncovered delay as per system delay needs. In this example 0 second will be used. Set High Set Point to 80%. Set Low Set Point to 15%.

However, observing the proposed circuit, it becomes clear that:

Power Failure to MPILC will result in the filling operation, which will cause Overflow as it can never be guaranteed how long power to MPILC may not be available.

The Solution for this problem is to use the Normally Open Contact of the relay.

This will prevent any fill operation when supply to MPILC fails.



This Solution creates another problem that now the Fill Operation will stop on Level<15% and will Start on Level >=80% causing more overflow, with present settings.

Solution: Use Relay 1 in Fail Safe High.

This will solve the overflow problem of the example application.

Figure 30: Programming

Entering Relay Parameters:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure will set the Relay#1 parameters as per application example modified solution.



Saving Edited Relay Settings:

Application Example (Continued):

Following procedure skips direct to save (apply) the relay settings and quit to run mode.



Figure 32: Programming

Process In Action:

Application Example (Continued):



Application Connections.



Relay 1: Filling Valve Controller Pump Control, Fail Safe High Level <Low Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Filling Process is Started (Filling).

Relay 2: Sufficient Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe High Level < Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Sufficient" is off (Not Sufficient).

Relay 3: Reserve Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe Low Level <Set Point means Alarm in FS Low. Alarm means Common connects to N/C and Alarm LED is on. Indication for "Reserve" is on (in Reserve).

Figure 33: Programming

Process In Action - Step 2:

Application Example (Continued):





Relay 1: Filling Valve Controller Pump Control, Fail Safe High Level < High Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Filling Process is Continued (Filling).

Relay 2: Sufficient Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe High Level < Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Sufficient" is off (Not Sufficient).

Relay 3: Reserve Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe Low Level > Set Point means No Alarm in FS Low. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Reserve" is off (Not Reserve).

Figure 34: Programming

Process In Action - Step 3:

Application Example (Continued):

Relay 1: Filling Valve Controller Pump Control, Fail Safe High Level < High Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Filling Process is Continued (Filling).

Relay 2: Sufficient Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe High Level >= Set Point means Alarm in FS High. Alarm means Common connects to N/C and Alarm LED is on. Indication for "Sufficient" is on (Sufficient).

Relay 3: Reserve Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe Low Level > Set Point means No Alarm in FS Low. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Reserve" is off (Not Reserve).

Process In Action - Step 4:

Application Example (Continued):

Relay 1: Filling Valve Controller Pump Control, Fail Safe High Level >= High Set Point means Alarm in FS High. Alarm means Common connects to N/C and Alarm LED is on. Filling Process is Stopped (Not Filling).

Relay 2: Sufficient Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe High Level >= Set Point means Alarm in FS High. Alarm means Common connects to N/C and Alarm LED is on. Indication for "Sufficient" is on (Sufficient).

Relay 3: Reserve Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe Low Level > Set Point means No Alarm in FS Low. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Reserve" is off (Not Reserve).

Process In Action - Step 5:

Application Example (Continued):

Relay 1: Filling Valve Controller Pump Control, Fail Safe High Level < High Set Point, but the Alarm will Continue as long as Low Set Point is not reached. Therefore, It is Alarm for Fail Safe High. Alarm means Common connects to N/C and Alarm LED is on. Filling Process is Stopped (Not Filling).

Relay 2: Sufficient Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe High Level < Set Point means No Alarm in FS High. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Sufficient" is off (Not Sufficient).

Relay 3: Reserve Lamp Controller Single Point, Fail Safe Low Level > Set Point means No Alarm in FS Low. No Alarm means Common connects to N/O and Alarm LED is off. Indication for "Reserve" is off (More than Reserve).

Figure 37: Programming

Process In Action - Last Step:

Application Example (Continued):

The Complete Process is thus shown in Action. It should be clear by now that :-

- 1. Alarm means the Common Terminal of Relay is connected to N/C Terminal. (Relay Coil is De-Energised).
- 2. Alarm LED on front Panel of MPILC is on (lit) only for Alarm Condition.
- 3. Change Over Potential Free Contacts are available to make the process safe for any error in process.
- 4. Fail Safe High and Fail Safe Low can be chosen to invert the Relay Operation Logic to suit the process requirements.

Figure 38: Programming

5 Customer Support

Thank you for going through the instructions given in this manual. To further ease the process of installation and use, we have developed special demo videos which are hosted on YouTube.

Sapcon's YouTube channel, SAPCON INSTRUMENTS, lists all these videos: https://goo.gl/dnxfcz

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