

Elastic element pressure gauges

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Description

Indicating pressure gauges with elastic measuring elements are used extensively to measure pressure in technical applications due to their robustness and ease-of-use. They incorporate measuring elements which deform elastically under the influence of pressure. Mechanical pressure gauges are produced with bourdon tube, diaphragm, capsule and spring elements and are differentiated as a result of these.

The measuring elements are made of copper alloys, alloyed steels or, for specific measuring applications, produced in special materials. Pressures are only measurable in combination with a reference pressure. Atmospheric pressure usually serves as the reference pressure, and the pressure gauge therefore shows how much the measured pressure is

higher or lower in relation to the given atmospheric pressure (i.e. an overpressure measuring instrument).

The pressure is indicated in standard measuring ranges over a 270 degree sweep on the dial. Liquid-filled pressure gauges, due to their damping effect, offer optimal protection against damage from high dynamic pressure loads or vibrations. By combination with limit signal indicators, switching can be carried out, while in combination with transmitters, electrical output signals (e.g. 4 ... 20 mA) can be used for industrial process automation.

Pressure gauges with bourdon tube

Bourdon tubes are circular-shaped tubes with an oval cross-section. The pressure of the media acts on the inside of this tube which results in the oval cross section becoming almost circular. Through the curvature of the tube, hoop stresses occur which bend the bourdon tube. The end of the tube, which is not fixed, moves, and this indicates the measurement for the pressure.

Through the pointer movement this motion is indicated on the display. The circular-shaped tubes, formed through an angle of approx. 250°, are used for pressures up to about 60 bar.

For higher pressures, bourdon tubes are used with either a number of superimposed coils of the same diameter (i.e. helical coils), or a spiral-shaped coil (i.e. spiral springs) in a single plane.

Bourdon tubes can only be protected against overload to a limited extent. In order to fulfil particularly harsh measuring tasks, the pressure gauge can be fitted with a chemical seal upstream as a separation or protection system.

The pressure ranges can be between 0 ... 0.6 and 0 ... 7000 bar with a reading accuracy (or class) from 0.1 to 4.0 %.

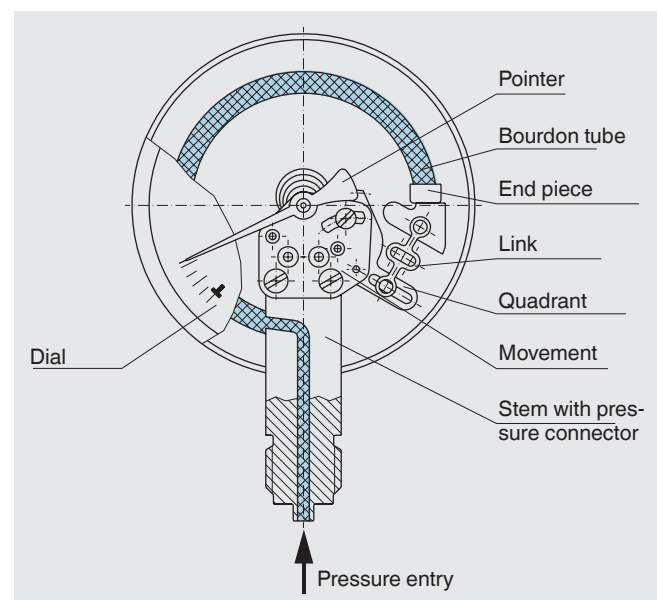


Fig. Pressure gauges with bourdon tube

Pressure gauges with diaphragm elements

Diaphragm elements are circular-shaped, corrugated membranes. They are either clamped around their rim between two flanges or welded and are subjected to the pressure of the media acting on one side. The deflection caused by this is used as a measurement for the pressure and is indicated by a pointer.

In comparison with bourdon tubes, these diaphragm elements have a relatively high actuating force and, as a result of the annular clamping of the element, they are insensitive to vibration.

The diaphragm element can be subject to higher overload through the load take-up (diaphragm element resting against the upper flange), and by coating it with special material or covering it with foil, the gauge can be protected against extremely corrosive media.

For measurements with highly viscous, impure or crystallizing media, wide connection ports, open connection flanges and purging capabilities can be integrated.

Pressure ranges can be between 0 ... 16 mbar and 0 ... 40 bar with accuracy classes from 0.6 to 2.5.

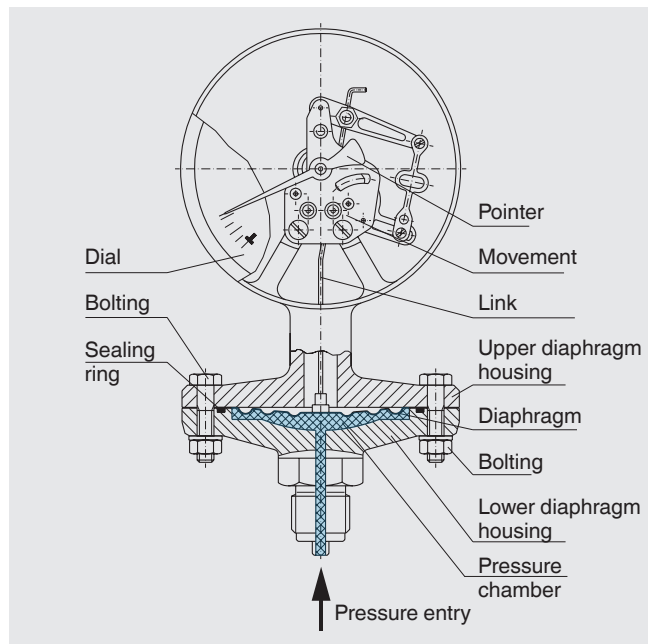


Fig. Pressure gauges with diaphragm elements

Pressure gauges with capsule elements

The capsule element comprises two circular-shaped, corrugated membranes fully-sealed around their circumference. The pressure acts on the inside of this capsule and the stroke movement generated is indicated by a pointer as the measurement of pressure.

Pressure gauges with capsule elements are particularly suited to gaseous media and relatively low pressures. Overload protection is possible within certain limits. The actuating force is increased if a number of capsule elements are connected mechanically in series (a capsule element "package").

Pressure ranges can be between 0 ... 2.5 mbar and 0 ... 0.6 bar with accuracy classes of 0.1 to 2.5.

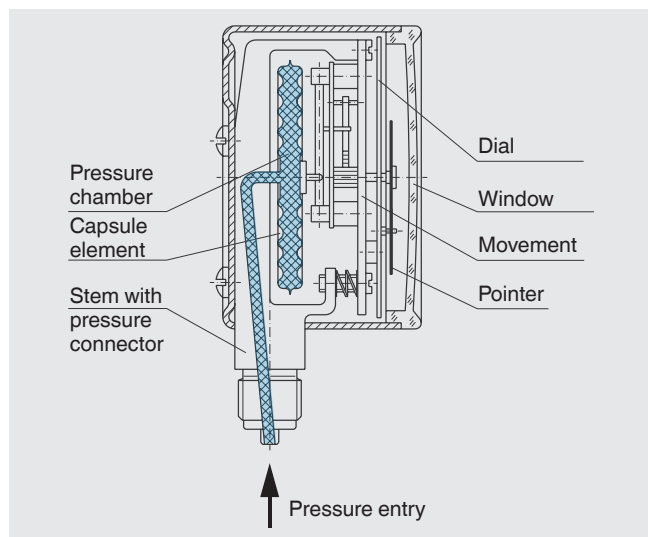


Fig. Pressure gauges with capsule elements

Absolute pressure gauges

These instruments are used where pressures are to be measured independently of the natural fluctuations in atmospheric pressure. As a general rule, all the previously shown overpressure gauge elements and measuring principles can be applied.

The pressure of the media to be measured is compared against a reference pressure which is equal to absolute zero. On the side of the measuring element that is not subjected to the pressure media, an absolute vacuum exists as the reference pressure. This function is achieved by sealing off the appropriate measuring chamber or surrounding housing.

Measuring element movement transmission and pressure indication are achieved in the same way as with the previously described overpressure gauges.

Pressure ranges can be between 0 ... 25 mbar and 0 ... 25 bar with accuracy classes of 0.6 to 2.5.

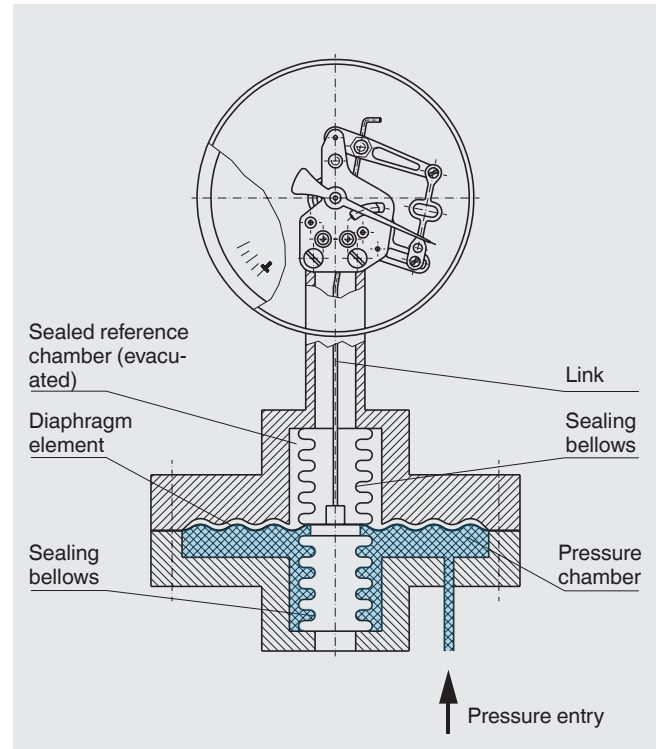


Fig. Absolute pressure gauges

Differential pressure gauges

With differential pressure gauges, the difference between two pressures is determined directly and shown on the display. Here again, all the previously shown overpressure gauge measuring elements and measuring principles can be applied.

Two sealed pressure media chambers are separated by the measuring element/s. If both operating pressures are the same, no movement of the measuring element occurs and no pressure will be indicated. A differential pressure reading is only given when one of the pressures is either higher or lower than the other.

Even with high static pressures, low differential pressures can be measured directly. With diaphragm elements, a very high overload capability is achieved.

The permissible static pressure and the overload capability on the $\oplus$ and $\ominus$ side must be observed.

In the majority of cases, measuring element movement transmission and pressure indication are achieved in the same way as with the previously described overpressure gauges.

Pressure ranges can be between 0 ... 16 mbar and 0 ... 40 bar with accuracy classes of 0.6 to 2.5.

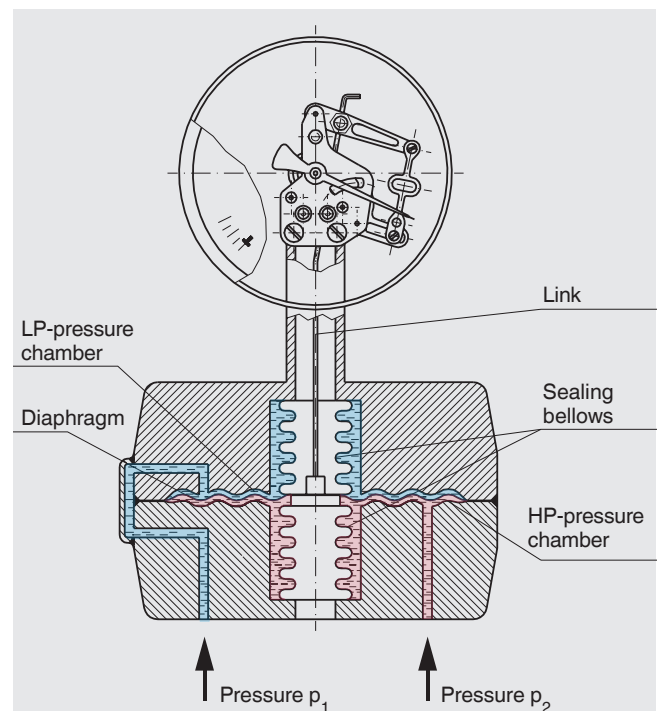


Fig. Differential pressure gauges

Applications

- Filter technology (monitoring filter state)
- Level measurement (in closed vessels)
- Flow measurement (pressure drop)

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