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Conductivity Electrode

LRG 16-4

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How to use this Manual

This Installation & Operating Manual describes the correct use of the LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode. It applies to persons who integrate this equipment in control systems, install, bring into service, operate, maintain and dispose of this equipment. Anyone carrying out the above-mentioned activities must have read this Installation & Operating Manual and understood its contents.

- Read this Manual in full and follow all instructions.
- Please also read the instructions for use of any accessories.
- The Installation & Operating Manual is part of the product package. Keep it in an easily accessible location.

Availability of this Installation & Operating Manual

- Make sure this Installation & Operating Manual is always available to the operator.
- If you pass on or sell the equipment to a third party, please also hand over the Installation & Operating Manual.

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Read the relevant Installation & Operating Manual

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Danger zone, dangerous situation

Types of warning

⚠ DANGER

Warning of a dangerous situation that results in death or serious injury.

⚠ WARNING

Warning of a dangerous situation that may possibly result in death or serious injury.

⚠ CAUTION

Warning of a situation that may result in minor or moderate injury.

⚠ ATTENTION

Warning of a situation that results in damage to property or the environment.

Specialist terms, abbreviations

Here, we explain some abbreviations, specialist terms, etc., which are used in this Manual.

NRGT .. / NRR.. / NRS.. / URS .. / URB .. / SRL .. / etc.

Equipment and type designations of GESTRA AG.

SELV

Safety Extra Low Voltage

Operating point (of the plant)

The operating point describes the operating parameters within which a plant or boiler is operated in its nominal range. In a steam boiler, for example, these parameters would be output, pressure, and temperature.

The design data may be a lot more stringent, however.

A boiler that is operated at 145 psi (10 bar) and 356 °F (180 °C) may be designed to withstand a pressure of 870 psi (60 bar) and a temperature of 527 °F (275 °C), for example, which is therefore not necessarily its operating point.

Usage for the intended purpose

The LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode may only be used in conjunction with LRS 1-.. conductivity switches or LRR 1-.. conductivity controllers for measuring conductivity in liquid conductive media.

The LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode can be used as a conductivity limiter or blowdown controller in steam boilers in combination with the following equipment:

Conductivity switch LRS 1-50
Conductivity controller LRR 1-50
Conductivity controller LRR 1-52

To ensure perfect function, pay attention to the recommendations of the ABMA & ASME regarding boiler water limits.

The equipment may only be used within the admissible pressure and temperature ratings.

Applicable directives and standards

The equipment has been tested and approved for use in the scope governed by the following directives and standards:

Standards:

- UL 60730-1 and CAN/CSA E60730-1
  General Requirements for Automatic Electrical Controls

Improper use

There is a danger of death due to explosion if the equipment is used in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Do not use the equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Do not bring any equipment into service that does not have its own specific rating plate.

The rating plate indicates the technical features of the equipment.

Basic safety information

Danger to life from scalding! Do not remove the conductivity electrode under pressure. Steam or hot water can spurt forcefully out of the equipment.

- Only remove the conductivity electrode at **0 psi (0 bar) boiler pressure**.

Risk of severe burns! Do not perform work on a conductivity electrode that is still hot. The conductivity electrode gets very hot during operation.

- Allow the conductivity electrode to cool down.
- Always wait for the conductivity electrode to cool before performing any installation and maintenance work.

There is a risk of electric shock during work on electrical systems.

- Always switch off the voltage to the plant before performing connection work.
- Check that the plant is not carrying live voltage before commencing work.

Danger to life! Hot steam or hot water can suddenly escape from a faulty LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode.

Shocks and impacts during transport or installation can result in damage to or leaks in the conductivity electrode, causing pressurized hot steam or hot water to escape through the pressure relief hole.

- To prevent damage during transport and installation, do not expose the electrode rod to major shocks or impacts.
- Before and after installation, check that the conductivity electrode is undamaged.
- When bringing the conductivity electrode into service, check that it is leak-tight.

Attempts to repair the equipment will cause the plant to become unsafe.

- The LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode may only be repaired by the manufacturer, GESTRA AG.
- Only replace faulty equipment with identical equipment from GESTRA AG.

Required personnel qualifications

Activity	Personnel	
Integration in control system	Specialist staff	Plant designer
Installation/ electrical connection/ bringing into service	Specialist staff	The equipment may only be installed, wired and brought into service by qualified and competent staff.
Operation	Boiler service technician	Staff trained by the plant operator.
Maintenance work	Specialist staff	Fitting and maintenance work may only be performed by authorized staff who have undergone specific training.
Refits	Specialist staff	Persons trained by the plant operator to work with pressure and temperature.

Notes on product liability

The manufacturer cannot accept any liability for damages resulting from improper use of the equipment.

Function

The LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode is used as a conductivity limiter and blowdown controller in steam boilers in combination with the following equipment:

Conductivity switch LRS 1-50
Conductivity controller LRR 1-50
Conductivity controller LRR 1-52

In addition, this equipment can monitor conductivity in condensate and feedwater circuits and in cooling and cleaning water.

In combination with conductivity switches or controllers, the conductivity electrode measures conductivity in conductive fluids.

In the event of a short circuit or broken wire in the conductivity electrode, an error signal is generated in the conductivity switch or controller.

Technical data

Service pressure
464 psi at 460 °F (32 bar at 238 °C)

Mechanical connection
Thread 3/8" 18 NPT

Materials
Screw-in body 1.4404 / F316L
Measuring electrode 1.4571, X6CrNiMoTi17-12-2
Insulation PTFE
Four-pole connector polyamide (PA)

Electrode length
3.94, 11.81, 15.75, 19.69, 23.62, 31.5, 39.37 and 47.24 in
(100, 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, 1000 and 1200 mm)

Cell constant
1 cm^{-1}

Electrical connection
Four-pole connector, cable glands M 16

Protection
IP 65 according to DIN EN 60529
NEMA Type 1 according to NEMA 250

Admissible ambient temperature
Max. 158 °F (70 °C)

Weight
Approx. 1.1 lb (0.5 kg)

Other information
Incorporated Type 1 action operating control, passive sensor
Pollution degree 3, impulse voltage 500 V

Rating plate, identification

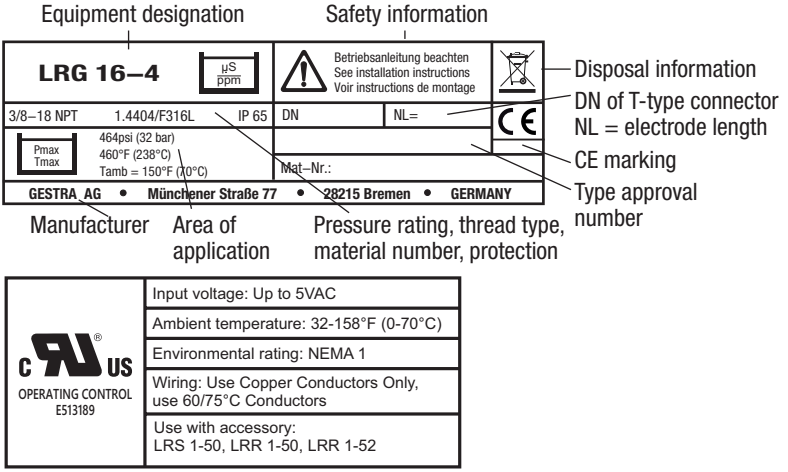

Fig. 1

Overall view

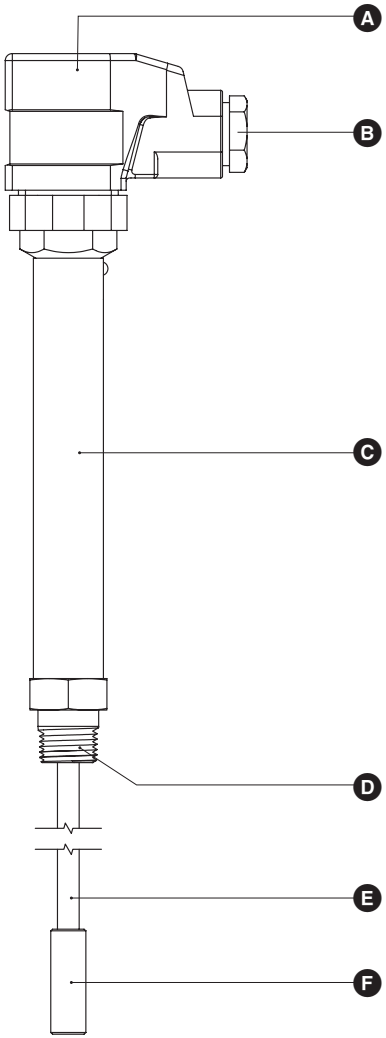

Fig. 2

Key

- **A** Four-pole connector
- **B** Cable lead-through
- **C** Cover tube
- **D** Electrode thread
- **E** Measuring electrode
- **F** Enlarged measuring surface

Dimensions

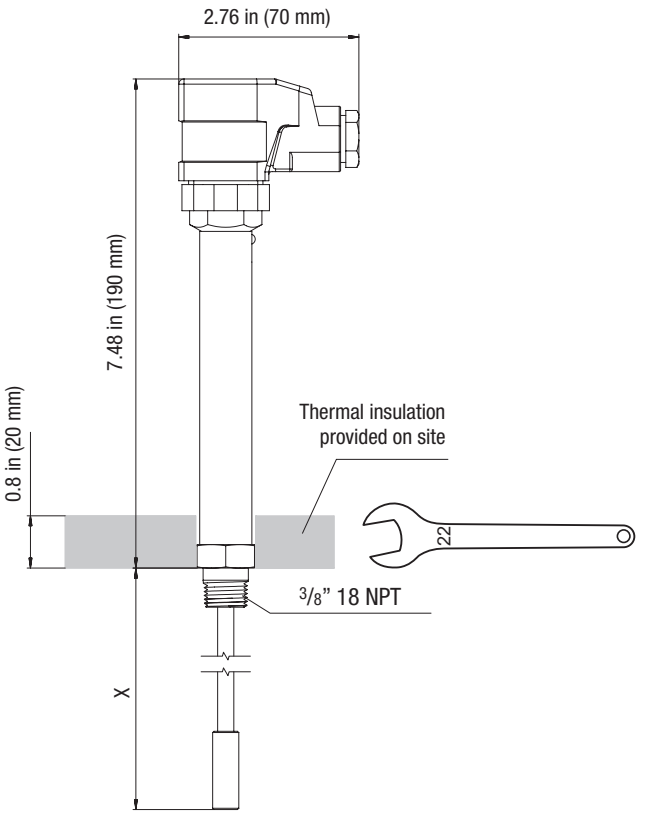

Fig. 3
LRG 16-4 with four-pole connector

x = available electrode lengths:

- 3.94 in (100 mm)
- 11.81 in (300 mm)
- 15.75 in (400 mm)
- 19.69 in (500 mm)
- 23.62 in (600 mm)
- 31.50 in (800 mm)
- 39.37 in (1000 mm)
- 47.24 in (1200 mm)

Preparing for installation

You will need the following tools:

- Open-ended wrench size 22

⚠ DANGER

Danger to life! Escaped hot steam can cause scalding.

Hot steam or hot water can escape suddenly if the conductivity electrode is unscrewed under pressure.

- Reduce the boiler pressure to 0 psi (0 bar) and check the pressure before unscrewing the conductivity electrode.
- Only remove the conductivity electrode at 0 psi (0 bar) boiler pressure.

⚠ WARNING

The hot conductivity electrode can cause severe burns.

The conductivity electrode gets very hot during operation.

- Always let the conductivity electrode cool down before performing installation and maintenance work.
- Only remove conductivity electrodes that have cooled down.

⚠ ATTENTION

Incorrect installation can lead to malfunctions in the plant or the conductivity electrode.

- Do not shorten the electrode rod.
- Take care not to bend the conductivity electrode during installation.
- Do not subject the electrode rod to hard impacts.
- Do **not** install the upper part of the cover tube Ⓒ of the electrode in the boiler's thermal insulation!
- Install the conductivity electrode horizontally or inclined. The measuring surface must be permanently submerged.
- Leave a distance of approx. ≥ 1.57 in (≥ 40 mm) between the lower end of the measuring electrode and the boiler wall, the smoke tubes, any other metallic fittings, and the low water level (LW), see installation example in **Fig. 5**
- Installation examples can be found on page 18.

Installation

Installing the LRG 16-4

- Make sure that the internal and external threads are in perfect condition.
- Do not apply more than three windings of PTFE insulating tape around the electrode thread.

⚠ WARNING

Do not use too much tape. Do not use fitting lubricants or pastes.

- Fit the electrode and tighten first with your hand and then with a size 41 open-ended wrench. Do not use a pipe wrench.
- Recommendations for tightening torques cannot be given due to the conical/parallel type of connection.
- Avoid tightening excessively; part of the electrode thread should always remain visible.

The electrode body does not “sit” on the flange, i.e. the underside of the hexagon is not in contact with the flange (also see **Fig. 4**). If it is in contact, the internal thread is outside tolerance. In this case, the flange must be replaced.

After the electrode has been installed with PTFE sealing tape, you must ensure there is adequate electrical contact between the electrode and the boiler wall.

To do this, after installation measure the resistance between the electrode body and the boiler with a multimeter.

The reading must be < 10 ohms.

If the reading is > 10 ohms, connect the electrode to the boiler wall using a band grounding clamp. (The band grounding clamp is available as an optional accessory)

Next, measure the resistance again.

The value must be < 10 ohms and entered as followed:

Measured resistance: _____ ohms

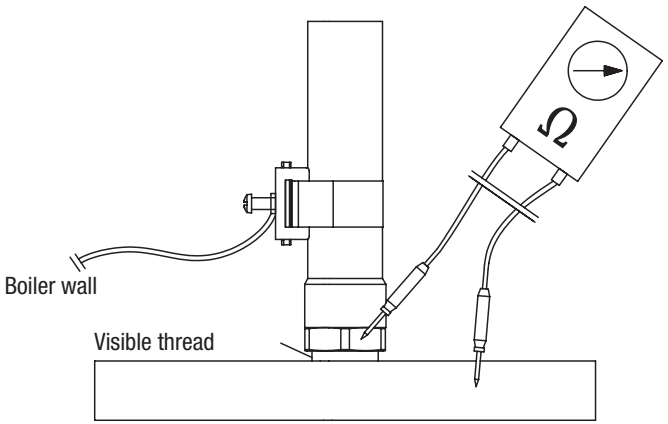

Fig. 4

Installation examples with dimensions

For conductivity monitoring, the conductivity electrode is installed directly via a flanged connection on the side, or is installed in a separate level pot

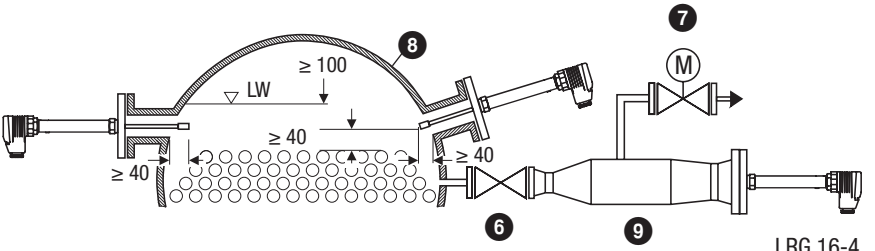

Fig. 5

For conductivity monitoring and continuous boiler blowdown, the conductivity electrode is installed in the blowdown line via a separate level pot

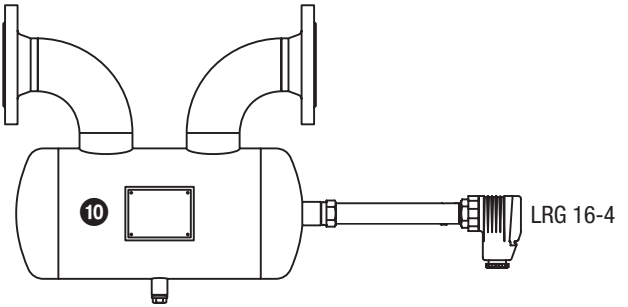

Fig. 6

Key

6 Shut-off valve GAV

7 Continuous blowdown valve BAE

8 Boiler drum

9 Level pot

10 Level pot

Electrical connection

LRG 16-4 with four-pole connector

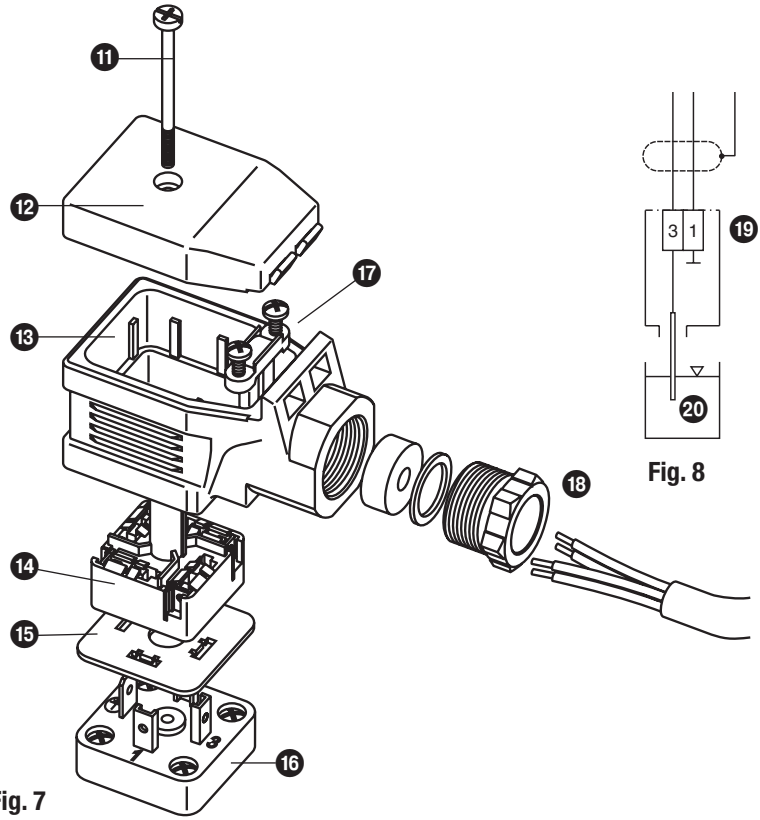

Fig. 7

Fig. 8

Key

11 Screw M 4

12 Cover

13 Upper part of connector

14 Connection plate!

15 Insulating plate

16 Conductivity electrode contact plate

17 Cable clamp

18 Cable gland M 16 (PG 9)

19 Terminal assignment

20 Measuring electrode

Tools

- Screwdriver 3/32 in (2.4 mm)
- Screwdriver 1/8 in (3.2 mm), fully insulated

Electrical connection

Connecting a conductivity electrode

Please use a TC-ER control cable with minimum wire size AWG18, e.g., OELFLEX CONTROL TM CY 3G1 to connect the conductivity electrode.

Connect the shield **just once** to the central grounding point **(CGP) in the control cabinet**. Connect the terminals of the connection plate as shown in **Fig. 8**.

C**able length between the conductivity electrode and the conductivity switch/controller max. 98 ft (30 m), or max. 32 ft (10 m) with a conductivity of 0.5-5 ppm (1-10 µS/cm).**

Bringing into service

Assigning the four-pole connector of the LRG 16-4

1. Undo the screw ⓫. **Fig. 7**
2. Remove the upper part ⓭ of the connector from the conductivity electrode, leaving the insulating plate ⓯ on the contact plate ⓰.
3. Remove the cover ⓬.
4. Press the connection plate ⓮ out of the upper part ⓭ of the connector.

   The upper part of the connector can be turned in increments of 90°.
5. Detach the cable gland ⓲ and cable clamp ⓱ from the upper part ⓭ of the connector.
6. Pull the cable through the cable gland ⓲ and upper part ⓭ of the connector and insert the terminals of the connection plate ⓮ as shown in the wiring diagram ⓳.
7. Press the connection plate ⓮ into the upper part of the connector, and correctly align the cable.
8. Secure the cable with the cable clamp ⓱ and cable gland ⓲.
9. Put on the cover ⓬ and insert the screw ⓫.
10. Position the upper part of the connector on the conductivity electrode and secure with the screw ⓫.
11. If you are installing several electrodes in one steam boiler or tank, please indicate the electrode type and function on the four-pole connector.

Attention

- Please pay attention to the Installation & Operating Manuals of the LRS 1-50 conductivity switch and the LRR 1-50 and LRR 1-52 conductivity controllers.
- Route the connecting cable between items of equipment separately from power lines.
- Check the connection of the shield to the central grounding point **(CGP)** in the control cabinet.

Fault indications and troubleshooting

Indications, diagnosis and corrective action

Attention

Please check the following before fault diagnosis:

Supply voltage:
Is the conductivity switch/controller supplied with the voltage specified on the rating plate?

Wiring:
Does the wiring conform to the wiring diagram?

Fault indications	
Conductivity switch/controller is imprecise	
Error	**Corrective action**
Indicated conductivity reading is higher than measured comparison value.	Reduce correction factor CF.
Indicated conductivity reading is lower than measured comparison value.	Increase correction factor CF.
Reading cannot be adapted by changing the correction factor.	Remove conductivity electrode and clean measuring surface.

Conductivity switch/controller not working	
Error	**Corrective action**
Power failure	Switch on supply voltage. Check all electrical connections.
Ground connection to tank is interrupted.	Measure the resistance between the electrode and boiler wall. If necessary, use a band grounding clamp, also see page 17.
Faulty conductivity electrode, reading too low. Electrode wires interrupted or measuring surface exposed.	Check electrode wire connections. Replace equipment if necessary. Check water level and/or installation.
Faulty conductivity electrode, reading too high. Short circuit in electrode wires.	Check electrode wire connections. Replace equipment if necessary.

Attention

- Please pay attention to the LRS 1-50, LRR 1-50 and LRR 1-52 Installation & Operating Manuals for bringing into service and further troubleshooting.

Maintenance

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- Reduce the boiler pressure to 0 psi (0 bar) and check the pressure before unscrewing the conductivity electrode.
- Only remove the conductivity electrode at **0 psi (0 bar) boiler pressure**.

⚠ WARNING

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The conductivity electrode gets very hot during operation.

- Perform installation and maintenance work only when the conductivity electrode has been allowed to cool.
- Only remove a conductivity electrode that has cooled down.

Cleaning the measuring electrode

1. Undo the screw ⓫. **Fig. 7**
2. Detach the upper part ⓭ of the connector from the conductivity electrode.
3. Make sure the equipment is not hot or under pressure before dismantling it.

Cleaning the measuring electrode (measuring surface):

■ Wipe off loose deposits with a fat-free cloth.

■ Scrub off stubborn deposits using sandpaper (medium grain).

Re-install the conductivity electrode. Pay attention to the information in the ‘Installation’ and ‘Electrical connection’ sections.

Taking out of service

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Proceed as follows:

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Disposal

Dispose of the conductivity transmitter in accordance with statutory waste disposal regulations.

Returning decontaminated equipment

If products have come into contact with media that are hazardous to health, they must be drained and decontaminated before being returned to GESTRA AG.

The term 'media' can refer to solid, liquid or gaseous substances or mixtures, as well as radiation.

GESTRA AG can accept returned products only if accompanied by a completed and signed return note and also a completed and signed declaration of decontamination.

The return confirmation and declaration of decontamination must be attached to the outside of the return package, as processing will otherwise be impossible and the products will be returned to the sender at their expense.

Please proceed as follows:

1. Let GESTRA AG know about the return beforehand by e-mail or phone.
2. Wait until you have received the return confirmation from GESTRA.
3. Fill out the return confirmation (including declaration of decontamination) and send it with the products to GESTRA AG.

UL components

The LRG 16-4 conductivity electrode is registered under XACN.E513189 and NKCR.E243189.

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