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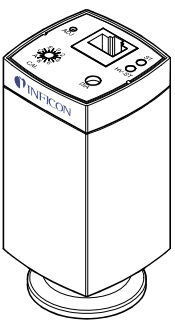

Operating Manual

Incl. EC Declaration of Conformity

Product Identification

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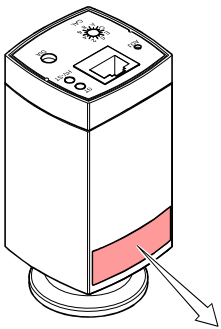
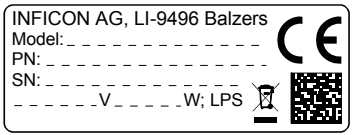
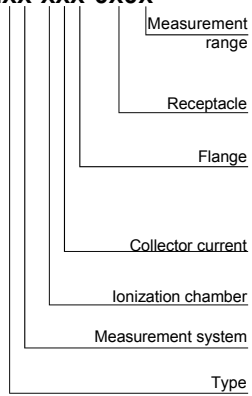




Validity

This document applies to products of the MAG50x and MPG50x series:

3Mxx-xxx-0x0x



The part number (PN) can be taken from the product nameplate.

If not indicated otherwise in the legends, the illustrations in this document correspond to the product with FCC receptacle and vacuum connection DN 25 ISO-KF. They apply to the other products by analogy.

We reserve the right to make technical changes without prior notice.

Intended Use

Gemini MAG500, MAG504

The Cold Cathode Gauges Gemini MAG500 and MAG504 have been designed for vacuum measurement of gases in the pressure range of 1×10^{-9} … 1×10^{-2} mbar.

The gauges with PN 3MAx-xxx-0x0Q can be operated in connection with an INFICON Vacuum Gauge Controller of the VGC40x series.

Gemini MPG500, MPG504

The Cold Cathode Gauges Gemini MPG500 and MPG504 have been designed for vacuum measurement of gases in the pressure range of 1×10^{-9} … 1000 mbar.

They must not be used for measuring flammable or combustible gases in mixtures containing oxidants (e.g. atmospheric oxygen) within the explosion range.

The gauges can be operated in connection with an INFICON Vacuum Gauge Controller of the VGC40x series.

Functional Principle

Gemini MAG500, MAG504

The gauge functions with a cold cathode ionization measurement circuit (according to the inverted magnetron principle).

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

Gemini MPG500, MPG504

The gauge consists of two separate measuring systems (the Pirani and the cold cathode system according to the inverted magnetron principle). They are combined in such a way that for the user, they behave like one measuring system.

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

Scope of Delivery

1× gauge
1× pin for adjusting settings via buttons
1× Operating Manual German
1× Operating Manual English

Contents

For cross-references within this document, the symbol (→ 🗎 XY) is used.

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.

 Notice

<…> Labeling

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 General Safety Instructions

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.

  Consider possible reactions with the product materials.

  Consider possible reactions (e.g. explosion) of the process media due to the heat generated by the product (MPG50x only).
- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety instructions in this document.
- Before beginning to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

Communicate the safety instructions to all other users.

1.4 Liability and Warranty

INFICON assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the end-user or third parties

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

The end-user 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. ionization chamber, ignition aid, Pirani filament (MPG50x)), are not covered by the warranty.

2 Technical Data

Measurement range (air, N_2)	
MAG	1×10^{-9} … 1×10^{-2} mbar
MPG	1×10^{-9} … 1000 mbar
Accuracy MAG (N_2)	
1×10^{-8} … 1×10^{-2} mbar	30% of reading
Accuracy MPG (N_2)	
1×10^{-8} … 100 mbar	30% of reading
100 … 1000 mbar	50% of reading
Repeatability (N_2)	
MAG, 1×10^{-8} … 1×10^{-2} mbar	5% of reading
MPG, 1×10^{-8} … 100 mbar	5% of reading
Gas type dependence	
MAG	→ 🗎 18
MPG	→ 🗎 20

Voltage range (analog output)	0 … +10.5 V
Measurement range	
3MAx-xxx-0x0N	+1.5 … +8.5 V (dc)
3MAx-xxx-0x0Q	+0.667 … +10 V (dc)
3MBx-xxx-0x0P	+1.398 … +8.6 V (dc)
Voltage vs. pressure	
3MAx-xxx-0x0N	1 V/decade, logarithmic
3MAx-xxx-0x0Q	1.33 V/decade, logarithmic
3MBx-xxx-0x0P	0.6 V/decade, logarithmic
Status signal	14.5 … 30 V (ignited)
Error signal	
3MAx-xxx-0x0N	<+0.5 V
3MAx-xxx-0x0Q	≤+0.3 V
3MBx-xxx-0x0P	+9.5 … +10.5 V

Output impedance	2 × 4.7 Ω, short-circuit proof
Load impedance	≥10 kΩ, short-circuit proof
Step response time	pressure dependent
$p > 10^{-6}$ mbar	<100 ms
$p = 10^{-8}$ mbar	≈1 s

Gauge identification	
3MAx-xxx-0x0N	–
3MAx-xxx-0x0Q	100 kΩ referenced to supply common
3MBx-xxx-0x0P	85 kΩ referenced to supply common

Status signal (digital output)	
Current rating	100 mA
High voltage is ON	+14.5 … +30 V (dc) (depending on supply voltage)
High voltage is OFF	0 V (dc)

High voltage cut-in, low active, Pin 7 (digital input)	
High voltage ON	<2.5 V (dc)
High voltage OFF	>4.0 V (dc)
High voltage cut-in, high active, Pin 8 (digital input)	
High voltage ON	>11.0 V (dc)
High voltage OFF	< 5.0 V (dc)

Supply

DANGER

The gauge may only be connected to power supplies, instruments, or control devices that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV) and limited power source (LPS), Class 2. The connection to the gauge has to be fused. [1)]

Supply voltage	
at the gauge [2)]	+14.5 … +30 V (dc)
Ripple	≤1 V_{pp}
Power consumption	≤2 W

1) INFICON controllers fulfill this requirement.

2) The minimum voltage of the power supply unit must be increased proportionally to the length of the sensor cable.

Fuse to be connected [1)]	≤1 AT
High voltage in the measuring chamber	
Ignition voltage	≤4.5 kV
Operating voltage	≤3.3 kV
Current in the measuring chamber	
High current	≤500 µA
Low current	≤100 µA
Electrical connection	
3Mxx-xxx-000x	FCC 68, 8-pin
3Mxx-xxx-010x	D-Sub, 9-pin
Sensor cable	
FCC connector	8-pin, shielded
D-Sub connector	9-pin, shielded
Cable length (FCC only)	≤50 m (0.14 mm^2/conductor)
Grounding concept	→ "Power Connection"
Vacuum connection – signal common	connected via 10 kΩ (potential difference ≤16 V)
Supply common – signal common	conducted separately; differential measurement is recommended

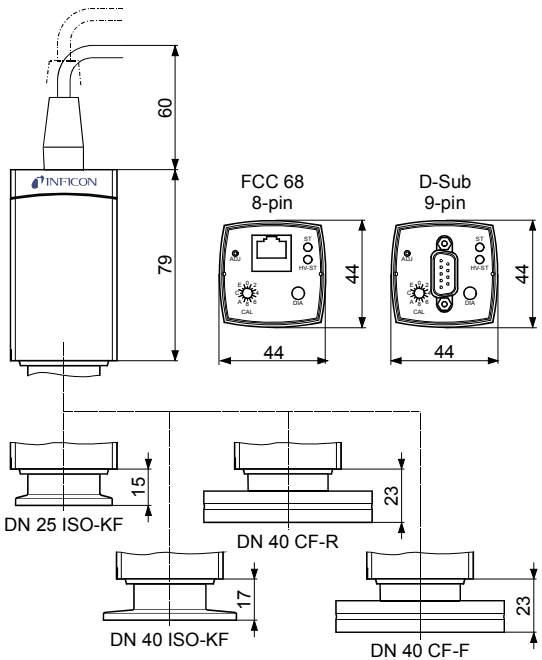
Materials exposed to vacuum	
Vacuum connection	stainless steel (1.4435)
Measuring chamber	stainless steel (1.4435)
Pirani filament (MPG50x)	W
Feedthrough, MAG/MPG500	
Isolation	glass, ceramic (Al_2O_3)
Ring	stainless steel (1.4435)
Anode, Pin	Ni alloy
Feedthrough, MAG/MPG504	ceramic coated
Ionization chamber	
3MAx-0xx-0x0x	stainless steel (1.4301, 1.4016)
Ignition aid	stainless steel (1.4310)
Internal volume	
DN 25 ISO-KF	≈19.9 cm^3
DN 40 ISO-KF	≈20.9 cm^3
DN 40 CF-F	≈25.2 cm^3
DN 40 CF-R	≈25.6 cm^3
Permissible pressure (absolute)	10 bar, limited to inert gases <55°C
Bursting pressure (absolute)	>13 bar

Permissible temperatures	
Operation	+5 °C … +55 °C
Pirani filament (MPG)	120 °C
Bakeout	≤150 °C [3]
Storage	–40 °C … +70 °C
Relative humidity for 30 days a year	
1×10^{-8} … 1×10^{-2} mbar	≤70% (non-condensing)
1×10^{-7} … 1×10^{-2} mbar	≤95% (non-condensing)
Mounting orientation	any
Use	indoors only, altitude up to 6000 m NN
Degree of protection	IP 40

[3] Without electronics unit.

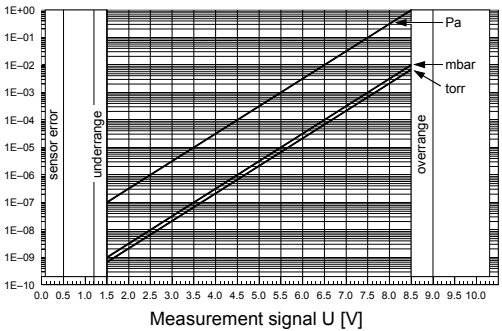
Weight	
DN 25 ISO-KF	<280 g
DN 40 ISO-KF	<320 g
DN 40 CF-F und CF-R	<570 g

Dimensions [mm]



2.1 Measuring Signal vs. Pressure

Measurement range 1.5 … 8.5 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0N)



$$p = 10^{(U-c)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad U = c + \log_{10} p$$

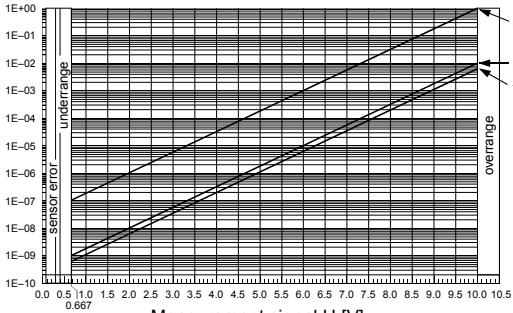
valid in the range 1×10^{-9} mbar < p < 1×10^{-2} mbar
7.5×10^{-10} Torr < p < 7.5×10^{-3} Torr
1×10^{-7} Pa < p < 1 Pa

	mbar	Pa	Torr
c	10.5	8.5	10.625

where p pressure
U measurement signal
c constant (pressure unit dependent)

Measurement range 0.667 … 10 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0Q)

Pressure p



$p = 10^{0.75(U-c)}$ ⇔ $U = c + 1.33 \log p$

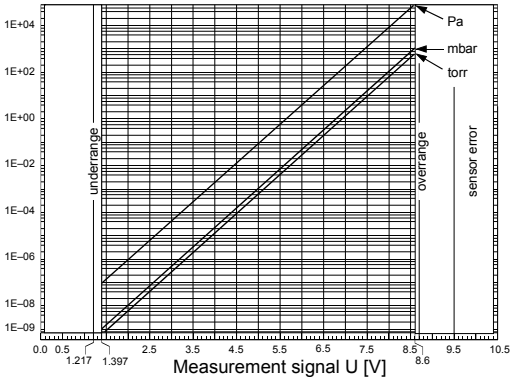
valid in the range 1×10^{-9} mbar < p < 1×10^{-2} mbar
7.5×10^{-10} Torr < p < 7.5×10^{-3} Torr
1×10^{-7} Pa < p < 1 Pa

	mbar	Pa	Torr
c	12.66	10	12.826

where p pressure
U measurement signal
c constant (pressure unit dependent)

Measurement range 1.398 … 8.6 V (3MBx-xxx-0x0P)

Pressure p



$p = 10^{1.667U-d}$ ⇔ $U = c + 0.6 \log p$

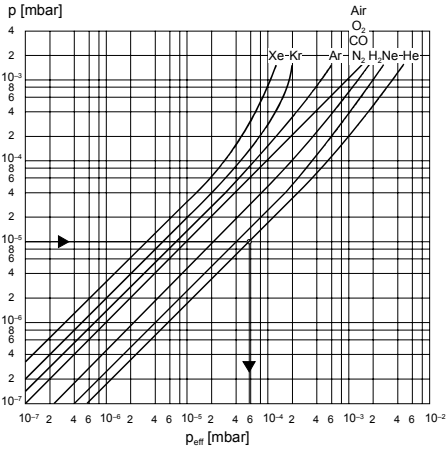
valid in the range 1×10^{-9} mbar < p < 1000 mbar
7.5×10^{-10} Torr < p < 750 Torr
1×10^{-7} Pa < p < 1×10^{5} Pa

	mbar	Pa	Torr
c	6.798	5.598	6.873
d	11.33	9.333	11.46

where p pressure
U measurement signal
c, d constant (pressure unit dependent)

2.2 Gas Type Dependence MAG50x

Indicated pressure (gauge calibrated for air)



Indication range below 10^{-5} mbar

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

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

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

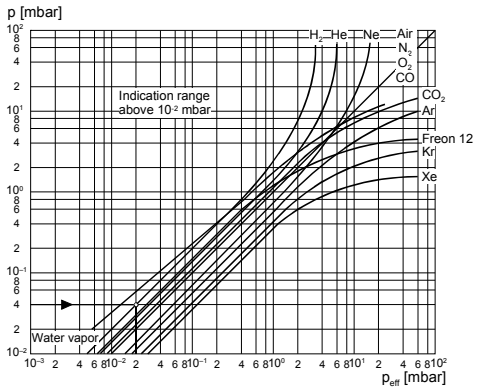
These conversion factors are average values.

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.

2.3 Gas Type Dependence MPG50x

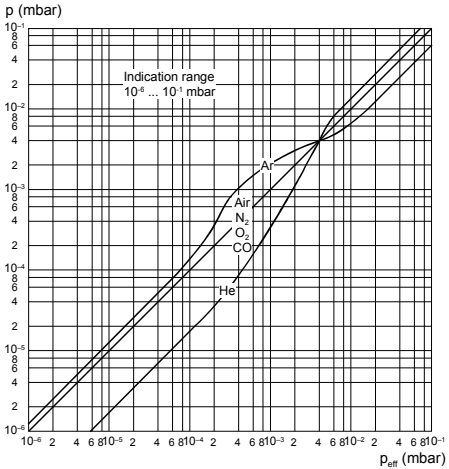
Indication range from 10^2 … 10^{-2} mbar (Pirani-only operation)

Indicated pressure (gauge calibrated for air)



Indication range 10^{-6} … 0.1 mbar

Indicated pressure (gauge calibrated for air)



Indication range below 10^{-5} mbar

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

p_{eff} = K × 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.

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.

3 Installation

3.1 Vacuum Connection

DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >1 bar

Injury caused by released parts and harm caused by escaping process gases can result if clamps are opened while the vacuum system is pressurized.

Do not open any clamps while the vacuum system is pressurized. Use the type clamps which are suited to overpressure.

DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >2.5 bar

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

Use O-rings provided with an outer centering ring.

DANGER

DANGER: protective ground

Products that are not correctly connected to ground can be extremely hazardous in the event of a fault.

Electrically connect the gauge to the grounded vacuum chamber. This connection must conform to the requirements of a protective connection according to EN 61010:

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

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.

Caution

Caution: dirt sensitive area

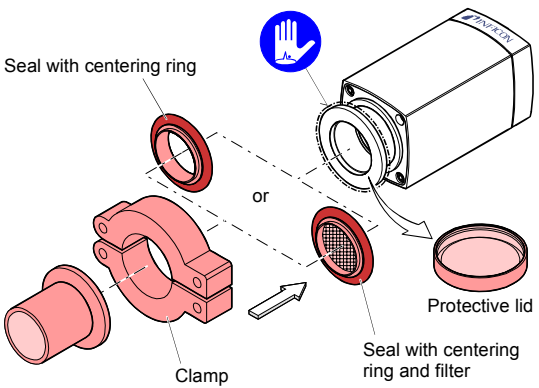
Touching the product or parts thereof with bare hands increases the desorption rate.

Always wear clean, lint-free gloves and use clean tools when working in this area.

The gauge may be mounted in any orientation. To keep condensates and particles from getting into the measuring chamber preferably choose a horizontal to upright position.

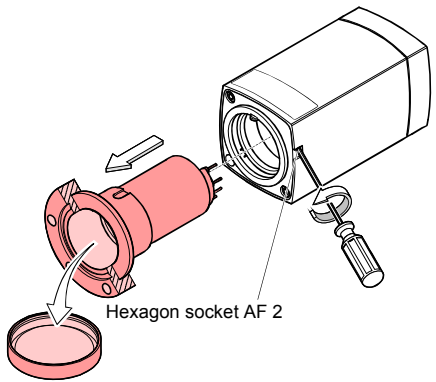
For potentially contaminating applications and to protect the measurement system against contamination, installation of the optional seal with centering ring and filter is recommended (Options → 53).

Remove the protective lid and connect the product to the vacuum system.



Keep the protective lid.

When making a CF flange connection, it may be advantageous to temporarily remove the electronics unit.



Keep the protective lid.

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.

3.2 Power Connection

Make sure the vacuum connection is properly made (→ 🗎 23).

DANGER

The gauge may only be connected to power supplies, instruments or control devices that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV) and limited power source (LPS), Class 2. The connection to the gauge has to be fused. [4)]

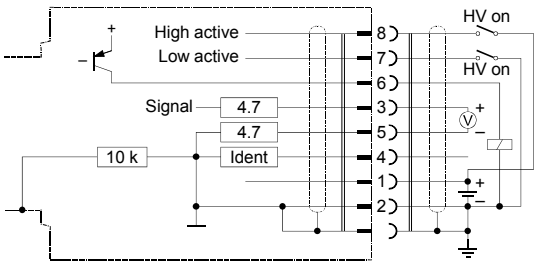
Ground loops, differences of potential, or EMC problems may affect the measurement signal. For optimum signal quality, please do observe the following notes:

- Use an overall metal braided shielded cable. The connector must have a metal case.
- Connect the supply common with protective ground directly at the power.
- Use differential measurement input (signal common and supply common conducted separately).
- Potential difference between supply common and housing ≤16 V (overvoltage protection).

4) INFICON controllers fulfill these requirements.

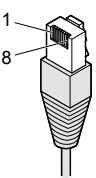
3.2.1 FCC 68, 8-pin Connector

If no sensor cable is available, make one according to the following diagram. Connect the sensor cable.



Electrical connection

Pin 1 Supply (14.5 … 30 V (dc))
Pin 2 Supply common GND
Pin 3 Signal output (measuring signal)
Pin 4 Gauge identification
Pin 5 Signal common
Pin 6 Status signal
Pin 7*) High voltage on/off (low active)
Pin 8*) High voltage on/off (high active)



FCC 68
8-pin

*) MAG only. Pin 7 and 8 are not assigned in the MPG gauge.

3.2.2 D-Sub, 9-pin Connector

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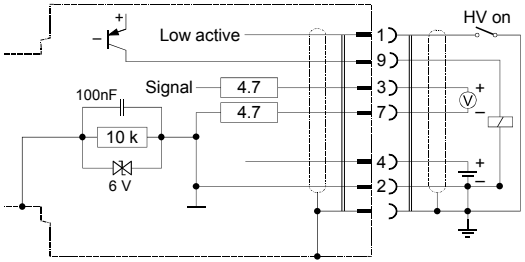
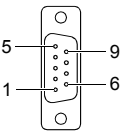


Electrical connection

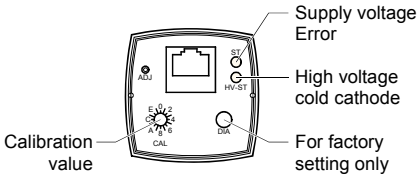
Pin 1 High voltage on/off (low active)
Pin 2 Supply common GND
Pin 3 Signal output (measuring signal)
Pin 4 Supply (14.5 … 30 V (dc))
Pin 5 not assigned
Pin 6 do not connect
Pin 7 Signal common
Pin 8 not assigned
Pin 9 Status signal



D-Sub
9-pin
female
soldering side

4 Operation

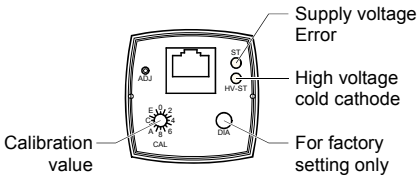
4.1 Status Indication MAG



LED		Meaning
<ST>	<HV-ST>	
off	off	No supply voltage
lit solid green	off	Supply voltage = ok, no high voltage in the measuring chamber
lit solid green	blinking green	Supply voltage = ok, pressure in the cold cathode range, cold cathode has not ignited
lit solid green	lit solid green	Cold cathode has ignited
blinking red	off	EEPROM error

Troubleshooting (→ 🗎 49).

4.2 Status Indication MPG



LED		Meaning
<ST>	<HV-ST>	
off	off	No supply voltage
lit solid green	off	Supply voltage = ok, Pirani active, no high voltage in the measuring chamber
lit solid green	blinking green	Supply voltage = ok, pressure in the cold cathode range, cold cathode has not ignited
lit solid green	lit solid green	Cold cathode has ignited.
lit solid red	off	Measurement system error
blinking red	off	EEPROM error

Troubleshooting (→ 50).

4.3 Put MAG50x Into Operation

Caution

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

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

MAG50x with FCC connector

When the supply voltage is applied and the high voltage is switched on via pin 7 (low active) or pin 8 (high active), the measuring signal is available at the signal output.

MAG50x with D-Sub connector

When the supply voltage is applied and the high voltage is switched on via pin 1 (low active), the measuring signal is available at the signal output.

4.4 Put MPG50x Into Operation

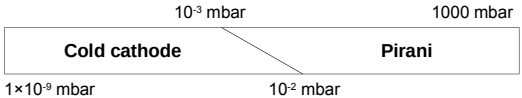
When the supply voltage is applied, the measuring signal is available at the signal output (→ 🗎 28).

Allow for a stabilizing time of approx. 10 min. Once the gauge has been switched on, it can remain in operation permanently irrespective of the pressure.

Measurement Principle, Measuring Behavior

The gauge consists of two separate measuring systems (Pirani and cold cathode system according to the inverted magnetron principle). They are combined in such a way that for the user, they behave like one measuring system.

The optimum measuring configuration for the particular pressure range, in which measurement is performed, is used:



- The Pirani measuring circuit is always on
- The cold cathode measuring circuit is controlled by the Pirani circuit and is activated only at pressures p < 1×10^{-2} mbar

As long as the cold cathode measuring circuit has not ignited, the measuring value of the Pirani is output as measuring signal.

4.5 Gas Type Dependence

The measurement value is gas dependent. The pressure reading applies to dry air, O_2, CO and N_2. For other gases, it has to be corrected:

- (MAG50x → 🗎 18)
- (MPG50x → 🗎 20).

If the gauge is operated with an INFICON controller, a calibration factor for correction of the actual reading can be applied (→ 🕮 of the corresponding controller).

4.6 Ignition Delay

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

1×10^{-5} … 1×10^{-2} mbar	< 1	second
1×10^{-7} … 1×10^{-5} mbar	<20	seconds
5×10^{-9} … 1×10^{-7} mbar	< 2	minutes
<5×10^{-9} mbar	<20	minutes

MPG50x only

As long as the cold cathode measuring circuit has not ignited, the measuring value of the Pirani is output as measuring signal. The status output (= 0 V) indicates the Pirani-only operation.

If the high voltage is activated at a pressure $p < 3 \times 10^{-9}$, the gauge cannot recognize whether the cold cathode system has ignited.

Once flanged on, permanently leave the gauge in the operating mode irrespective of the pressure range. Like this, the ignition delay of the cold cathode measuring circuit is always negligible (<1 s), and thermal stabilizing effects are minimized.

4.7 Contamination

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. ionization chamber, ignition aid, Pirani filament (MPG50x)), 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. Continuous operation in the range of 10^{-4} mbar ... 10^{-2} mbar can cause severe contamination as well as reduced up-time.

Contamination of the gauge generally causes a deviation of the measured values:

- MPG50x only: In the high pressure range (1×10^{-3} mbar … 0.1 mbar), the pressure reading is too high (contamination of the Pirani element). Readjustment of the Pirani → 🗎 38.
- In the low pressure range ($p < 1 \times 10^{-3}$ mbar), the pressure indication is usually too low (as a consequence of the contamination of the cold cathode system). In case of severe contamination, instabilities can occur (layers of the measuring chamber peel off). Contamination due to isolating layers can even lead to a complete failure of the discharge.

Contamination can to a certain extent be reduced by:

- geometric protection (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 (of the cold cathode measuring system). While vapors occur it may even be necessary

- to temporarily switch of the gauge
- to temporarily seal off of the gauge from the vacuum chamber using a valve.

5 Deinstallation

DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.

Before beginning to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

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.

Caution

Caution: dirt sensitive area

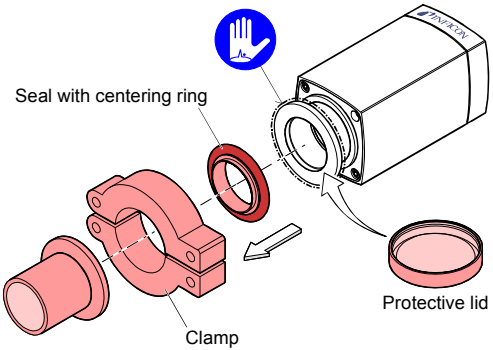
Touching the product or parts thereof with bare hands increases the desorption rate.

Always wear clean, lint-free gloves and use clean tools when working in this area.

1. Vent the vacuum system.
2. Put the gauge out of operation and disconnect the sensor cable.

❸ Remove gauge from the vacuum system and install the protective lid.

When deinstalling the CF flange connection, it may be advantageous to temporarily remove the electronics unit (→ 🗎 26).



6 Maintenance, Repair

Gauge failures due to contamination and wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. ionization chamber, ignition aid, Pirani filament (MPG50x)), are not covered by the warranty.

INFICON assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if any repair work is carried out by the end-user or third parties.

6.1 Adjusting the Gauge

MAG50x

The gauge is factory-calibrated and requires no maintenance. In the event of a defect

- only replace the ionization chamber and ignition aid, or
- replace the measuring chamber cpl. (spare sensor).

MPG50x

The cold cathode measuring circuit, which is dominant for low pressures (<1×10^{-3} mbar), is factory-calibrated and cannot be adjusted. The HV adjustment of the Pirani measuring circuit is carried out automatically by the gauge itself at pressures <1×<10^{-5} mbar. The new zero point is saved non-volatile every 15 minutes. Any adjustment has a negligible effect on the pressure range between approx. 10^{-2} mbar and 10^{2} mbar.

If used under different climatic conditions, through extreme temperatures, aging or contamination the characteristic curve can be offset and a manually readjustment or a maintenance may become necessary.

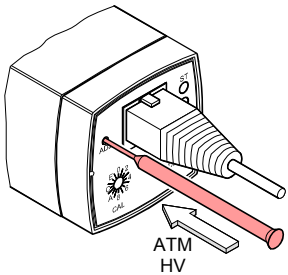
An adjustment via the <ADJ> button can become necessary (procedure → ❹, ❺), if pressure values <10^{-2} mbar are no longer output.

For adjusting the zero, operate the gauge under the same constant ambient conditions and in the same mounting orientation as normally.

1. If you are using a seal with centering ring and filter, check that they are clean or replace them if necessary (→ "Deinstallation").

2. Put the gauge into operation and operate it at atmospheric pressure for at least 10 minutes.

3. Press the <ADJ> button with a pin (max. ø1.1 mm) and the ATM adjustment is carried out: The Pirani sensor is adjusted to 1000 mbar (duration ≈5 s).



✓ If the pressure value 1000 mbar is output at the measurement value output, the adjustment has been successful. Otherwise, repeat the adjustment procedure.

4. Evacuate the vacuum system to $p < 10^{-5}$ mbar and wait at least 2 minutes.

5 Press the <ADJ> button with a pin and the HV adjustment is carried out (duration ≈5 s).

✓ If the pressure value 1×10^{-5} mbar is output at the measurement value output, the adjustment has been successful. Otherwise, repeat the adjustment procedure.

6.2 Cleaning the Gauge / Replacing Parts

In case of severe contamination or defective (e.g. pirani filament rupture (MPG50x)), replace the complete measuring chamber (Spare Parts → 🗎 53).

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Caution

Caution: dirt sensitive area

Touching the product or parts thereof with bare hands increases the desorption rate.

Always wear clean, lint-free gloves and use clean tools when working in this area.

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 (→ 🗎 13).

Precondition

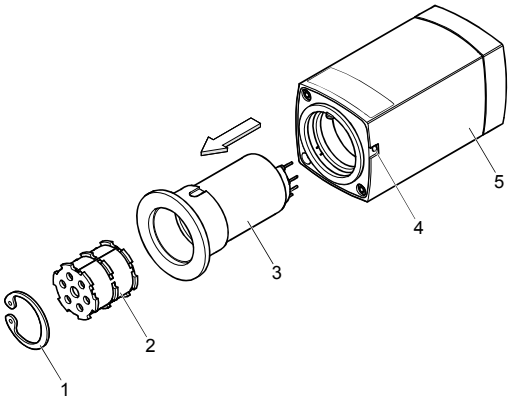
Gauge deinstalled.

6.2.1 Troubleshooting (measuring chamber)

If the cause of the fault is suspected to be in the measuring chamber, the following checks can be made with an ohmmeter.

Tools / material required

- Allen wrench AF 2
- Pliers for retaining ring
- Ohmmeter



❶ Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (4) and remove the complete measuring chamber (3) from the electronics unit (5).

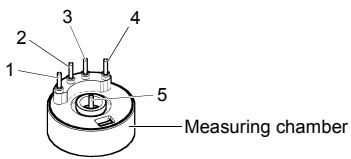
❷ Remove the retaining ring (1) as well as the ionization chamber (2) from the measuring chamber (3).

❸ Check the ionization chamber and the measuring chamber for contamination:

- Ionization chamber is contaminated only: Replace ionization chamber (→ 🗎 43)
- Measuring chamber is severely contaminated: Replace complete measuring chamber (→ 🗎 45).

❹ Using an ohmmeter, make following measurements on the contact pins.

Measurement between pins	👍	👎	Possible cause
1 + 4	≈40 Ω	≫40 Ω	Pirani filament rupture (MPG50x only)
1 + 2	≈1078 Ω at 20 °C	≫1078 Ω at 20 °C	Pirani temperature sensor rupture (MPG50x only)
5 + measuring chamber	∞	≪∞	Contamination, short circuit cold cathode



All of theses faults can only be remedied by replacing the complete measuring chamber (→ 🗎 45).

❺ We recommend to perform a leak test (leak rate $<1\times10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).

6.2.2 Replacing Ionization Chamber and Ignition Aid

Precondition

Troubleshooting (measuring chamber) performed (→ 🗎 41).

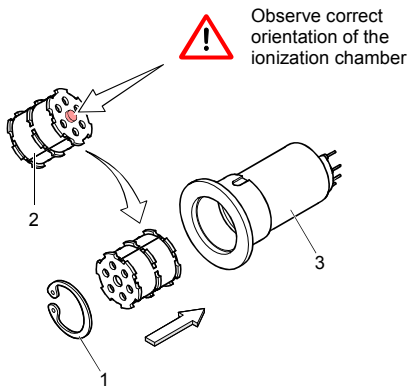
❶ Due to contamination remove the ignition aid with the removing tool (Accessories → 🗎 53).

❷ We recommend to rub the inside walls of the measuring chamber up to the groove for the retaining ring to a bright finish using a polishing cloth.

- The sealing surfaces must only be worked concentrically.
- Do not bend the anode.

❸ Insert the new ignition aid into the mounting tool and slide it onto the anode (Spare Parts → 🗎 53).

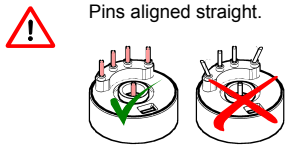
❹ Slide a new ionization chamber (2) into the measuring chamber (3) until the mechanical stop is reached and mount the retaining ring (1) (Spare Parts → 🗎 53).

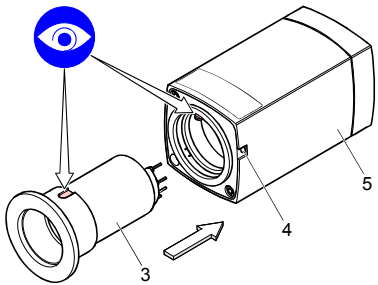


❺ We recommend to perform a leak test (leak rate $<1\times10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).

❻ Carefully slide the measuring chamber cpl. (3) (clean or new) into the electronics unit (5) until the mechanical stop is reached.

Pins aligned straight.





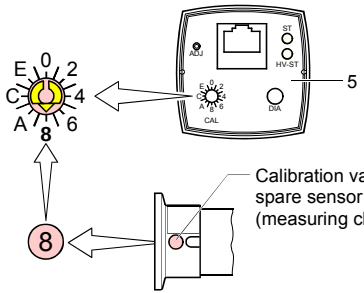
❼ Fasten the measuring chamber (3) by means of the hexagon socket set screw (4).

6.2.3 Replacing Measuring Chamber

Precondition

Troubleshooting (measuring chamber) performed (→ 🗎 41).

❶ Set the calibration value of the spare sensor with the <CAL> switch on the electronics unit (5).



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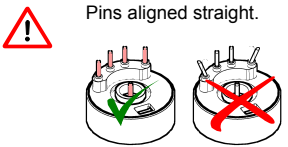
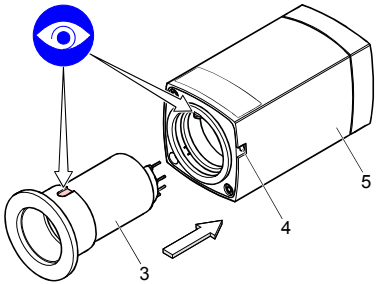
Pins aligned straight.





❸ Fasten the measuring chamber (3) by means of the hexagon socket set screw (4).

❹ MPG50x gauge only: Perform an ATM and HV adjustment of the Pirani measuring circuit via the <ADJ> button (→ 🗎 39).

A recalibration of the MAG50x gauge is not necessary.

❺ We recommend to perform a leak test (leak rate <1×10^{-9} mbar l/s) and a function test of the gauge on the teak detector.

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.

6.3 Troubleshooting

In case of an error, it may be helpful to just turn off the mains supply and turn it on again after 5 s.

Problem	LED <ST>	LED <HV-ST>	Status signal	Possible cause	Correction
No voltage at signal output.	off	off	0	No supply voltage.	Turn on power supply.
Measuring signal unstable.	lid solid green	lid solid green	0	Gauge contaminated.	Replace ionization chamber or measuring chamber cpl.(→ 🗎 43, 45).
Voltage at signal output 1.2 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0N) 0.4 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0Q).	lid solid green	off	0	No high voltage in the measuring chamber.	Switch on the high voltage (→ 🗎 28).
				Overpressure in the measuring chamber.	Evacuate the vacuum system to <10^{-2} mbar and switch the gauge off and on again via "HV ON".
	lid solid green	blinking green	0	Gas discharge has not ignited.	Wait, until the gas discharge has ignited (≈5 minutes at a pressure of 10^{-9} mbar).
Voltage at signal output continually < 0.3 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0N) < 0.5 V (3MAx-xxx-0x0Q).	blinking red	off	0	EEPROM error.	Switch the gauge off and on again after 5 s.
					Replace the gauge.
Signal continually at approx. 5×10^{-4} mbar.	lid solid green	lid solid green	14.5 … 30 V	Measuring chamber severely contaminated.	Replace the measuring chamber cpl. (→ 🗎 45).

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Measuring signal unstable.	lid solid green	lid solid green	0	Gauge contaminated.	Replace ionization chamber or measuring chamber cpl (→ 🗎 43, 45).
Voltage at signal output does not drop under <4.82 V.	lid solid green	blinking green	0	Gas discharge has not ignited.	Wait, until the gas discharge has ignited (≈5 minutes at a pressure of 10^{-9} mbar).
Voltage at signal output continually > 5.6 V.	lid solid green	off	0	Pirani zero point shift.	Perform a HV adjustment via button (→ 🗎 39).
Voltage at signal output continually > 9.5 V.	lid solid red	off	0	Pirani defective.	Replace the measuring chamber cpl. (→ 🗎 45).
	blinking red	off	0	EEPROM error.	Switch the gauge off and on again after 5 s.
					Replace the gauge.
Signal continually at approx. 5×10^{-4} mbar.	lid solid green	lid solid green	14.5 … 30 V	Measuring chamber severely contaminated.	Replace the measuring chamber cpl. (→ 🗎 45).

7 Returning the Product

WARNING

WARNING: forwarding contaminated products

Contaminated products (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological hazard) can be detrimental to health and environment.

Products returned to INFICON should preferably be free of harmful substances. Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a duly completed declaration of contamination *).

*) Form under www.inficon.com

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 Disposal

DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.

Before beginning to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

WARNING

WARNING: substances detrimental to the environment

Products or parts thereof (mechanical and electric components, operating fluids etc.) can be detrimental to the environment.

Dispose of such substances in accordance with the relevant local regulations.

Separating the components

After disassembling the product, separate its components according to the following criteria:

- Contaminated components

  Contaminated components (radioactive, toxic, caustic or biological hazard etc.) must be decontaminated in accordance with the relevant national regulations, separated according to their materials, and disposed of.

- Other components

  Such components must be separated according to their materials and recycled.

9 Options

	Ordering No.
Seal with centering ring and fine filter, DN 25 ISO-KF (stainless steel)	211-098

10 Accessories

	Ordering No.
Mounting / removing tool for ignition aid	351-550

11 Spare Parts

When ordering spare parts, always indicate:

- all information on the product nameplate
- description and ordering number

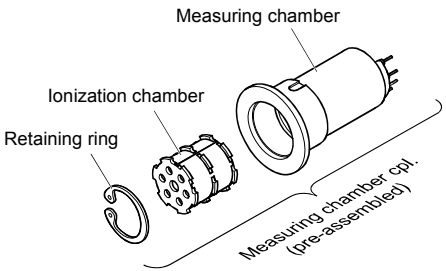
11.1 Ignition aid for MAG50x and MPG50x

	Ordering No.
ignition aid (set of 10 pieces)	351-551

11.2 Ionization Chamber for MAG50x and MPG50x

	Ordering No.
Ionization chamber (stainless steel)	351-555

11.3 Measuring Chamber Cpl. (Spare Sensor)



11.3.1 Measuring Chamber Cpl. for MAG500

	Ionization chamber made of stainless steel		Ordering No.
MAG500	3MA0-0x6-xxxx	DN 25 ISO-KF	351-500
	3MA0-0x7-xxxx	DN 40 ISO-KF	351-512
	3MA0-0x8-xxxx	DN 40 CF-R	351-536
	3MA0-0xQ-xxxx	DN 40 CF-F	351-524

11.3.2 Measuring Chamber Cpl. for MAG504

	Ionization chamber made of stainless steel, Al_2O_3 coated		Ordering No.
MAG504	3MA3-0x6-xxxx	DN 25 ISO-KF	351-501
	3MA3-0x7-xxxx	DN 40 ISO-KF	351-513
	3MA3-0x8-xxxx	DN 40 CF-R	351-537
	3MA3-0xQ-xxxx	DN 40 CF-F	351-525

11.3.3 Measuring Chamber Cpl. for MPG500

	Ionization chamber made of stainless steel		Ordering No.
MPG500	3MB0-0x6-xxxx	DN 25 ISO-KF	351-506
	3MB0-0x7-xxxx	DN 40 ISO-KF	351-518
	3MB0-0x8-xxxx	DN 40 CF-R	351-536
	3MB0-0xQ-xxxx	DN 40 CF-F	351-542

11.3.4 Measuring Chamber Cpl. for MPG504

	Ionization chamber made of stainless steel, Al_2O_3 coated		Ordering No.
MPG504	3MB3-0x6-xxxx	DN 25 ISO-KF	351-507
	3MB3-0x7-xxxx	DN 40 ISO-KF	351-519
	3MB3-0x8-xxxx	DN 40 CF-R	351-543
	3MB3-0xQ-xxxx	DN 40 CF-F	351-531

EC Declaration of Conformity

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We, INFICON, hereby declare that the equipment mentioned below complies with the provisions of the Directive relating to electromagnetic compatibility 2004/108/EC and the Directive on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment 2011/65/EU.

Cold Cathode & Cold Cathode Pirani Gauge

Gemini MAG500, MAG504
Gemini MPG500, MPG504

Standards

Harmonized and international / national standards and specifications:

- EN 61000-6-2:2005 (EMC: generic immunity standard)
- EN 61000-6-3:2007 (EMC: generic emission standard)
- EN 61326-1:2006 (EMC requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use)

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