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Unpacking and Inspection:

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- Operator's Manual One LVP-30 Series Continuous RF Capacitance Sensor Assembly.
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Part Number Information:

LVP-34 LVP-35 LVP-36 LVP-37 LVP-38	LVCN-/3 LVP-31 LVP-32 LVP-33	Part # LVCN-71 LVCN-72
Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy.	Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy. Sensor Assy.	Description Transmitter Controller
PFA PFA PFA PFA PFA	PFA PFA PFA	Mat'l PP PP
48" X 0.625" 60" X 0.625" 72" X 0.625" 96" X 0.625" 120" X 0.625"		Size 4.5" x 2.8" x 3/4" NPT 4.5" x 2.8" x 3/4" NPT 4.5" x 2.8" x 3/4" NPT

Safety Precautions

About this Manual

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL PRIOR TO INSTALLING OR USING THIS PRODUCT. This manual includes information on two different models of continuous RF capacitance systems from OMEGA: LVCN-71 and LVCN-72. Please refer to the part number located on the sensor label to verify the exact model which you have purchased.

User's Responsibility for Safety

OMEGA manufactures a wide range of liquid level sensors and technologies. While each of these sensors is designed to operate in a wide variety of applications, it is the user's responsibility to select a sensor model that is appropriate for the application, install it properly, perform tests of the installed system, and maintain all components. The failure to do so could result in property damage or serious injury. The symbol on the left appears in the manual to call special attention to instructions that affect the safe installation and use of the product.

Proper Installation and Handling

OMEGA strongly recommends the use of a proper sealant with all installations. Never overtighten the sensor within the fitting. Always check for leaks prior to system start-up.

Material Compatibility

The LVP-30 series sensors are made of FEP (Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene, also known by the trade name Teflon®). Make sure that FEP is compatible with the application liquid. To determine the chemical compatibility between the sensor and its application liquids, refer to the Compass Corrosion Guide, available from Compass Publications (619-589-9636).

Temperature and Pressure

The LVP-30 series sensor is designed for use in application temperatures up to 70 °C, and for use at pressures up to 150 psi @ 25 °C, derated @ 1.667 psi per °C above 25 °C. (See graph on page 12.)

Wiring and Electrical

A supply voltage of 14-36 Vdc is used to power the LVCN-71/72/73. These sensor systems should never exceed a maximum of 36 volts dc. Electrical wiring of the sensor should be performed in accordance with all applicable national, state, and local codes. The symbol on the left appears next to passages in the manual that affect the safe electrical operation of this product.

Flammable, Explosive and Hazardous Applications

The LVCN-70 Series sensor systems should not be used within flammable or explosive applications. In hazardous applications, use redundant measurement and control points, each having a different sensing technology.

Introduction

About Continuous RF Capacitance Technology

OMEGA's LVCN-70 Series sensor systems generate a 1 MHz pulse-wave radio frequency signal from the continuous capacitance sensor. When the liquid comes into contact along the length of the sensor, the capacitance as measured by the system electronics changes. These changes in capacitance are based on the length of the sensor which is in the liquid, and the dielectric constant of the liquid. OMEGA's sophisticated electronics convert the capacitance value into a simple two-wire, 4 to 20 mA output which indicates the level of the liquid in the tank.

The sensor's operation may vary based on the dielectric properties of various application liquids. The LVCN-70 Series sensor systems are factory-calibrated to be used with liquids with a dielectric value between 20 and 80.

Capacitance sensor within 6 inches of any metallic object. Metal

will adversely affect the dielectric sensitivity of the sensor.

Warning: Do not install the OMEGA Continuous RF



OMEGA's LVCN-70 Series sensor systems are not recommended for use with electrically charged application liquids. For most reliable operation, the liquid being measured may need to be electrically grounded.

Table of Common Dielectric Constants |

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NOTE: Liquids with a dielectric constant less than 20 will not be detected by the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems, as factory calibrated.

4.5 to 5.0 Chlorine, liquid 2.0	Chloroform	Chlorotoluene 4.7	4.7 to 6	Chlorobenzene	Bromine 3.1	Barium nitrate 5.6		,,	le 9t		Butyl chloride 9.6	_	Ammonia 15 to 25		æ	Acetyl methyl hexyl	Acetoaldehyde 22.2	
Formic acid 59			ŧ	Ethyl acetate 6.4	chloride 10.5	Ethylene	dichloride 11 to 17	Ethylene	Ethylene oxide 14	Ethylene glycol 37	Ethyl alcohol 23	Ethyl toluene 2.2	D.I.Water 20	methanol 3.7	Cyclohexane	Cyan 2.6	2.2	Carbon tetrachloride
Margarine, liquid 2.8 to 3.2	33 to 38	Methyl alcohol	Methanol	Methyl salycilate 9.0	Lead nitrate	Lead carbonate	Jet fuel	ketone	Isobutyl methyl	Isobutyric acid	acid	Hydrochloric	Gasoline 2 to 2.2	Glycol nitrite	Glycol	Glycerine	Freon	Ferric oleate
3.2	38		33	9.0	38	18	1.7	13		2.7	4.6		2.2	27	30	47	2.2	2.6

Oils, Oils, Nitrotoluene Nitrobenzene Methyl acetate 7.3 N-butyl formate 2.4 petroleum 1.8 to 2.2 Oleic acid 2.5 Nephshalene Potassium Propane, liquid mineral 2.3 to 2.4 vegetable 2.5 to 3.5 nitrate 5.0 to 5.9 1.8 to 1.9 2.3 to 2.5 26 to 35 chloride 5.1

Stearic acid 2.2

Toluene 2.4

Trichloroethylene acid 1.5 to 1.7
Thinner 3.7
Urea 3.5
Vinyl chloride Water, 20°C Water, 100°C Trichloroacetic acid
Terephthalic Vinyl alcohol 1.8 to 2.0 2.8 to 6 4.5 3.4

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Specifications

Signal output: Dielectric range: Sensitivity: Dead band hysteresis: Max. sensor length: Capacitance range:

Supply voltage: Wetted materials:

14 to 36 volts dc

Max. pressure rating: Max. temp. rating:

Loop resistance: Dimensions:

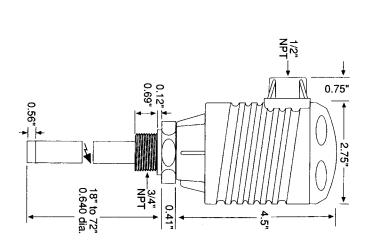
> 0.5 pF max. 120" 4 to 20 mA + 5A relay @ 1110-220 Vac (LVCN-72/73) 4 to 20 mA (LVCN-71), 20 to 80 @ 1 MHz 10 to 600 pF

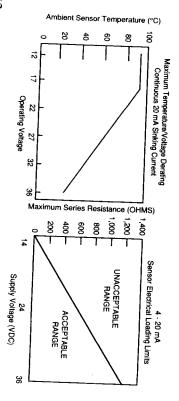
PFA: 150 psi @ 25°C, derated @ 1.667 psi per °C above 25°C. 70°C or 160°F Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene

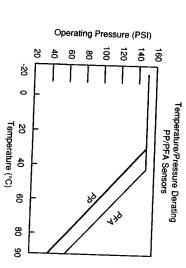
(available in different lengths) Sensor diameter: 0.625" 4.5 x 2.8" x 3/4" NPT. Electronic housing: See drawing on page 11. See chart on page 12. 600 ohms @ 24 Vdc

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Dimensional Drawings







Installation

In-Tank Installation

OMEGA's LVCN-70 Series sensors may be threaded into a 3/4" NPT coupling, pipe, and fitting assembly, which is installed through the top wall of the tank. If no tank top is available, the assembly may be installed to the side wall of the tank, using OMEGA's side mount bracket (LVM-30) and a 2" NPT male adapter.

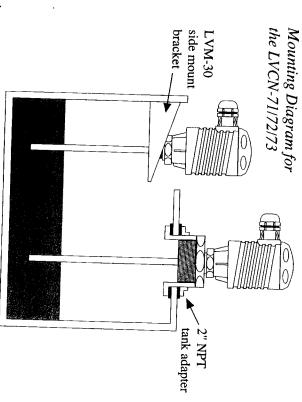
- 3/4" NPT Coupling, Pipe and Fitting: Select the appropriate 3/4" NPT couplings, pipe and fittings to achieve the desired installation. Make sure that the threads of the fitting components are not damaged or worn. If damaged, use new components for installing the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems.
 Sealant: The sensor and its fitting components should be
- assembled with the use of a scalant. Apply the appropriate amount of scalant around the threads of the sensor.

 3. Crescent Wrench: Insert the sensor into the coupling by hand and rotate the sensor's body clockwise until hand tight.

Using a crescent wrench, tighten the sensor a minimum of 1/2 additional turn, or up to a maximum of 80 inch-pounds

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torque. Be careful not to overtighten the sensor within the coupling. Always check for leaks prior to system start-up.



Electrical, Signal and Test

General

Electrical wiring and use of the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems should be performed in accordance with all applicable national, state and local codes.

Supply Voltage

The supply voltage to the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems should never exceed a maximum of 36 Vdc.

- 1. **Power**: Before installation, make sure that all power to the sensor, controller and/or power supply is completely disconnected.
- 2. Required Cable Length: Determine the length of cable required between the LVCN-71/72/73 sensor system and its point of termination. Allow enough slack to ensure the easy installation, removal and/or maintenance of the system. The cable length may be extended up to a maximum of 1000 feet, using a well-insulated, 22 gauge twin-pair shielded wire.

Signal Outputs

The standard signal output of the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems is 4 to 20 mA. The LVCN-72 has an additional 5A @ 110-220 Vac relay output. Select one of the following means of connection to achieve the desired signal output.

4 to 20 mA Signal Output

Connect the red wire to the appropriate terminals of the 14 – 36 Vdc power supply. Connect the black wire to the appropriate terminals for signal output. Proper polarity must be observed. For longer cable runs, make sure to connect the shield wire to a grounding terminal.

Testing the Sensor

- 1. **Power:** Apply power to sensor, by connecting power to the power supply.
- 2. Immersing the Sensor: OMEGA recommends calibration of the sensor in the application liquid and tank.3. Test: With the sensor being wetted between low and high
- levels of liquid, use a multimeter in series with the signal wires to ensure that the correct signals are being produced by the LVCN-70 Series sensor systems.

Calibration

There are four basic steps in the calibration of the OMEGA LVCN-70 Series Continuous Capacitance Sensors.

1. Determine Capacitance of Probe

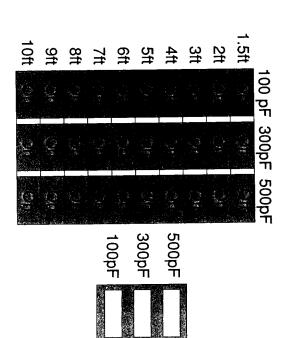
Prior to using the OMEGA continuous capacitance probe, the processing electronics must first be told what the capacitance value of the probe is. This is done by setting one of three "dip" switches on the controller printed circuit board (PCB). The switches are labeled "100", "300", and "500", respectively (see diagrams on pages 18 and 22). Remember, the dip switches are additive (for example, turning on "100" and "300" switches will give a setting of "400"). To determine which switch to depress, use the table provided on page 18.

Note: this step should only be done when the length of the probe has been changed. The dip switches will arrive from the factory pre set. The Capacitance Probe has been factory calibrated for the full length of the probe in city water.

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Calibration

pF vs. Dip Switch Settings Table



2. Determine "invert" switch position

The OMEGA 4 to 20 mA output may be set to one of two modes. In one mode, the output will have 4 mA output at the low set point and 20 mA at the high set point. In the "invert" mode, the output will be equal to 20 mA at the low set point and 4 mA at the high setpoint. This "invert" mode is selectable via the switch labeled "invert". This switch is accessible by removing the top cover of the controller. (See the diagram on page 20.)

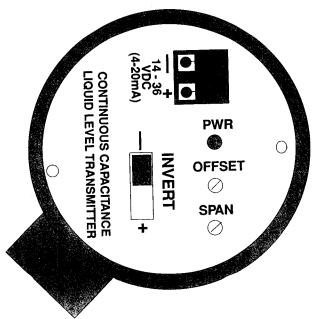
3. Adjust "zero" and "span" potentiometers

Observe the point at which the rising or falling fluid level causes the sensor to reach the 4 or 20 mA output state. If the current states are not correct, adjust the "offset" and "span" potentiometers in the following manner ("invert" switch in "+" position):

- a. "offset": With the fluid level in the tank at its desired minimum measurement point, adjust the "offset" potentiometer to set the current output to 4 mA.
- . "span": With the fluid level in the tank at its desired maximum measurement point, adjust the "span" potentiometer to set the current to 20 mA.

4. Repeat step 3 until the output current state values are correct.

Location of "invert" switches and "offset"/"span" adjustments



Maintenance

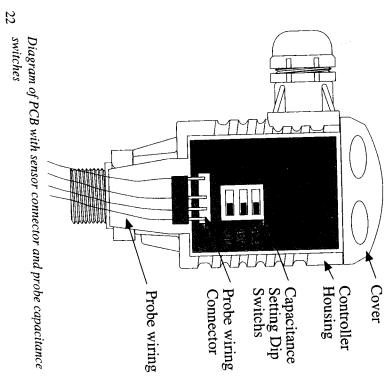
General

While the LVCN-70 Series sensor resists the effects of process coating and scaling, periodically remove and clean the sensor. It is the responsibility of the user to determine the appropriate maintenance schedule, based on the specific characteristics of the application liquids.

Cleaning Procedure

- 1. **Power:** Make sure that all power to the sensor, controller and/or power supply is completely disconnected.
- 2. Cleaning the Sensor: Using a soft bristled brush and mild detergent, carefully wash the LVCN-71 series sensor. Do not use harsh abrasives such as steel wool or sandpaper, which might damage the surface of the sensor. Do not use incompatible solvents which may damage the sensor's PFA plastic body.
- 3. **Sensor Installation:** Follow the appropriate steps of installation as outlined in the Installation section of this manual.

Maintenance



Probe Modification/Assembly Procedure

In some instances, it may be necessary to shorten the length of the probe in order to best fit the application. In order to do this, the probe must be disassembled, cut to length, and then reassembled. Take the following steps to modify and reassemble the probe.

A. Disassembly

- 1. Turn off all power to the sensor.
- 2. Remove the probe assembly from the tank.
- 2. Clean off the probe following the instructions in the Cleaning Procedure.
- 3. Make sure power has been turned "off". Open the top of the controller housing and remove the wiring for the power and outputs.
- 4. Remove the small Phillips screw which holds the label in place. Remove the label.
- 5. Gently remove the PCB assembly by sliding it up and out along the rails. Before pulling it out completely, disconnect the three wire connector at the bottom of the PCB by pushing down along the connector pins.

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6. With the PCB removed, place an object (such as the buttend of a small screwdriver) between the nut of the "housing is freed, remove it by sliding it over the wires and connector. adapter fitting nut counterclockwise. When the housing nut adapter fitting by using an adjustable wrench to turn the tank wall. With this "wedge" firmly in place, loosen the tank fitting" (see diagram on page 26) and the controller housing

7. Loosen the tank fitting and slide it off the probe end.

8. Slide the rubber grommets and TFE washers down the probe enough to stay clear of the following steps.

9. Remove locking pin. Then slide the crimp terminal assembly up off the top of the probe and over the wires and

B. Modifying the probe length

- 1. Using a sharp Exacto knife, carefully trim back the Teflon outer skin of the sensor about 1" below where the probe is to be cut. DO NOT CUT THE WIRES!
- 2. Fold down the wires so that they will not be damaged during 3. Using a sharp saw, carefully cut through the two copper the cutting process.
- 4. Recalibrate dip switches for the new length. inner layers and the polycarbonate core of the sensor.

C. Assembling the probe

- 1. Slide the tank adapter fitting over the top of the probe, wires page 26. MAKE SURE THE TANK FITTING DOES NOT and connector with the 3/4" NPT threads sliding over first (pointing towards the bottom of the probe). See diagram on
- 2. Slide the rubber grommet, then a TFE washer, then the other Slide them down about 1" below the cut in the outer FEP SLIDE OFF THE BOTTOM END OF THE PROBE. TFE washer and the last rubber grommet onto the probe-
- ယ Slide the crimp terminal assembly over the wires and conassembly down to where the FEP outer skin is cut back and crimp connectors should slide on to the centers of the copper nector and onto the two copper halves of the probe. The place locking pin in. halves. See diagram on page 26. Slide the crimp terminal
- 4. Place the wires through the conson until they are resting 5. Slide the "washers" up the sensor until they are resting 6 against the bottom of the crimp terminal assembly.
- Slide the tank fitting up the sensor until it rests against the "washers" and the crimp terminal assembly.
- 7. Place the housing fitting over the wires and slide the housing onto the tank adapter fitting.

Maintenance

Controller, Probe, and Assembly Parts

Locking Pin

Locking Pin

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Crimp Probe

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Crimp Core

Crimp Probe

Top View of Sensor Connector and Probe

8. Tighten the tank fitting and the housing fitting together by holding either end and rotating the other. DO NOT TWIST THE CRIMP TERMINAL ASSEMBLY!

9. Make sure the assembly is securely tightened.

10. Connect the connector to the PCB. See diagram on page 14. 11. Slide PCB into place along rails in housing walls. If the length of the sensor has been changed considerably, the capacitance switch settings may need to be changed. Check the calibration section of this manual now to verify the

12.Place label over PCB and replace small Phillips screw.

Tighten screw.

present setting.

13. Replace wires for power and outputs.

14. Replace cover on top of housing.

15. Install sensor in tank. See installation section of this manual.

16. Calibrate system. See calibration section of this manual.

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