

Level Limit Switch *soliphant FTM 930/931/932/ Z*

**For Universal Application with Bulk Materials
and Dust Ex Area**



- ① FTM 930/FTM 930 Z
for side mounting:
Compact version.
- ② FTM 931/FTM 931 Z
for top or side mount-
ing in silos of average
height:
Version with exten-
sion tube
- ③ FTM 932 /FTM 932 Z
for top mounting.
Recommended for
use in very high silos:
Version with exten-
sion cable

Application

The Soliphant has a wide range of safe applications for limit detection in silos with dusts and fine-grained bulk solids. It can also be used in Zone 10 dust explosion area.

The Soliphant is constructed from stainless steel making it especially suitable for use with foodstuffs.

Typical applications:

grain	washing powders
flour	dyes
milk powder	chalk
cocoa	plaster
sugar	cement
animal feed	styropore

Operating Principle

The stainless steel symmetrical fork is brought to its natural resonant frequency piezoelectrically. Vibration characteristics change when the fork is covered with the bulk solid, electronically activating a contact-free and hence jolt-proof switch. Switching status is indicated on-site by an LED.

With the built-in capability for min./max. protection, the Soliphant can be used for any application on a fail-safe basis.

Minimum fail-safe: the circuit is blocked if the oscillating fork is free or if the power fails.

Maximum fail-safe: the circuit is blocked if the oscillating fork is covered or if the power fails.

Endress + Hauser

Nothing beats know-how

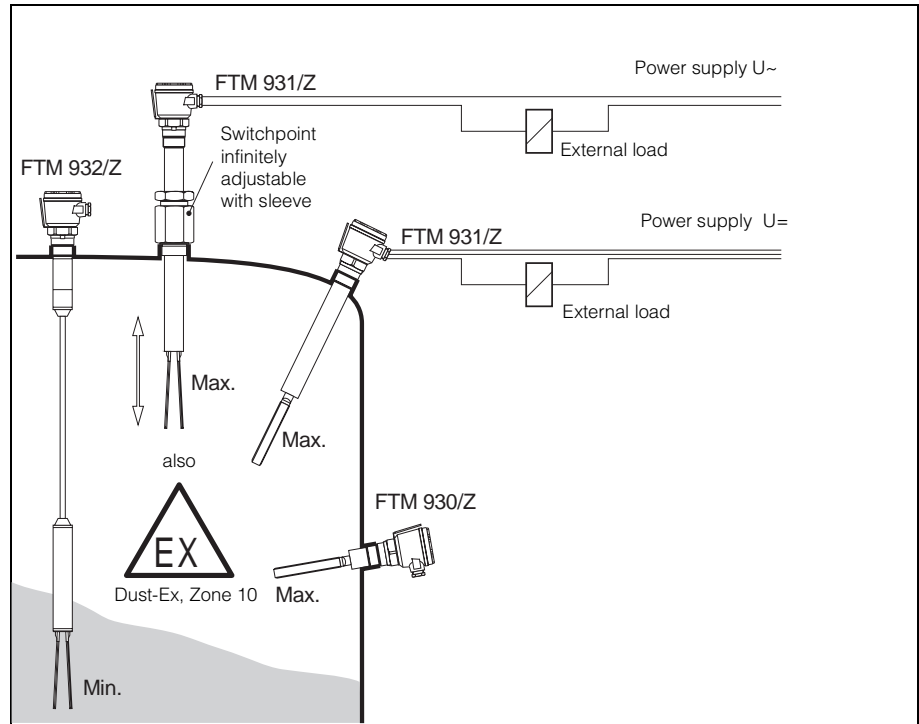


The Complete Measuring System

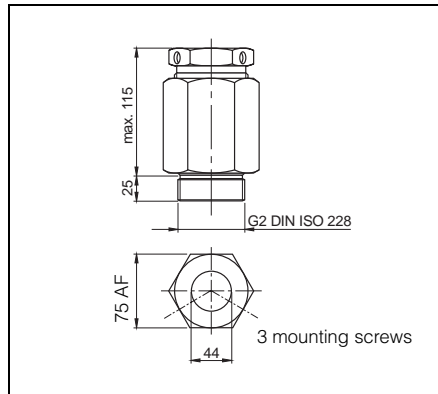
The Soliphant level limit switch functions just like a switch so that, apart from the Soliphant, only a power source and the instruments to be switched on or off,

such as miniature contactors, signalling systems, freely programmable controllers etc. are required.

Example: limit detection with bulk materials

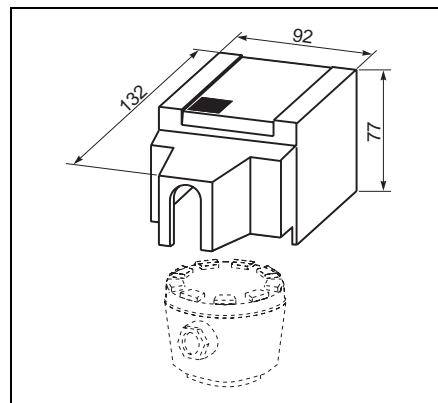


Accessories



Dimensions of the high-pressure sleeve

The use of a sun cover is recommended to prevent condensation build-up in the housing



Dimensions in mm
100 mm = 3.94 in
1 in = 25.4 mm

High pressure sleeve

For infinite height adjustment of the FTM 931/931 Z with extension tube, min. probe length 400 mm.

Material: steel or stainless steel 1.4571

Threaded gland packing:
PTFE / fibre glass

Max. permissible operating pressure:
10 bar

Operating temperature: max. 80°C

Relay module

For connection to electronic insert EM 11 in FTM 930/ Z or FTM 931/ Z

Output:
potential-free change-over contact

Contact load: max. 250 V,
max. 2.5 A, max. 600 VA

For further data:
see Technical Information TI 083

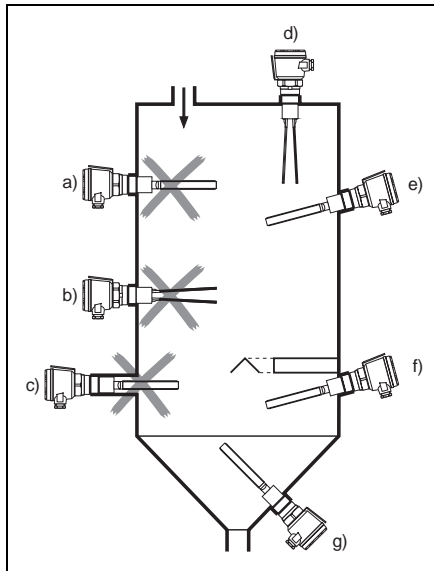
Sun cover

Material: polyamide

Shortening the FTM 932

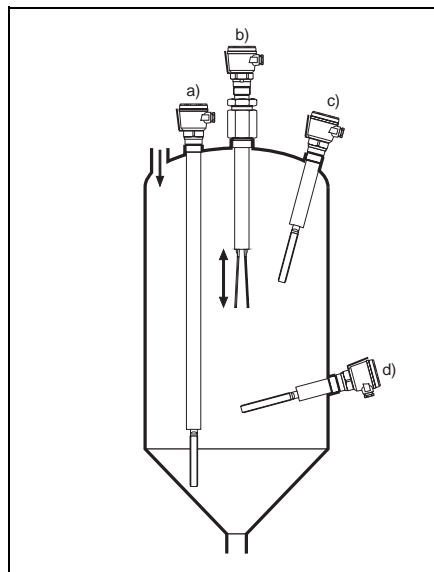
The modification set for the Soliphant FTM 932 (with cable) consists of cable clips and electrical connectors. Type »Z« are only available in fixed lengths, Regulations forbid shortening the cable at a later date.

Installation



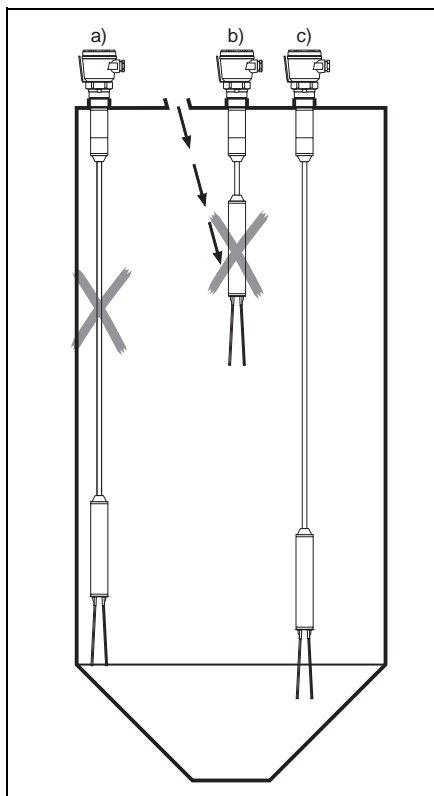
Installation of the Soliphant compact version
FTM 930/FTM 930 Z

- left: incorrect
- a) in filling curtain
 - b) false orientation of the fork (wide surface of the fork is subjected to high load caused by discharging material)
 - c) mounting nozzle too long - use FTM 931 Z
- right: correct
- d) vertically mounted from above; any fork orientation
 - e) laterally mounted with fork angled slightly downwards, max. nozzle length 60 mm
 - f) with roof to protect against collapsing mounds
 - g) in discharging hopper



Mounting the Soliphant with extension tube
FTM 931/FTM 931 Z

- a) for minimum limit detection, if installation is possible only from above
- b) with adjustable sleeve (threaded gland connection) for any adjustment of the limit detection level
- c) mounting in any orientation
- d) with heavy wall build-up



Installation of the Soliphant with extension cable
FTM 932/FTM 932 Z

Incorrect:

- a) too near to the vessel wall
- b) within filling curtain

Correct:

- c) far enough away from the wall and filling curtain

- A short threaded nozzle should be used when installing a Soliphant FTM 930, FTM 930 Z.
- The bulk solid flows off the oscillating fork more easily when it is mounted pointing slightly downward.
- All Soliphant instruments have a tapered thread, i.e. the oscillating fork can be turned to the correct orientation. The cable gland can also be rotated to any position required.
- A guard is recommended to protect the Soliphant from material falling directly onto the fork.
- The oscillating fork must not be installed within the filling curtain of the material.
- Installation of the Soliphant FTM 931/FTM 931 Z with adjustable sleeve is recommended if the switch height changes during operation.
- When planning, take into account the maximum lateral load allowed for the Soliphant FTM 930/FTM 930 Z or the FTM 931/FTM 931 Z and the maximum stress allowed for the Soliphant FTM 932/FTM 932 Z cable.
- With high bulk solids temperatures, there should be insulation between the vessel and the housing of the Soliphant.
- When operating outside (with large temperature variations), the use of a sun cover is recommended to avoid condensation build-up.

Electrical Connection

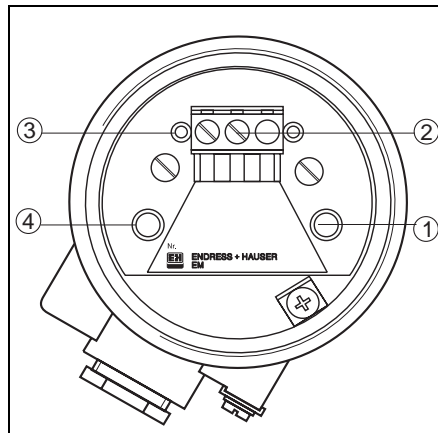
The Soliphant can be used with any one of six different electronic inserts. The electronic inserts EM 21, EM 22, and EM 23 with galvanic isolation between power supply and the electronics of the oscillating fork are designed for use with the Soliphant FTM 932/ Z with cable.

With low voltages, the voltage drop across the external load and the Soliphant must be taken into account. Note also that connected instruments are not separated from the power supply when the electronic switch opens.

A small no-load current still flows (quiescent current).

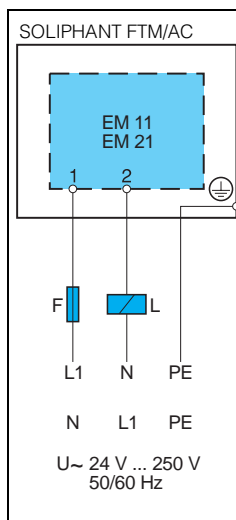
The relay module can be installed for galvanic isolation as accessory for the FTM 930/931/Z.

- ① Switch for min./max. fail-safe mode
- ② Terminals
- ③ LED showing switching status
- ④ Potentiometer for works adjustment



Note

Like a contact switch for 2-wire alternate current connection, the Soliphant must not be connected directly to the mains without a load (signalling or control systems). Operation without a load will harm the instrument.



Two-wire for AC Connection.

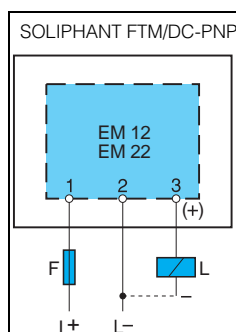
The external load L (e.g. relays, miniature contactors, solenoid valves and signalling systems etc.) is directly connected in series with the Soliphant between Terminal 2 and the power supply.

Recommended fine-blow fuse F:
1 A, semi-time lag

AC Version

Two-wire connection

- Electronic inserts:
EM 11 for FTM 930/ Z and FTM 931/ Z,
EM 21 for FTM 932/FTM 932 Z
- Supply voltage:
21V...250 V, 50/60 Hz
- Load for short periods (max. 40 ms):
max. 1.5 A; max. 375 VA at 250 V;
max. 36 VA at 24 V
- Permanent load:
max. 350 mA; max. 87 VA at 250 V;
max. 8.4 VA at 24 V
- Voltage drop:
max. 10 V at EM 11,
max. 15 V at EM 21
- Minimum load current at 250 V:
10 mA (2.5 VA)
- Minimum load current at 24 V:
20 mA (0.5 VA)
- No-load current: 5 mA



Three-wire for DC Connection.

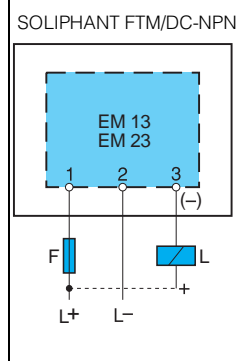
Relays, signalling systems, miniature contactors, freely programmable control systems etc. are externally connected to Terminal 3.

Recommended fine-blow fuse F:
1 A, semi-time lag

DC Version

Three-wire connection

- Electronic inserts:
EM 12 and EM 13 for FTM 930/ Z and FTM 931/ Z,
EM 22 and EM 23 for FTM 932/ Z
- Supply voltage:
10 V...55 V
- Load connection:
open collector; PNP (EM 12, EM 22) or NPN (EM 13, EM 23)
- Load for short periods (max. 1 s): max. 1 A
- Permanent load:
max. 350 mA
- Current consumption:
max. 15 mA with EM 12 and EM 13,
max. 30 mA with EM 22 and EM 23



Technical Data

Materials, Weights

- Housing: aluminium AlSi 12
Housing protection conforming to DIN 40050: IP 55
Type »Z« also with mechanical safety cover
- Threaded boss and fork in stainless steel 1.4301 or 1.4308
- Cable with FTM 932 / FTM 932 Z:
steel wire
FTM 932: coated with PE
FTM 932 Z: coated with PUR
- Weights:
FTM 930 / FTM 930 Z: 1.4 kg
FTM 931/FTM 931 Z, L = 500 mm: 2.0 kg
- Weight per meter of extension tube:
2.2 kg
FTM 932 / FTM 932 Z, L = 1000 mm : 2.3 kg
Weight per meter cable: 0.5 kg

Operating Data

- Operating pressure in silo:
max. 16 bar (240 psi) with FTM 930
FTM 931, FTM 930 Z, FTM 931 Z;
max. 6 bar (90 psi) with FTM 932 / FTM 932 Z
- Minimum bulk solids density (loose): approx. 30 g/l
- Maximum bulk solids grain size: approx. 10 mm
- Lateral load on fork
(FTM 930 / FTM 930 Z): 600 N
(FTM 931 / FTM 931 Z): 60 Nm
- Max. permissible stress
(FTM 932/FTM 932 Z): 6000 N

Length tolerances

for FTM 931/FTM 931 Z,

Probe length Tolerance	
up to 1 m	+0 mm, -5 mm
up to 3 m	+0 mm, -10 mm
up to 4 m	+0 mm, -20 mm

for FTM 932/932 Z

Probe length Tolerance	
up to 3 m	+2.5 mm, -15 mm
up to 20 m	+2.5 mm, -20 mm

Electrical Functions

- Minimum/maximum fail-safe mode: selectable with switch
- Switch delay:
on covering probe approx. 1 s;
on clearing probe approx. 2 s
- Switch indication: red LED lights up when load de-energises

Electrical Connection

Screw terminals: max. 2.5 mm²
Cable gland: PG 16

Certification

- FTM 930 Z, FTM 931 Z, FTM 932 Z
BVS No. St Ex 1/89
- FTM 930 Z, FTM 931 Z, FTM 932 Z
CSA No. LR 53988-15, -31
- Further certificates pending.

Certified application

In addition to the instructions in this technical information, the specifications in the certificates and appropriate regulations apply.

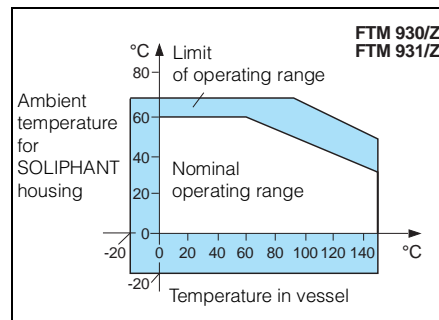


The maximum ambient temperatures are limited by:

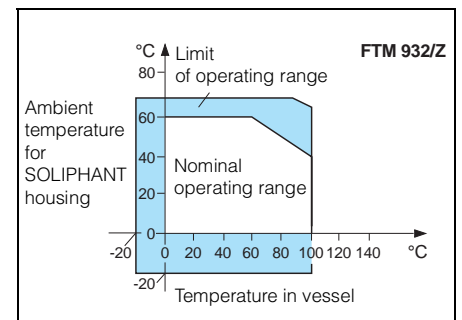
- built-in relay module (see TI 083)
- installation with sleeve (max. 80 °C)

Extended temperature ranges are possible with the separate housing.
See technical information TI 187 F/00/e.
(not for FTM 932 Z in CSA application)

Operating temperatures



$$x \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} = (x \cdot \frac{9}{5} + 32) \text{ } ^\circ\text{F}$$



Dimensions in mm
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1 in = 25.4 mm

*Measuring point:
second turn
from the top

