

VPM-4 SmartPirani™ LT

Pirani Vacuum Transducer

1×10⁻⁶ to 13,33 mbar / 7.5×10⁻⁷ to 10 Torr

MEMS pirani transducer



Advantages

- Wide measuring range of 7 decades
- Low pressure vacuum switch functionality
- Easy configuration via USB programmer
- 0-10 VDC programmable voltage output
- Digital RS-232 or RS-485 interface
- StableZero™ drift compensation
- Three optional solid state setpoint relays for process control

Applications

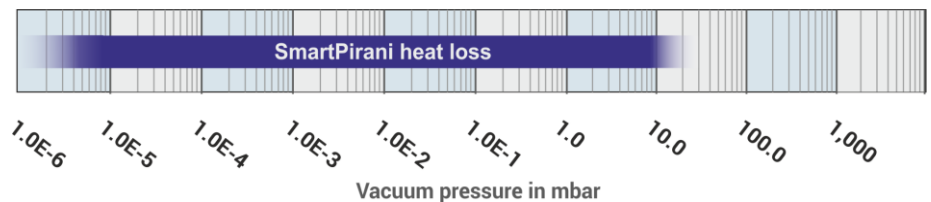
- Mass spectrometers
- Scanning electron microscopes
- Furnace heat treatment
- PVD coating of glass, optics, tools etc.
- Refrigeration service and manufacturing
- Semiconductor processing



The VPM-4 SmartPirani™ LT transducer is based on the heat-loss sensor technology used in the record-breaking VPM-5 SmartPirani™ transducer and offers a measurement range from 13 to 1E-6 mbar (10 to 7.5E-7 torr).

The transducer technology has established new standards by extending the useable measuring range for thermal conductivity vacuum gauges by 1-3 decades.

The SmartPirani™ is based on cutting edge MEMS (Microelectromechanical Systems) sensor technology, combined with a novel precision digital signal processing architecture and advanced innovative measurement algorithms only available from Sens4.



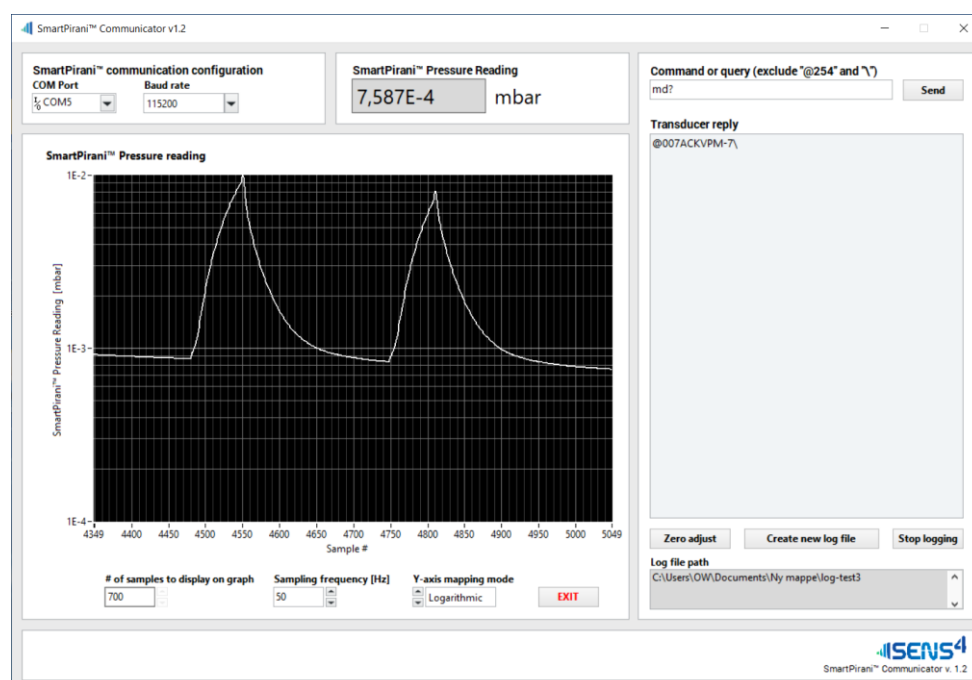
The SmartPirani™ extended measuring range enable use in a range that traditional are dominated by hot cathode ionization gauges or cold cathode ionization gauges.

The SmartPirani™ transducer series includes also the VPM-5 that offers gas independent measurement from 2 to 1333 mbar and VPM-7 that furthermore offers atmospheric switch function.

Programmable settings and parameters

Transducer settings and parameters are user-programmable from a PC or smartphone with the innovative S4-Connect™ digital communication interface. Transducers with an RS-232 or RS-485 serial interface can either be configured via the serial interface or the S4-Connect™ interface.

The digital interface enables diagnostics, predictive maintenance, service, calibration, setpoint configuration, analog output scaling and acquisition of real-time vacuum pressure measurements for on-screen visualization. The S4-Connect™ USB programmer in combination with the free, intuitive configuration software is a plug-and-play solution for transducer programming, real-time measurements, and diagnostics.



StableZero™ drift compensation

The SmartPirani™ transducer uses an innovative proprietary approach to active temperature compensation and calibration that provides an ultra-stable zero-point. The StableZero™ technology not only enables a reliable, wide dynamic range – it also eliminates the need for frequent user re-zeroing due to zero-point drift commonly known from legacy Pirani and convection gauges. The active StableZero™ temperature compensation also compensates for measurement signal errors introduced by fluctuations in the ambient temperature.

Reliable and robust setpoint relay control

The three independent solid-state switch relays can be used for external control of pumps, valves, safety interlock circuits and other external equipment. The basic control uses on/off regulation with a programmable setpoint and hysteresis value. Each solid-state relay offers both normally closed and normally open contacts.

Compared to electro-mechanical relays, the solid-state relays offer superior reliability and faster switching time while providing arc free contacts and generating no EMI (electromagnetic interference) when switching contacts.

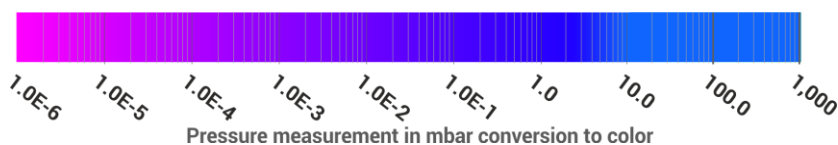
The SmartPirani™ relays are designed to last and are UL listed, CSA recognized, and EN/IEC 60950-1 certified for maximum confidence when used to control critical vacuum processes and high-cycle applications.

Analog voltage output

The analog output can be user-configured via the S4-Connect™ or RS-232/RS-485. A wide selection of analog output scaling options are available to emulate other vendors vacuum gauges and transducers.

RGB LED for pressure indication

The multi-color LED provides an indication of the measured pressure by smoothly change of color throughout the pressure range. This selectable visual function is a low-cost alternative to integrated displays and provides a rough indication of the measured pressure. It also provides a clear visual warning if the vacuum system is pressurized above ambient pressure.



Customized settings

The transducer can be delivered with a custom configuration to match specific application requirements. Examples of pre-configured options include measurement range, vacuum pressure unit, setpoint configuration and output signal scaling.

Customized products will be assigned a unique part number for easy and simple future reordering.

Applications

The SmartPirani™ is suitable for a wide range of industries and applications including fore-line measurement, mass spectrometers, scanning electron microscopes and coating processes.

Analytical equipment

Mass spectrometers and scanning electron microscopes are types of analytical equipment that use vacuum gauges to determine safe operation of an ion source. In certain applications, the ultra-wide range of the SmartPirani™ eliminates the need for additional expensive high vacuum ionization gauges.

Physical vapor deposition

Coating of materials by use of physical vapor deposition (PVD) processes is used in many diverse industries including solar, medical, automotive, tooling, optics and packaging. In metal deposition applications the sputtering process often results in particulate contamination of vacuum equipment. Such particulates will damage vacuum gauges, which impacts measurement performance or reduces the gauge's life-time.



The SmartPirani™ is available with a user-cleanable integrated particulate baffle system specially designed for PVD applications. The baffle system is designed for blocking particulates while ensuring sufficiently high vacuum gas conductance and preventing clogging by particulates. The innovative baffle feature can increase time between service intervals and increase equipment up-time. Furthermore, in certain PVD applications the extended range of the SmartPirani™ eliminates the need for cold cathode vacuum gauges for base pressure verification.

Move to the next-generation vacuum transducers

The SmartPirani™ will in many applications provide both cost reduction and enhanced measurement performance when replacing legacy vacuum gauges and transducers.

Technical data

Specifications

Measuring range in mbar	1×10 ⁻⁶ to 13.33 mbar (7.5×10 ⁻⁷ to 10.0 Torr)
Measuring principle 1×10 ⁻⁶ to 13.33 mbar	MEMS Pirani thermal conductivity
Accuracy 1×10 ⁻⁵ to 9.99×10 ⁻⁵	25% of reading
Accuracy 1×10 ⁻⁴ to 9.99×10 ⁻¹ mbar	5% of reading
Accuracy 1.00 to 13.33 mbar	30% of reading
Hysteresis 1×10 ⁻³ to 13.33 mbar	1%
Analog output resolution	16 bit (150 µV)
Analog output update rate	124 Hz
Response time (ISO 19685:2017)	<20 ms
Temperature compensation	+10 to +50 °C
Solid state relay set point range	5×10 ⁻⁶ to 13.33 mbar (3.75×10 ⁻⁶ to 10.0 Torr)
Solid state relay contact rating	50 V, 100 mA _{rms} / mA _{DC}
Solid state relay approvals	UL Recognized: File E76270 CSA Certified: Certificate 1175739 EN/IEC 60950-1 Certified

Environment conditions

Operating ambient temperature	-20 to +50 °C
Media temperature	-20 to +50 °C
Storage ambient temperature	-40 to +120 °C
Bake-out temperature (non-operating)	+120 °C
Maximum media pressure	10 bar absolute
Mounting position	Arbitrary
Protection rating, EN 60529/A2:2013	IP40
Humidity, IEC 68-2-38	98%, non-condensing

Power supply

Supply voltage	12-30 VDC
Power consumption	240 mW (max)
Reverse polarity protection	Yes
Overvoltage protection	Yes
Internal fuse	100 mA (thermal recoverable)

Materials

Enclosure	SS 1.4307 / AISI 304L / Aluminum 6061
Vacuum Process flange (media wetted)	SS 1.4307 / AISI 304L
Vacuum exposed materials (media wetted)	304L Stainless steel, Kovar, glass, silicon, nickel, aluminum, SiO ₂ , Si ₃ N ₄ , gold, Viton®, low out-gassing epoxy resin
Process leak tightness	<1·10 ⁻⁹ mbar·l/s

Approvals

CE	EMC directive 2014/30/EU
RoHS compliance	Directive EU 2015/863

(1) Accuracy specifications are typical values at stable temperature after zero adjustment.

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(2) Overpressure limits only applicable with using fittings rated to the specified

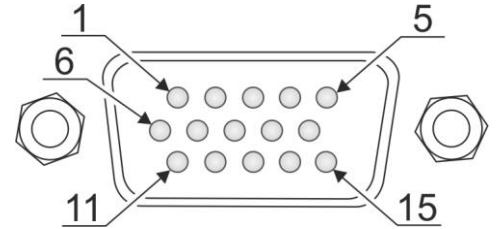
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Connector Pin outs

15 Pin HD D-sub RS-232 / RS-485

Pin	Description
1	RS-232 Transmit / RS-485 (-)
2	RS-232 Receive / RS-485 (+)
3	Supply voltage 12-30 VDC
4	Supply voltage – (return)
5	Analog voltage signal +
6	Analog voltage signal – (return)
7	Relay 1 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
8	Relay 1 Common ⁽¹⁾
9	Relay 1 NC (normally closed contact) ⁽¹⁾
10	Relay 2 NC (normally closed contact) ⁽¹⁾
11	Relay 2 Common ⁽¹⁾
12	Relay 2 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
13	Relay 3 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
14	Relay 3 Common ⁽¹⁾
15	Relay 3 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾

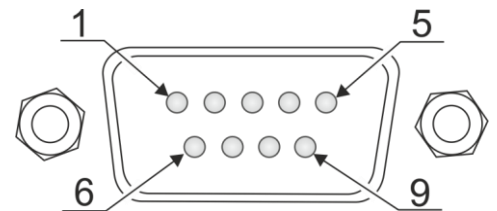
(1) Optional solid-state relay



9 Pin D-sub RS-232 / RS-485

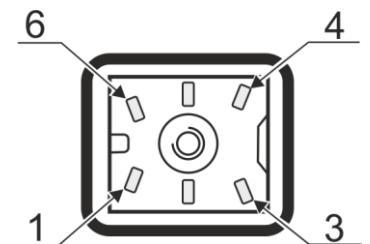
Pin	Description
1	Relay 1 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
2	Relay 1 NC (normally closed contact) ⁽¹⁾
3	Supply voltage 12-30 VDC
4	Supply voltage – (return)
5	Analog voltage signal +
6	Relay 1 Common ⁽¹⁾
7	RS-232 Transmit / RS-485 (-)
8	Analog voltage signal – (return)
9	RS-232 Receive / RS-485 (+)

(1) Optional relay



6 Pin Hirschmann connector

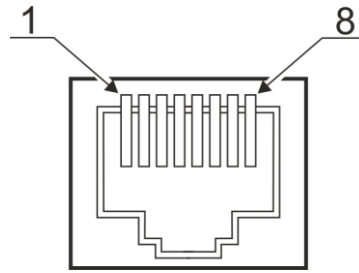
Pin	Description
1	Identification resistor (3K)
2	Analog voltage signal +
3	Analog voltage signal – (return)
4	Supply voltage 12-30 VDC
5	Supply voltage – (return)
6	Chassis



8 Pin RJ45 / 8P8C

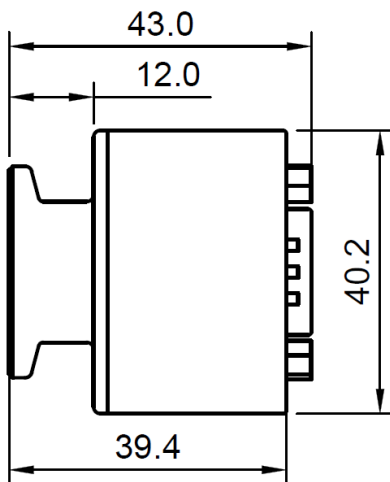
Pin	Description
1	Supply voltage 12-30 VDC
2	Supply voltage – (return)
3	Analog pressure voltage signal +
4	Identification resistor
5	Analog pressure voltage signal – (return)
6	Relay 2 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
7	Relay 1 NO (normally open contact) ⁽¹⁾
8	Relay COMMON

(1) Optional relay



Dimensions

All dimensions in mm.



Order guide

VPM-4-		1	0	1	0	1	2	3	2		
Vacuum flange										Connection	
DN16KF	1	0								1	9 Pin D-sub male
DN25KF	2	0								2	15 pin HD D-sub male
NPT 1/8"	3	0								3	15 pin HD D-Sub male / dual analog out
VCR4	4	0								4	6 pin Hirschmann, ID res 3K
DN16KF Extended	8	0								5	6 pin Hirschmann, ID res 5.1K
DN16KF with light baffle	1	1								6	6 pin Hirschmann, ID res 9.1K/11.1K
DN16KF with heavy duty baffle	1	2								7	8 pin RJ45 / FCC68, ID Res 27K
DN25KF with light baffle	2	1								8	8 pin RJ45 / FCC68, ID Res 36K
DN25KF with heavy duty baffle	2	2								9	8 pin RJ45 / FCC68, ID Res 43K
Digital interface										Setpoints	
RS-232 / S4-Connect™			1							0	None
RS-485 / S4-Connect™			2							1	1x Solid State Relay
S4-Connect™			3							2	2x Solid State Relays
Analog Output										Unit	
0.5 - 9.5 (1 V/dec)			0	1			1				torr
1.0-9 VDC 1 VDC/Dec (MKS 901P/925/910)			0	2			2				mbar
0.375 to 5.659 VDC (MKS GP275)			0	3			3				Pascal
0.5V DC (MKS 523)			0	4							
1.9-10 VDC (Inficon PSG55x, Leybold TTR91)			0	5							
1.5-8.5 VDC (Pfeiffer TPR260/27x/28x)			0	6							
1.9-9.1VDC Edwards APG100XLC			0	7							
1.9-9.1VDC (Edwards APG100XM)			0	8							
0-10 VDC 0.1Torr FS Capacitance manometer	1	0									
0-10 VDC 1 Torr FS Capacitance manometer	1	1									
0-10 VDC 10 Torr FS Capacitance manometer	1	2									
0-10 VDC 100 Torr Capacitance manometer	1	3									
0-10 VDC 1000 Torr Capacitance manometer	1	4									

Other analog outputs are available on request

Accessories

Part number	Description
CAL-VPM4-DAKKS	Accredited calibration certificate from DAKKS lab.

S4-Connect™ USB programmer

Part number	Description
PRG-S4-15DS-01	S4-Connect™ programmer USB, 15p HD D-sub connector
PRG-S4-9DS-01	S4-Connect™ programmer USB, 9p D-sub connector
PRG-S4-RJ45-01	S4-Connect™ programmer USB, 8p FCC68/RJ45
PRG-S4-HM-01	S4-Connect™ programmer USB, 6p Hirschmann

USB-to-Serial converter for VPM-4 SmartPirani™ LT transducers (90-230 VAC wall plug powered)

Part number	Description
PRG-WPRS2-15DS-01	RS-232 to USB, 15 pin HD D-sub, Power supply (90-230VAC)
PRG-WPRS4-15DS-01	RS-485 to USB, 15 pin HD D-sub, Power supply (90-230VAC)
PRG-WPRS2-9DS-01	RS-232 to USB, 9 pin D-sub, Power supply (90-230VAC)
PRG-WPRS4-9DS-01	RS-485 communicator USB, 9 pin D-sub, Power supply (90-230VAC)

USB-to-Serial converter for VPM-4 SmartPirani™ LT transducers (USB port powered)

Part number	Description
PRG-RS2-15DS-01	RS-232 communicator USB, 15p HD D-sub connector
PRG-RS4-15DS-01	RS-485 communicator USB, 15p HD D-sub connector
PRG-RS2-9DS-01	RS-232 communicator USB, 9p D-sub connector
PRG-RS4-9DS-01	RS-485 communicator USB, 9p D-sub connector

Cables

Part number	Description
CAB-F15DSM15DS-003	15 p HD D-sub female to 15 p D-sub male with 3 m cable
CAB-F15DSM15DS-005	15 p HD D-sub female to 15 p D-sub male with 5 m cable
CAB-F15DSM15DS-010	15 p HD D-sub female to 15 p D-sub male with 10 m cable
CAB-F9DSM15DS-003	9 p D-sub female to 15 p D-sub male with 3 m cable
CAB-F9DSM15DS-005	9 p D-sub female to 15 p D-sub male with 5 m cable

About

Sens4 develops, manufactures, markets and distributes vacuum, pressure and temperature measuring equipment for industrial applications worldwide. Our products are designed, engineered and manufactured in Denmark to the highest quality standards. Our mission is to continuously endeavor to provide customer centric state of the art measurement solutions.

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