

C4E NUMERICAL SENSOR

User manual



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1. General

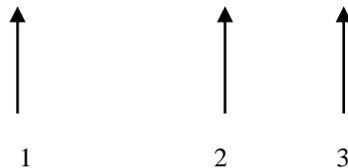
In order to maintain and ensure the good working order of the C4E sensor, users must comply with the safety precautions and warnings featured in this manual.

Assembly and activation:

- Assembly, electrical connection, activation, operation and maintenance of the measuring system must only be carried out by specialist personnel authorized by the user of the facilities.
- Trained personnel must be familiar with and comply with the instructions in this manual.
- Make sure the power supply complies with the specifications before connecting the device.
- A clearly-labeled power switch must be installed near the device.
- Check all connections before turning the power on.
- Do not attempt to use damaged equipment: it may represent a hazard and should be labeled as faulty.
- Repairs must only be carried out by the manufacturer or by AQUALABO's after-sales service department.

➤ Marking on the body of the sensor:

The marking on the body of the sensor indicates the serial number of the sensor (for the traceability) and the LOGO CE.



1	Datamatrix (contains the serial number)
2	Serial number C4E sensor : SN-PC4EX-YYYY X : version YYYY : number
3	CE mark

2. Characteristics

2.1 Technical characteristics.

The technical characteristics can be modified without advance notice.

Measures	
Measure principle	Conductivity sensor with 4 electrodes (2 graphic, 2 platinum).
Measure ranges conductivity	0-200,0 μ S/cm 0 –2000 μ S/cm 0,00 –20,00 mS/cm 0,0 –200,0 mS/cm
Resolution	0,01 to 1 according to the range
Accuracy	+/- 1 % of the full range Beyond 100 mS/cm use appropriate buffer solution
Measure range salinity	5-60 g/Kg
Measure range TDS -KCl	0-133 000 ppm
Temperature	
Technology	NTC
Range	0,00 °C to + 50,00°C
Resolution	0,01 °C
Accuracy	\pm 0,5 °C
Response time	< 5 s
Storage temperature	-10°C to + 60°C
Response time	< 5 s
Maximum refreshing time	Max < 1 s

Sensor	
Dimensions	Diameter : 27 mm ; Lenght : 177 mm
Weight	Stainless steel version 350g (sensor + cable 3 m)
Wetted material	Body : PVC body + DELRIN NTC : stainless steel Electrodes : platinum, graphic Cable : polyurethane jacket Steam gland : Polyamide
Safeway	The 4 electrodes are sensitive to deposits (some fat, hydrocarbons, biofilm, mud)
Maximum pressure	5 bars
IP classification	IP68
Connection	9 armoured connectors, polyurethane jacket, bare-wires or waterproof Fisher connector
Sensor cable	Standard : 3, 7 and 15 m (other length on request). 100 m Max. Up to 100 m with junction box.

Communication – Power supply	
Signal interface	Modbus RTU RS-485 and SDI-12
Power requirements	5 to 12 volts for cable 0-15 m 7 to 12 volts for cable >15 m Max. 13.2 V
Consumption	Standby 25 μ A Average RS485 (1 measure/ seconde) : 6,3 mA Average SDI12 (1 measure/ seconde) : 9,2 mA Current pulse : 500 mA Heating time : 100 mS Protection against the inversions of polarity

2.2 CE compliance.

Pursuant to the article 11 of the directive 89 / 336 / EEC relative to the electromagnetic compatibility.

We declare that the digital sensor of the range DIGISENS sensor C4E was tested and declared in compliance with the European standards :

Standard tests : EN 61326-1 edition 2013

Emission - EMC EN 55022 Class B

Immunity - EN 61000-4-3 A

EN 61000-4-2 B

EN 61000-4-6 A

EN 61000-4-4 B

Shone disturbances : EN 55011B

Identification of the measurement process : composed of :

1- one probe

2- Ponsel's cable.

EN 61000-4-5 Not concerned for sensors with a cable lower or equal to 30 M

Commercial name : DIGISENS range

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3. Description.

3.1 Product overview

The electrode works with a technology in 4 electrodes: an alternating current of constant-voltage is established between a primary's pair of electrodes in graphite. The secondary's electrodes in platinum allow of regulate the voltage imposed to primary's electrodes to reflect of the fouling. The voltage measured between the primary's electrodes is in function of the resistance of place and so, of the conductivity.

The C4E sensor offers the following advantages:

- Low operating costs due to reduced maintenance work (no electrolyte changes)
- Greater calibration intervals due to low drift behaviour
- No polarization voltage required • High measuring accuracy, even for low concentrations • Rapid response times
- No minimum inflow (no oxygen consumption)

The sensor features excellent interference immunity thanks to the integrated preamplifier and digital signal processing. The measured value for conductivity is automatically compensated with the temperature and transferred without interference to the connected display unit and controller via a digital interface. The sensor also includes a logbook containing the last ten successful calibrations in the form of a ring buffer.

3.2 Applications

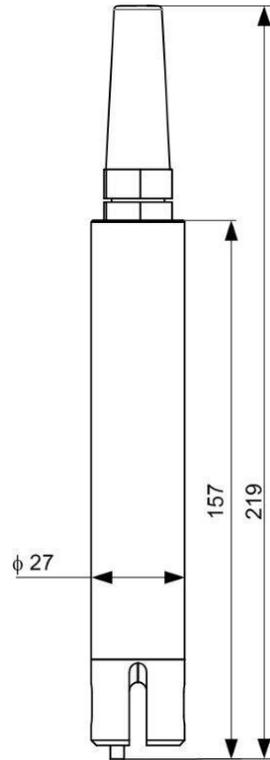
The compact and robust DELRIN sensor is particularly well suited to the following typical areas of application:

- Industrial and municipal sewage treatment plants
- Wastewater management
- Surface water monitoring
- Drinking water monitoring

3.3 Construction and dimensions.



- (1) PT100 Temperature sensor
- (2) PVC Head of body with 4 electrodes inside the slot
- (3) DELRIN Sensor body with measurement electronics
- (4) Cable bushing
- (5) Securely connected connection cable



3.4 Communication.

3.4.1 Modbus RTU registers.

The link protocol must correspond to MODBUS RTU.

See document:

- Modbus_over_serial_line_V1_02.pdf
- Modbus_Application_Protocol_V1_1a.pdf
- Modbus memory for PONSEL digital Sensors :
SENSOR_TramesCom_xxx_UK.xls (refer to [AQUALABO web site](#))

The Modbus memory plane is identical for each parameter of the Sensors.

The Modbus protocol for the Sensors allows you to measure the parameter (+ temperature) of the Sensor and to calibrate the parameter (+ temperature). Furthermore, there are certain numbers of functions such as:

- Select the averaging value
- Read the Sensor description
- Return to default coefficients
- Modify the Sensor address
- Information on measures conducted (Out Of Specification measures, measures in progress, etc.).
- Date and name of the operator who performed the calibration
- etc.

To have more information on the open PONSEL's Modbus protocol please consult the last version of the following documents :

- the pdf file : Modbus_SpecificationsVxxx-EN
- the excel file : Digital sensor Frame_XXX_UK

3.4.2 SDI12 frame.

A list of SDI12 registers is available for network communication. Refer to [AQUALABO web site](#) for more information.

3.5 Compensation

The method of temperature correction in the conductivity digital sensor C4E is a Non-linear temperature correction. The principal of this correction is that conductivity measured at the sample temperature is corrected to 25°C to give K25.

$$K_{25} = \underbrace{\left[1 + \alpha \frac{1}{100} (t_{25} - t) \right]}_{f_{25}(t)} K_t$$

f₂₅(T) is the temperature correction factor used for the conversion of conductivity values of natural water from T to 25°C.

With $\alpha = \alpha_{025} \times \alpha_{S25}$ (at 25 °C $\alpha_{025} = 1.9112 \text{ \%/}^\circ\text{C}$) for “normal” water surface.

Standard table at 25°C of coefficients $\alpha_{S25}(t)$:

n	t _n °C	α _{S25} (t _n)	n	t _n °C	α _{S25} (t _n)
-5	-5	1,987	30	30	0,813
-4	-4	1,925	31	31	0,897
-3	-3	1,867	32	32	0,884
-2	-2	1,813	33	33	0,872
-1	-1	1,761	34	34	0,861
0	0	1,708	35	35	0,851
1	1	1,667	36	36	0,842
2	2	1,623	37	37	0,834
3	3	1,582	38	38	0,827
4	4	1,543	39	39	0,820
5	5	1,510	40	40	0,812
6	6	1,479	41	41	0,806
7	7	1,436	42	42	0,789
8	8	1,404	43	43	0,779
9	9	1,373	44	44	0,769
10	10	1,344	45	45	0,760
11	11	1,316	46	46	0,751
12	12	1,290	47	47	0,742
13	13	1,266	48	48	0,733
14	14	1,239	49	49	0,724
15	15	1,213	50	50	0,716
16	16	1,190	51	51	0,708
17	17	1,167	52	52	0,700
18	18	1,147	53	53	0,692
19	19	1,129	54	54	0,684
20	20	1,105	55	55	0,676
21	21	1,083	56	56	0,669
22	22	1,061	57	57	0,662
23	23	1,040	58	58	0,655
24	24	1,019	59	59	0,648
25	25	1,000	60	60	0,641
26	26	0,981	61	61	0,635
27	27	0,963	62	62	0,628
28	28	0,946	63	63	0,622
29	29	0,929	64	64	0,615

4. Installation.

4.1 Sensor installation option

For the installation of the sensors in condition of immersion or in-pipe insertion, we advise to use accessories adapted and proposed by AQUALABO.

4.1.1 Accessories for immersion installation.

In immersion condition, it is necessary to maintain the sensor by the body and not to leave the sensor suspended by the cable at the risk of damaging the sensor.

AQUALABO proposes a range or pole (short and long version) in order to install the sensor in open basins. It can be positioned a considerable distance from the basin edge with the bracket suspended on a chain, for example.

Please note the following when planning your set-up:

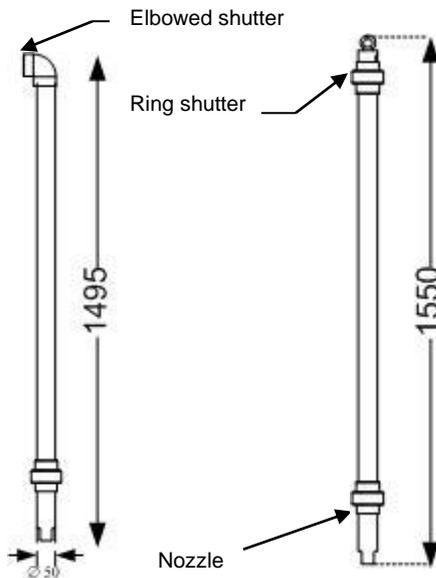
- The fitting must be easily accessible to allow the sensor or the fitting itself to be maintained and cleaned regularly
- Do not allow the fitting (and thus also the sensor) to swing against and hit the basin edge
- When working with systems involving pressure and/or temperature, ensure that the fitting and sensor meet all relevant requirements
- The system designer must check that the materials in the fitting and sensor are suitable for the measurement (chemical compatibility, for instance)

Material	PVC
Admissible temperature	0 to 60 °C
Pressure max.	5 bars

➤ **Short pole**

The short pole is available in 2 versions :

- **version with elbowed shutter**. The nozzle of support is included in the offer.



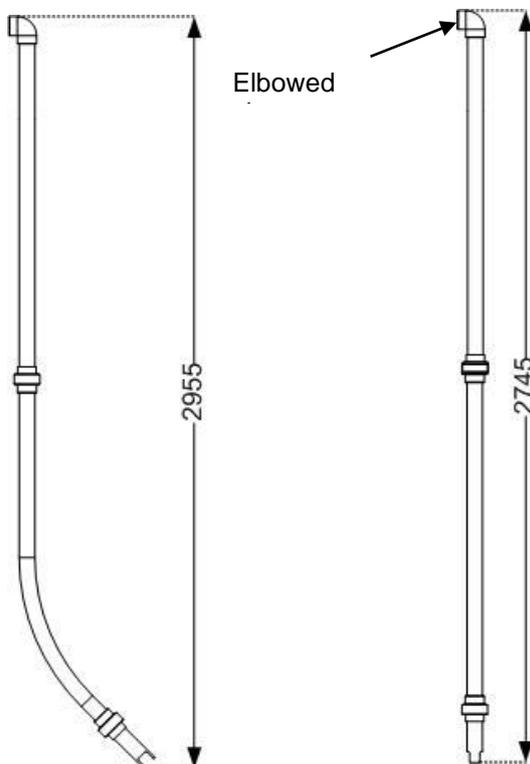
PF-ACC-C-00268	STRAIGHT SHORT POLE FOR C4E/NTU SENSOR (1495 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)
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- **version with shutter for mounting with chain** The nozzle of support is included in the offer.

PF-ACC-C-00271	STRAIGHT SHORT POLE FOR C4E/NTU SENSOR (1550 mm, RING SHUTTER)
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➤ **Long pole**

The long poles are available in elbow version, for installations in aeration basin, and straight, for applications in open channel. Every pole is equipped with an elbowed shutter and with waterproofness joints. The lower part includes a nozzle which is adapted to the sensor what assures its mechanical support.



- **Elbowed pole with elbowed shutter**

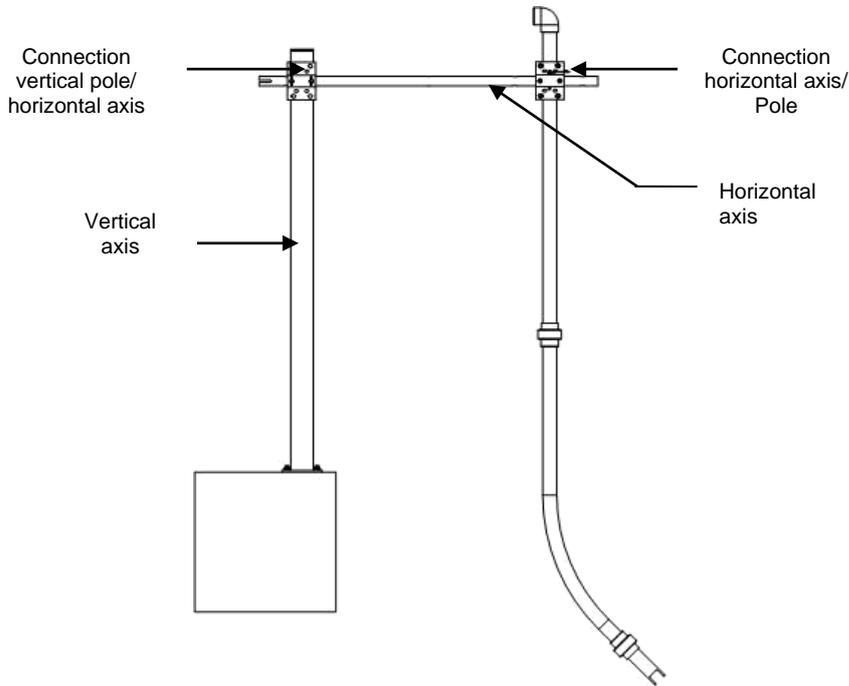
PF-ACC-C-00262	90° ELBOW LONG PERCH FOR C4E/NTU SENSOR (2955 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)
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- **Straight long pole with elbowed shutter**

PF-ACC-C-00265	STRAIGHT LONG POLE FOR C4E/NTU SENSOR (2745 mm, ELBOWED SHUTTER)
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➤ **Mounting accessories for pole.**

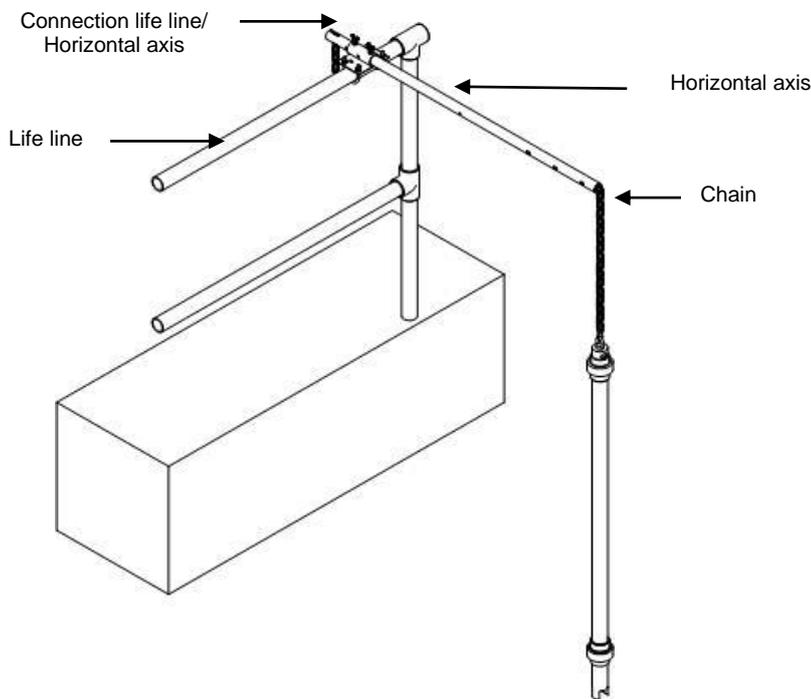
The elements of fixation for the poles are flexible and specially studied to adapt themselves to the different configurations of assembly.



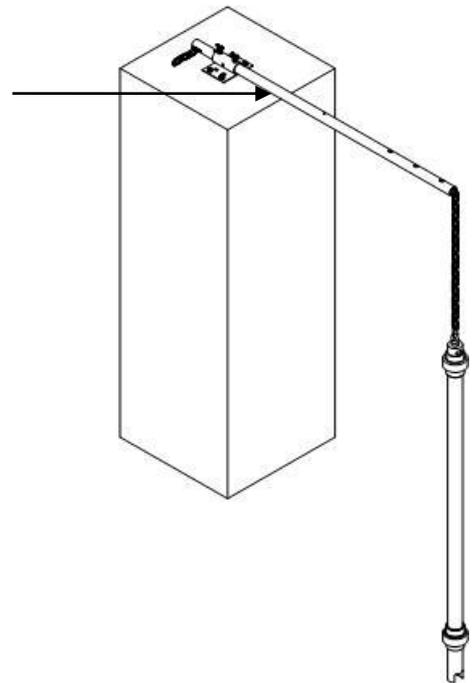
- Pole kit fixation

NC-ACC-C-00009	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LOW WALL)
NC-ACC-C-00010	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LIFE LINE)
NC-ACC-C-00011	POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON VERTICAL AXIS)
PF-ACC-C-00272	VERTICAL AXIS FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR POLE (TO BE FIXED ON SOIL)

Example of mounting on vertical axis



Example of mounting on lifeline



Example of mounting on low wall

- Accessories kit for assembly of poles with chain.

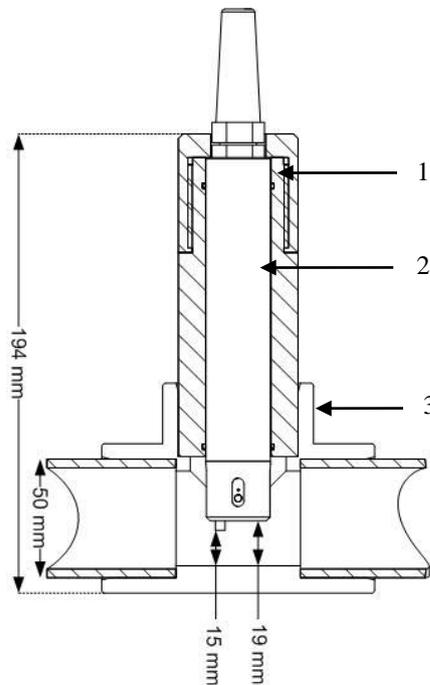
NC-ACC-C-00012	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LOW WALL)
NC-ACC-C-00013	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON LIFELINE)
NC-ACC-C-00014	SHORT POLE FIXATION KIT FOR NUMERICAL SENSOR (ON VERTICAL AXIS)

4.1.2 Accessories for PVC pipe-mounting.

Every system of assembly is delivered with an adapter (and the appropriate joints) and one T of assembly (90 ° for C4E sensor) to stick on a 50 mm diameter pipe. Its special design type ensures the correct inflow to the sensor, thus preventing incorrect measurements.

Please note the following when planning your piping set-up:

- The fitting must be easily accessible to allow the sensor or the fitting itself to be maintained and cleaned regularly
- We recommend bypass measurements. It must be possible to remove the sensor through the use of shut-off valves
- When working with systems involving pressure and/or temperature, ensure that the fitting and sensor meet all relevant requirements
- The system designer must check that the materials in the fitting and sensor are suitable for the measurement (chemical compatibility, for instance)



- (1) Adapter
- (2) C4E sensor
- (3) 50 mm pipe diameter

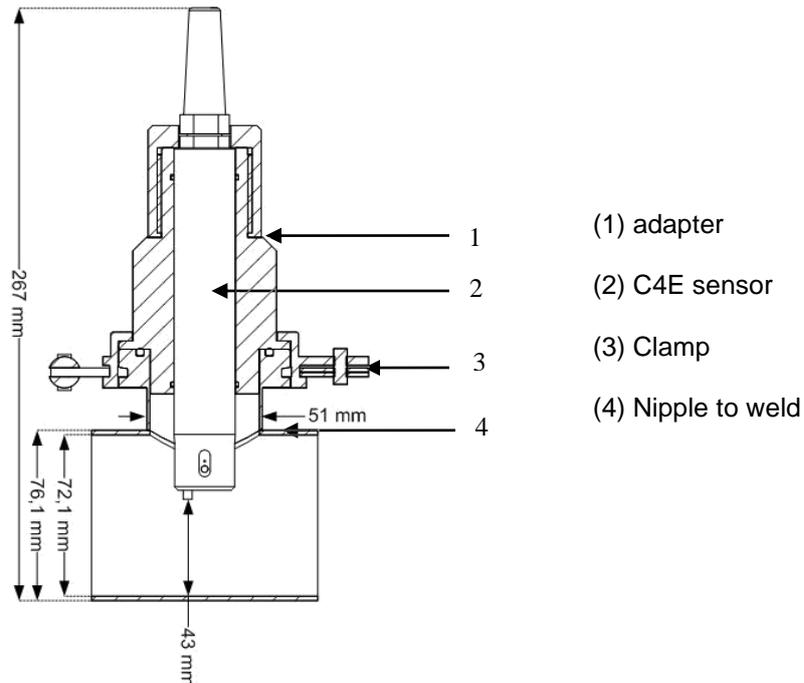
Mounting system for C4E sensor (PF-ACC-C-00226)

4.1.3 Accessories for stainless steel pipe-mounting.

The accessories of assembly for stainless pipe are proposed with an adapter and its joints with or without the systems of clamp / Nipple. The acceptable maximum pressure for the sensors is 5 bars.

The system of assembly can be delivered with or without stainless steel clamp.

The adapter is compatible with a 51 mm diameter external clamp.

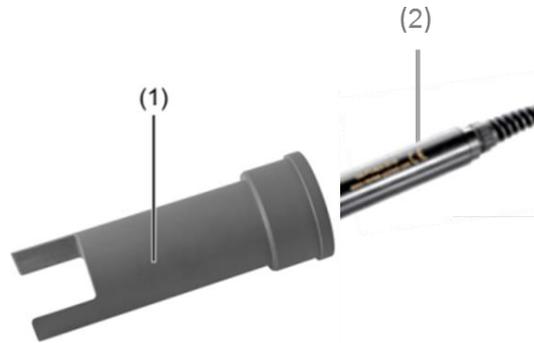


Mounting system for OPTOD sensor (PF-ACC-C-00229)

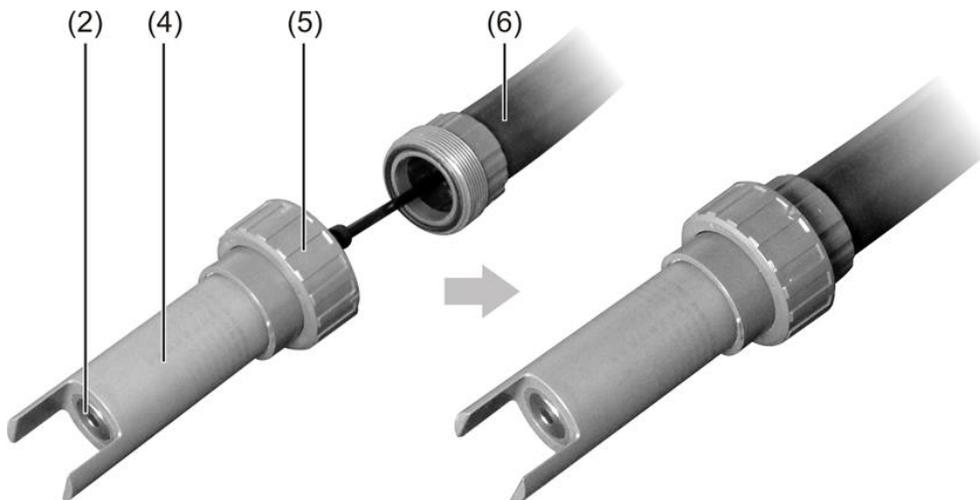
4.2 Installation of the sensor in the accessories of assembly

4.2.1 Insertion in a pole.

The sensor is mounted on the relevant fitting as described below, using a sensor holder, which can be used both for the short and long pole:

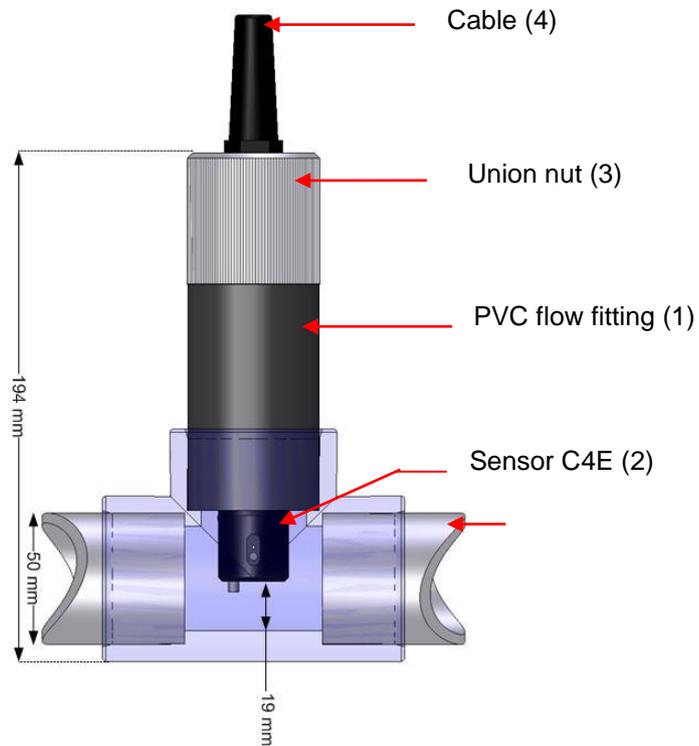


- 1 Remove the protective cap on the sensor and insert the sensor (2) into the nozzle (1) as far as the stop.
- 2 Insert the sensor cable into the fitting pipe (6) and completely feed through.



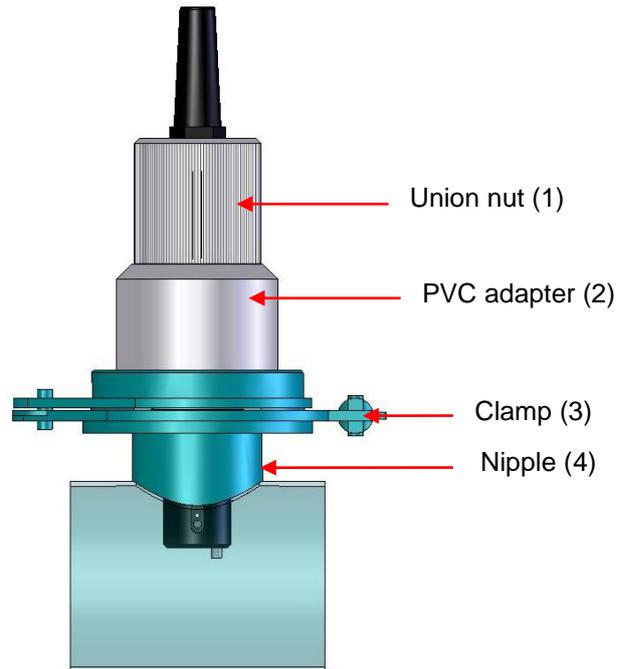
- 3 Screw the sensor holder with the union nut (5) onto the fitting pipe (6) and tighten until hand tight.

4.2.2 Insertion into the PVC in-pipe mounting system.



- 1 Unscrew the union nut (3) from the PVC flow fitting (1).
- 2 Guide the sensor cable (4) through the union nut on the fitting.
- 3 Insert the sensor (2) into the fitting as far as the position shown in the middle image above.
- 4 Screw the union nut onto the fitting as far as the stop.

4.2.3 Insertion into the Stainless steel in-pipe mounting system.

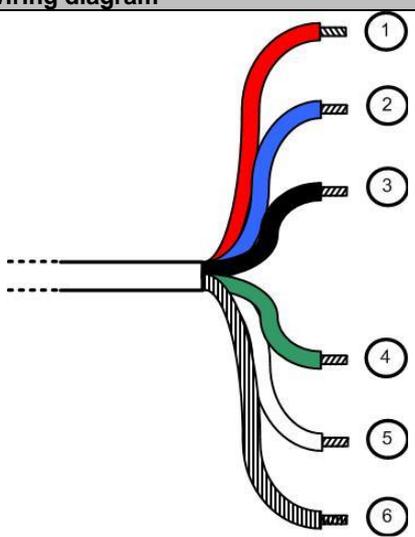


- 1 After welding the clamp (3) on the stainless-steel pipe, remove the clamp from the system and remove the PVC adapter (2).
- 2 Unscrew the union nut (1) from the adapter.
- 3 Guide the sensor cable through the union nut on the adapter.
- 4 Reposition the adapter in the nipple (4), and re-screw the union nut.

4.3 Electrical connections.

The sensor could deliver within version bare wire on 3, 7, 15 m or on other length (up to 100 m).

Power supply	
Power requirements	5 to 12 volts for cable 0-15 m 7 to 12 volts for cable >15 m Max. 13.2 V
Consumption	Standby 25 μ A Average RS485 (1 measure/ seconde) : 6,3 mA Average SDI12 (1 measure/ seconde) : 9,2 mA Current pulse : 500 mA Protection against the inversions of polarity

Wiring diagram													
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5. Startup and maintenance.

5.1 Initial startup

Once the sensor is connected to your terminal, the sensor is settled in its accessory of assembly and the parameterization has been carried out on the display unit, the sensor is ready for initial startup.

➤ Note:

For measurement, you must eliminate bubbles inside the measuring slot containing the electrodes. During the introduction of the sensor in measurement environment, wait for sensor's temperature stabilization before measure processing.

➤ Started:

Remove the black cap of protection (by holding the sensor head downward and by unscrewing the cap).

5.2 Calibration

The calibration of the conductivity sensor is a two-step process: step 1 (offset) and step 2 (slope). Select the range to be calibrated (4 ranges can be calibrated).

- **Step 1** (offset): Expose the sensor to the air to perform the first stage of the Calibration process. The value for this first calibration standard is set to 0 0 $\mu\text{S/cm}$. If the sensor is wet, dry the measuring slot containing the electrodes with a paper towel.

- **Step 2** (gain): the sensor is placed in a buffer solution of known conductivity which depends of the range using.

Example of standard solutions

Measurement range	Concentration of standard solution	Reference
0.0-200.0 $\mu\text{S/cm}$	84 $\mu\text{S/cm}$	1SCE044
0 -2,000 $\mu\text{S/cm}$	1,413 $\mu\text{S/cm}$	14SCS19
0.00 - 20.00 mS/cm	12,880 $\mu\text{S/cm}$	1CS013
0.0 – 200.0 mS/cm	111.8 mS/cm	11SC035

Immerse the sensor head, ensuring that the electrodes are completely immersed (provide at least 4 cm of liquid between the base of the sensor and the surface of the solution). Ideally, the solution is stirred or mixed with the sensor to reach the target value more quickly.

Wait for the sensor temperature to stabilize with the solution temperature. The conductivity value of the buffer solution is given at 25°C.

Then rinse the sensor with clean water before performing another calibration or measurements in the medium.

5.3 Maintenance:

The C4E sensor uses a 4–electrode conductivity measuring principle, and care must be taken to maintain these 4 electrodes in optimal working condition. After each use, rinse the sensor before storing it.

To clean the electrodes (made from graphite and platinum), insert and retract an abrasive strip (P1200 Type) through the slot in the sensor, under a stream of running water.

5.4 FAQ:

◦ **Measure at 9999 $\mu\text{S/cm}$** : this measurement means that the measurement is out of range.

The sensor offers 4 fixed measuring ranges (0-200 $\mu\text{S/cm}$; 0 – 2 000 $\mu\text{S/cm}$; 0-20 mS/cm ; 0-200 mS/cm) and an automatic range (the sensor selects its own measurement range). If you have chosen a fixed measurement range, it is possible that the measured value in the medium will be higher than the value of the selected measurement range.

○ **What is the minimum level of immersion of the sensor?**

To have a representative measurement of the medium it is advisable to immerse the sensor in at least 10 cm of water.

○ **What is the minimum distance between the sensor head and the wall of a pond?**

For better representativeness of the measurement in the medium, it is advisable to move the sensor away from the walls of a basin by at least 10 cm. If the distance between the wall and the sensor head is not sufficient. The measuring electrodes may be in the mud/fouling that could be stuck to the wall.

○ **How do I position my sensor in a Sewage Treatment Plant Aeration Tank installation case:**

Ideally, the sensor should be positioned at a 45° angle to the water surface with the help of a bent pole for example (flow coming from the back of the curved section).

This inclination prevents any bubbles from getting stuck in the measuring slot. In addition, if there are any yarns, they will not be able to wrap around the sensor head.

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