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## MLEx-ic



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## TWO-WIRE 4÷20 mA LINE MONITOR for explosion hazardous area

- supplied by 4÷20 mA line current,
- configurable range of physical units,
- range of measured current: 3÷24mA,
- LCD indicator with backlight, 4 digits,
- intrinsically safe alarm output.

FEATURE II 3G Ex ic IIC T6

II 3D Ex ic IIIA or IIIB or IIIC T=85°C

Category 3 device for use in "area 2 and 22" in explosion hazardous zones.

Housing's elevation side protection level: IP54

Overall housing protection level: IP40 Operating temperature: -20...+60°C

The monitor is allowed to be mounted in explosion hazardous "areas 2 and 22":

- input circuit "INPUT" (terminals 1,2) and output circuit "ALARM" (terminals 3,4) can work with intrinsically safe circuits after agreement regarding safety parameters.
- input circuit "INPUT" (terminals 1,2) and output circuit "ALARM" (terminals 3,4) can work with intrinsically safe circuits of any accompanying device installed in safe zone after agreement regarding safety parameters.

The monitor must be protected against access by persons untrained in its maintenance and exploitation.

**MLEx-ic** monitor measures the current in automation system's 4÷20 mA current loop. It is supplied by measurement line current and does not require any additional power supply. Measurement result can be displayed in %, mA or any physical units from the user defined scale. Alarm threshold switching level with hysteresis can be freely programmed.

User can program the smoothing time constant of the indication.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

**INPUT safety parameters** -  $U_i=30V$ ,  $I_i=100mA$ ,  $P_i=0,9W$ ,  $C_i=0$ ,  $L_i=0$

**ALARM safety parameters** -  $U_i=30V$ ,  $I_i=40mA$ ,  $P_i=0,4W$ ,  $C_i=0$ ,  $L_i=0$

Dimensions - 72 x 72 x 61 mm

Panel section - 68 x 68 mm

**Measurement signal** - 2,30 ÷ 23,40mA

lower range limitation - < 2 mA  
indicator turns off

upper range limitation - > 24 mA  
overcurrent protection

### Voltage drop on the

#### Indicator:

with terminals polarization - 3,3V/4mA; 4,1V/20mA

without terminals polarization - < 4,6 V/20mA

Precision class - 0,1 % + 1digit

Resolution - < 0,025%

Time constant - 0,5..32 s, programmable

Operation cycle - 250 ms



**Screen** - LCD - 4 digits, with backlight  
digit height - 14 mm

range and dot position - programmable

**Programming method** - with four buttons on the faceplate

**Alarm signalization** - type OC (NPN)

**output** - 2Vdc ÷ 30Vdc / 20mA

OC voltage drop - < 2 V

thresholds values - programmable

Calibration - automatic up and down

Reprogramming - permanent password: 99

protection

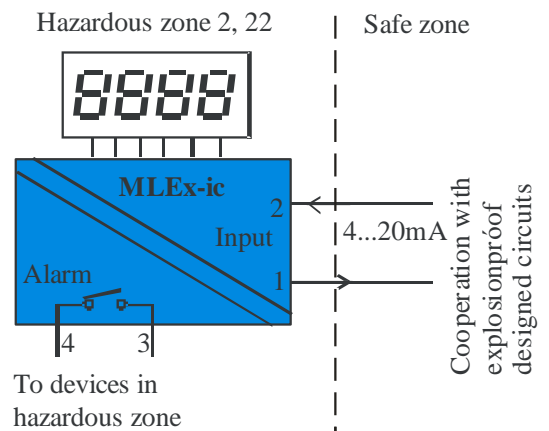
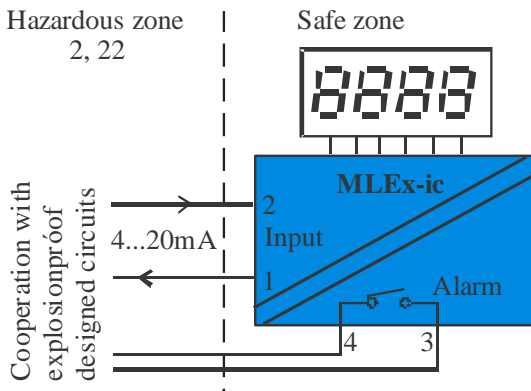
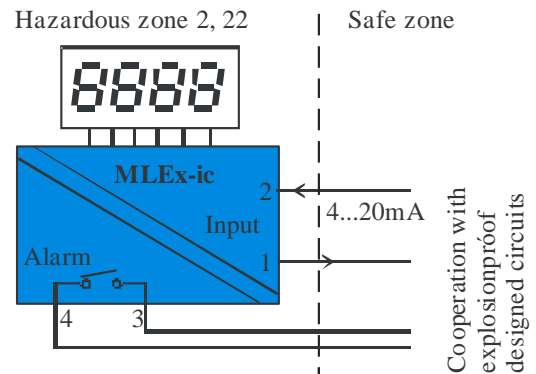
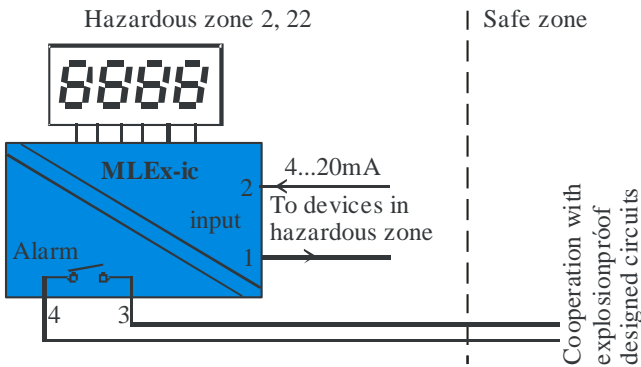
Object's cables - 0,5..1,5mm<sup>2</sup> disjoint pair of  
connections terminals for input

0,5...1mm<sup>2</sup> disjoint pair of  
terminals for OC

**Working conditions**

ambient temperature	-	-20 ÷ +55°C
relative humidity	-	up to 90%
Safety requirements	-	PN-EN 61010-1:2002
EMC requirements	-	PN-EN 61000-6-1
	-	PN-EN 61000-6-3

Harmonized standards: PN-EN 60079-0, PN-EN 60079-11, PN-EN 61326-1:2009



**Four ways of connecting the MLEx indicator.**

**PROGRAMMABLE PARAMETERS LIST**

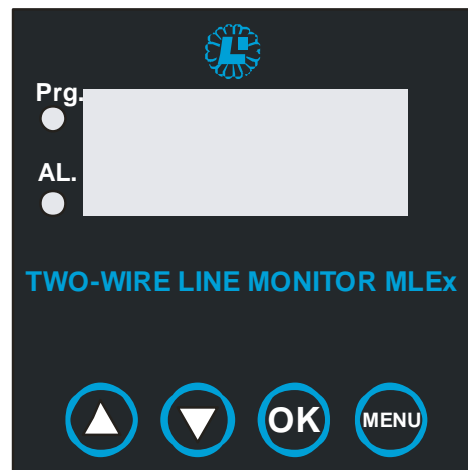
- P0.** Screen segments test/line current value indication (mA)
- P1.** Lower range of physical units and dot position
- P2.** Upper range of physical units
- P3.** Digital filter selection
- P4.** Lower alarm threshold
- P5.** Upper alarm threshold
- P6.** Calibration start (**Lo** - down and **Hi** - up)
- P7.** Factory reset
- P8.** Backlight on/off
- P9.** Password active/inactive

**MONITOR DESIGN**

monitor is designed for panel mounting. Mounting the monitor in the table is done using two tightening screws. Panel composition:

- Four-digit indicator of measured value
- **AL** - alarm signalization LED
- **Prg** – programming mode LED
- **Δ, ∇, OK, MENU** - four buttons for monitor's programming.

Object's cables terminals are located on the back plate of the monitor.



Front panel of the monitor.

**ALARM SIGNALIZATION**

Alarm thresholds are programmed by **P4** and **P5** parameters. Thresholds values are set using physical units. Programming thresholds **P4 = P5** turns off the alarm. Programming thresholds **P4 > P5** sets maximum alarm (exceeding **P4** triggers it and it is turned off when measurement is below **P5**). Programming thresholds **P4 < P5** sets minimum alarm (falling below **P4** triggers it and it is turned off when measurement is over **P5**). Triggering the alarm will result in setting the OC alarm output in conductive state and **AL** LED flashing.

## PROGRAMMING THE PARAMETERS USING KEYBOARD

- Pressing **MENU** button sets the parameters programming mode and the device asks for password (**H0**, if active) or goes straight to parameter selection (**P0**).
- Password is typed using  $\nabla\Delta$  buttons. Each digit must be accepted by **OK**. The monitor will go into parameter selection mode (**P0**).
- Parameter is selected by  $\nabla\Delta$  buttons and accepted by pressing **OK**.
- By using  $\nabla\Delta$  buttons each parameter's digit is being set, beginning with the youngest digit and accepted with **OK** button. After the last digit is set the monitor goes into parameter selection mode.
- For parameter **P1** decimal dot is programmed first.
- **F0.....F7** display signalizes the digital filter selection (**P3** parameter).
- Selecting parameter **P0** triggers the display segments test mode (all segments turn on). Current measurement in mA can be turned on using  $\nabla\Delta$  lub **OK** buttons.
- Ranges calibration procedure is called by selecting **P6** parameter and then **Lo** for lower 4 mA range calibration or **Hi** for upper 20 mA range calibration. Monitor asks for confirmation by flashing **?**. After pressing **OK**, monitor will start counting 32 measurement cycles, write measurement result into memory and go into measurement mode. **Before calling this procedure one must be sure that the input signal is correct (precise 4 mA or 20 mA). Wrong signals will ruin the monitor's calibration.**

### Ordering method:

- Monitor for installation in explosion hazardous zone – with terminals polarization type MLEx-ic-4,1V  
 – without terminals polarization type MLEx-ic-4,6V

In general cables and wires of intrinsically safe circuits should be led separately regarding to non-intrinsically safe cables and wires. If intrinsically safe cable is shielded and is blue it can be in cable trays together with other non-intrinsically safe cables. Shield of the cable should be connected to the ground PE only from one side e.g. only in safe zone with a wire of 2,5mm<sup>2</sup> diameter. Maintain a distance of 50mm from the end of the shield braid to the stripped ends of the cable cores in both the hazardous and safe zones. Put the crimping sleeves on the stripped ends of the cable cores. If in a multicore intrinsically safe cable are several intrinsically safe circuits the cables must be of A or B type with insulation test of 500V and the insulation cannot be thinner than 0.2mm. Cables and wires must be permanently fixed and protected against the possibility of mechanical damage. It is recommended to use blue cables. Compare the parameters U<sub>o</sub>, I<sub>o</sub>, P<sub>o</sub>, C<sub>o</sub>, L<sub>o</sub>, U<sub>i</sub>, I<sub>i</sub>, P<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>, L<sub>i</sub> (L, C of the cable and L<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub> of the device installed in the hazardous area).

If the L, C clustered parameters in the connected circuit (and this is how the L<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub> parameters of the connected device should be treated) exceed 1% of the L<sub>o</sub>, C<sub>o</sub> value, for the calculation should be taken of the L<sub>o</sub>, C<sub>o</sub> parameters given in the certificate for the clustered values. If such parameters are not provided, then half of the C<sub>o</sub>, L<sub>o</sub> value from the certificate should be taken for calculations with the assumption that the C<sub>o</sub> value cannot exceed 1 μF for groups I, IIA, IIB and III and 0.6 μF for IIC.

If a "simple device" made of plastic is installed in the hazardous area, the risk of electrostatics should be assessed. In the case of cable routes with high energy (power grid) or interferences, cables with measurement signals susceptible to the impact of interferences, apart from the use of shielded twisted-pair cables, should be led at a distance, e.g. in a separate tray, and the routes crossing each other should be at right angles.

- Selecting parameter **P7** will result in loading the factory settings:
    - Lower range **000.0**
    - Upper range **100.0**
    - filter **F2**
    - Lower alarm **050.0**
    - Upper alarm **045.0**
    - Backlight on
    - Password inactive
  - Selecting parameter **P8** allows to turn on (**on ?**) or turn off (**off ?**) the LCD backlight.
  - Selecting parameter **P9** allows to activate (**on ?**) or deactivate (**off ?**) the password for parameter's protection.
  - **Pressing MENU button while in programming mode cancels the current action.**
- The monitor goes back to its default operation after 30 seconds of no action.

## VALUES OF TIME CONSTANT OF DIGITAL FILTERS

<b>F0</b>	Filter off	0,25 s
<b>F1</b>		0,5 s
<b>F2</b>		1s
<b>F3</b>		2s
<b>F4</b>		4 s
<b>F5</b>		8 s
<b>F6</b>		16 s
<b>F7</b>		32 s
<b>F8</b>	Peak value measurement (deleted by pressing OK)	

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