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USE AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

**MEMBRANE LEVEL SWITCH
“SM85.ATEX”**



Manual Purpose

This manual has been designed by the manufacturer to provide the necessary information regarding the instrument to those who are authorized to carry out safely its installation, maintenance, dismantling and disposal. All necessary information for buyers and planners can be found in the sales documentation.

In addition to adopting good technical construction methods, this information should be read carefully and strictly applied. Inobservance of this information could cause risks for the health and safety of people and damage to equipment.

This information provided by the manufacturer in the original language (Italian) is also available in other languages to satisfy legislative and/or commercial needs.

This manual must be kept in a good condition by a responsible person in a safe place so that it is always available for consultation. In case this manual is lost or damaged, a replacement should be requested directly from the manufacturer quoting the manual code.

This manual reflects the state of the instrument at the time of input on the market: however the manufacturer reserves the right to make changes, add or improve the manual without giving any reason to hold the present manual inadequate.

Identification of the equipment

The identification label is applied on the cover of the instrument:

It contains all the necessary data which is required for safe operation.

**Environmental conditions**

Process temperature from -10°C to 80°C (inside the tank or silo, **zone 20**).

Storage

Avoid areas with excessive moisture and exposed to the elements (excluding outdoor areas). Avoid direct contact of the unit with the ground. Stack the unit being careful not to load with excessive weights. It is leading you to the proper functioning of the instruments and for the maintenance of mechanical protection, care in handling. Do not strike the instrument with tools like hammers or similar items.

Conformity declaration and CE marking

The unit complies with the following Community Directives:

2014/34/UE: Equipment and protective system intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX).

CE 2460  II 1/2 D Ex ia IIC T85°C Da IP65 -10°C < Tamb < +80°. Use in zone 20, intrinsic safety protection mode "ia", max superficial temperature 85°C, environmental temperature from -10°C to 80°C.

Certificate n. EUM1 13 ATEX 0930 X – Notification: Presafe 15 ATEX 187658Q.

2014/30/UE Electromagnetic compatibility.

Control, maintenance, technical servicing

The instrument does not need a periodic setting but needs a check of correct functioning at least once a year: Verify the integrity of the case, mobility of the spring, and general functioning.

Avoid layers of dust higher than 50mm on the instrument.

The instrument does not need a particular maintenance except cleaning, which has to be carried out by using a soft, damp, cloth with ethyl alcohol or water. Do not use hydrocarbon solvents (trichloroethylene, petrol, diluents, etc.). Repairs should be done exclusively by the FIAMA technical assistance center. For any type of technical assistance please contact the manufacturer indicating the data on the identification plate, the approximate working hours, and the type of fault.

Manufacturer's responsibility

The manufacturer declines any responsibility in case of:

- Using the instrument contrary to the national safety and accident-prevention laws;
- Incorrect installation, inobservance or wrong procedures of the instructions provided in the present manual;
- Defective electrical power supply;
- Modifications or tampering;
- Operations carried out by untrained or unqualified personnel.

The safety of the instrument also depends on the strict observance of the instructions contained in the manual: always operate the instrument in its functioning capacity and carry out a careful routine maintenance.

- All phases of inspection and maintenance must be done by qualified personnel only.
- The configurations provided in the manual are the only ones permitted.
- Do not try to use the product in anyway which is contrary to the provided indications.

The instructions in this manual do not substitute but accomplish the obligations of the current law.

Description

The SM85-ATEX is a simple and economical level switch that checks the minimum or maximum level in silos and tanks containing material which is non-sticky in the form of granules or dust such as rice, cereals, plastic, coffee, sand, cement, etc.

The working principle is simple: the pressure exerted by the product on the membrane activates the signal micro switch. Switching sensitivity is adjusted using a screw on the cover.

The unit is installed **externally** on the wall of the container through the three holes of the fixing flange. The body of the unit remains outside of the container, on the side or on the bottom, while the membrane is in contact with the product.

The product is classified Group II, category 1/2, and installation zone 20.

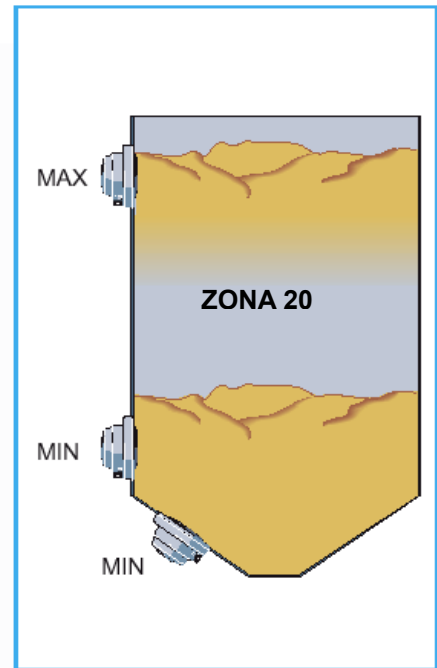
The protection mode which is considered is Intrinsic Safety "ia" which is based on the use of a barrier with intrinsic safety, external to the unit, which is normally not supplied by FIAMA and is normally selected and provided by the end user.

The maximum allowed ambient temperature is 80°C.

Installation

The unit can be installed in environments where a **potentially explosive atmosphere, in the form of a cloud of flammable dust, is present permanently or for long periods** within tanks or silos (**zone 20**).

Installation of the unit must occur in combination with an intrinsic safety barrier which is able to provide adequate separation between the safe zone and the danger zone.



Analysis of the intrinsic safety risk EN 60079-11

The safety of the unit which is part of this risk analysis is based on the basic principles of the intrinsic safety protection mode.

This protection consists of a limitation, in the conditions of normal operation or of preventable faults or of rare faults, the amount of electrical energy of the circuits which are installed in the danger zone and of the connected instrumentation which is installed in the safe zone so that arcs or sparks or high surface temperatures cannot ignite the explosive atmosphere.

The unit in the danger zone and the associated electrical plant (intrinsic safety barrier) must be designed to reduce the open circuit tension (Voc) and the short circuit current (Isc) down to such values which cannot ignite the explosive atmosphere by opening, short-circuiting, grounding, or heating any part of the circuit.

The implementation of this protection mode is the only accepted method to protect electrical installations which operate in the danger zones (zone 20).

During implementation of intrinsic safety, it is necessary to consider the following three parts:

- Unit in the danger zone: membrane sensor with micro switch
- Safety interface: intrinsic safety barrier
- Interconnecting cables

An apparatus with switches can be considered a simple apparatus if it does not generate or accumulate more than 1.5V, 100mA, 25mW. Such an apparatus, if powered by a safety interface, which guarantees respect of the electrical parameters for power supply, is not able to generate sparks that can ignite the gases which have a MIE value (Minimum Ignition Energy) higher than the energy released during commutation of the contact.

Associated apparatuses

The interfaces between the field and the control room instrumentation are usually called "Barriers"; these protect the circuits in the danger zone, by limiting the voltage and current, in normal use and fault conditions.

There are two types of intrinsic safety interfaces:

- Zener barriers
- Galvanic separation barriers

The fundamental difference is the way that potentially dangerous energy, coming from the control room, is diverted to prevent entry into the circuits located in the danger zone.

The barriers must be designed and certified according to the requirements of Directive 2014/34/UE and must have the following marking:

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Interconnecting cables

The low values of voltage and tension which are present in the intrinsic safety circuit allow the use of cables which are normally used for field instrumentation, as long as the capacity and inductance of these is correctly taken into account in the calculations regarding system safety. The cable parameters are rarely a problem for the distance of the field devices, especially when galvanic separation barriers are used.

Resistive circuits

A circuit is considered resistive when the reactive parts, inductance and capacity, are null or negligible, as is the case of this analysis.

The energy which can be released by a circuit of this type depends essentially upon the voltage V that powers it and by the current limitation which is due to the presence of the resistor R . In this case it is not easy to correlate the value of the minimum ignition energy MIE (Minimum Ignition Energy), with the circuit characteristics which generate the spark.

The ignition curves for resistive circuits are indicated in the side graph.

The graph shows the ignition curves of the gas groups which are considered in the various norms. Observing the curves, the lower the open circuit voltage V_{oc} , the higher the power that can be used in safety. This characteristic allows the process instrumentation, which operates at voltages in the 20-30V range, to be used in applications of intrinsic safety.

Intrinsic safety loop coordination

In the coordination, the following relations must be verified:

$$\begin{aligned} U_o &\leq U_i \\ I_o &\leq I_i \\ P_o &\leq P_i \\ C_i + C_c &\leq C_o \\ L_i + L_c &\leq L_o \end{aligned}$$

where:

- U_o : maximum output voltage (peak AC or DC) which can be supplied by an intrinsic safety barrier which is in open circuit and powered by the primary voltage U_m
- I_o : maximum current (peak AC or DC) which can be supplied by an intrinsic safety barrier which is in short-circuit
- P_o : maximum electrical power which can be supplied by an intrinsic safety barrier
- C_o : maximum capacity which can be connected to the intrinsic safety barrier
- L_o : maximum inductance which can be connected to the intrinsic safety
- U_i : maximum voltage (peak AC or DC) which can be applied to the intrinsic safety sensor in the danger zone
- I_i : maximum current (peak AC or DC) which can be applied to the intrinsic safety sensor in the danger zone
- P_i : maximum input power which can be applied to the intrinsic safety sensor in the danger zone
- C_i : total equivalent internal capacitance of the intrinsic safety apparatus
- L_i : total equivalent internal inductance of the intrinsic safety apparatus
- C_c : cable capacitance [F/m]
- L_c : cable inductance [H/m].

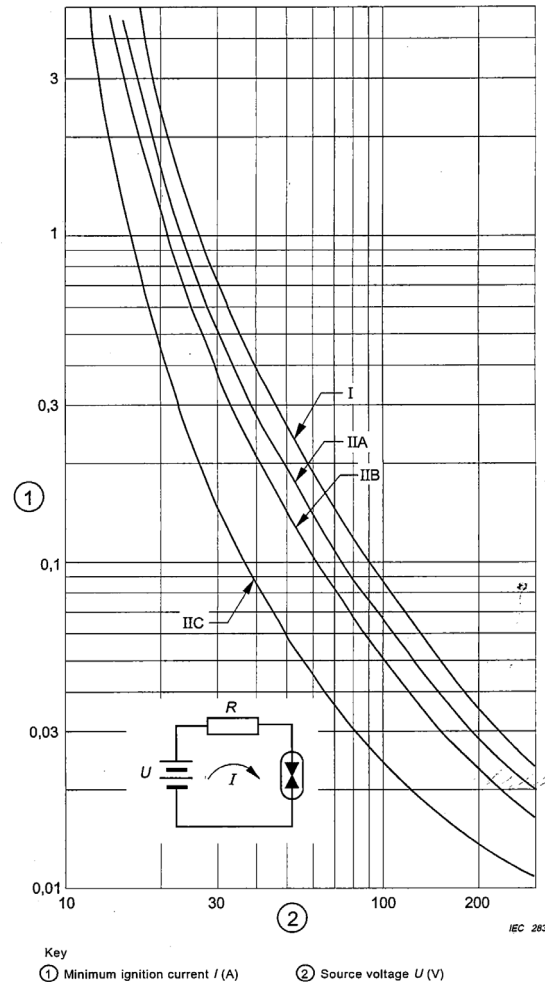


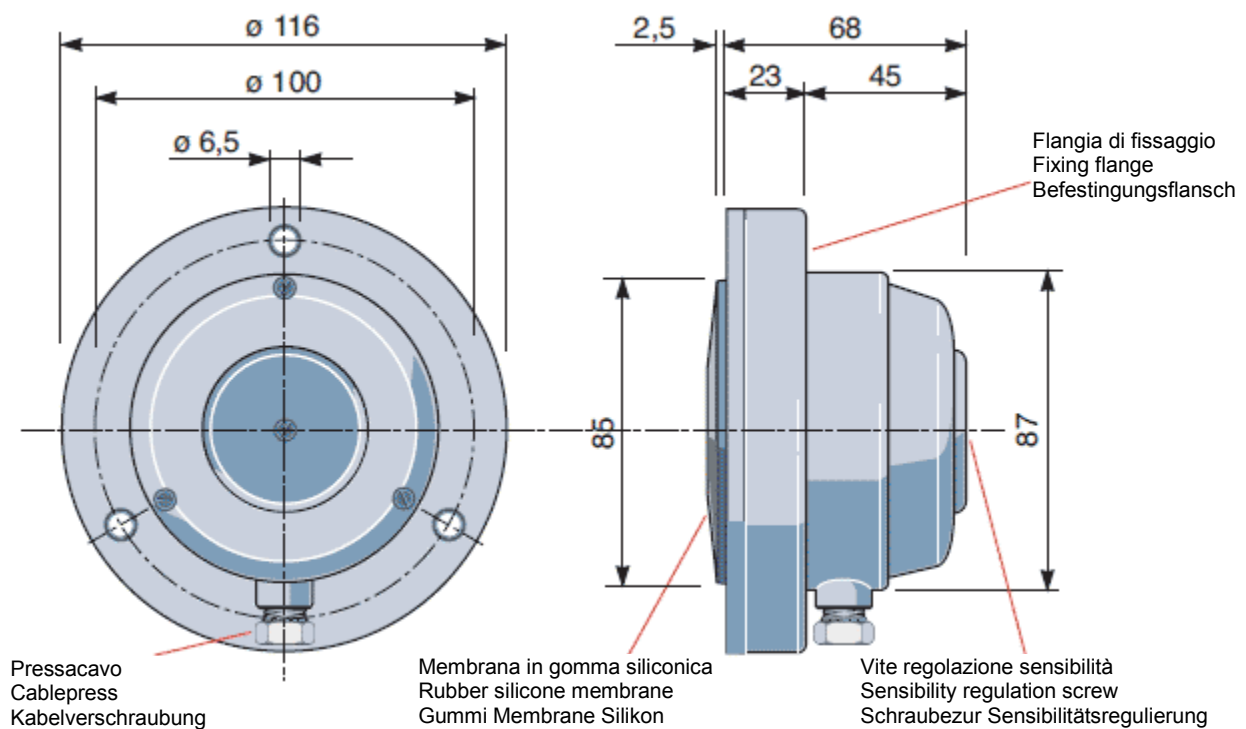
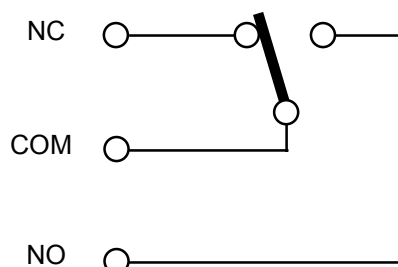
Figure A.1 – Resistive circuits

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 $U_i = 30V$ $I_i = 100mA$ $P_i = 3W$ $C_i = \text{negligible}$ $L_i = \text{negligible}$ **Dimensions****Electrical schematic**

Technical characteristics

Case	Flange: aluminum alloy
	Body: antistatic polyamide
	Membrane: antistatic silicone
Protection rating	IP65
Electrical contacts	30V - 100mA (values imposed by the intrinsic safety circuit)
Temperature range	-10° + 80°C
Cable entrance	PG7 cable gland
Relative humidity	10-90%
Working pressure	Atmospheric pressure
Reference	ATEX 2014/34/UE
	Electromagnetic compatibility 2014/30/UE
Certificate number	EUM1 13 ATEX 0930 X Notification: Presafe 15 ATEX 187658Q
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FIAMA SRL is not responsible for damage to persons or equipment deriving from any tampering or incorrect use or use which is not conforming with the characteristics of the unit.

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DICHIARAZIONE DI CONFORMITÀ EU

EU Declaration of Conformity

FABBRICANTE / Manufacturer :

F.I.A.M.A. s.r.l.

DESCRIZIONE PRODOTTO / Description of the equipment :

SEGNALATORE DI LIVELLO A MEMBRANA MODELLO SM85-ATEX
Membrane Level Switch model SM85-ATEX

DIRETTIVA 2014/34/EU ATEX
2014/34/EU "Atex" Directive



Organismo Notificato :
Notified Body :



DNV Product Assurance AS

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Num. identificazione: 2460
Identification number :

Certificato Sistema Qualità Produzione n°:
Certificate Production Quality System n°

PRESAFE 15 ATEX 187658Q

Certificato Mod. B n°:
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Norme Armonizzate
Harmonized Standards

EN 1127-1:2019, CEI EN IEC 60079-0:2018, CEI EN IEC 60079-11:2025

DIRETTIVA 2014/30/EU "Compatibilità elettromagnetica" 
2014/30/EU "Electromagnetic Compatibility" Directive

Norme Armonizzate
Harmonized Standards

CEI EN IEC 61326-1:2022

La presente dichiarazione di conformità è rilasciata sotto la responsabilità esclusiva del fabbricante. Il certificato di esame CE di tipo n° EUM13ATEX0930X è stato emesso in accordo alle norme CEI EN IEC 60079-0:2009, CEI EN IEC 60079-11:2012 e la gap analysis nella nostra Relazione Tecnica "2026-01-31-rel-tec-prod-SM85ATEX.doc", ne conferma la validità secondo le norme vigenti.
This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer. EC Type Examination Certificate No. EUM13ATEX0930X was issued in accordance with the CEI EN IEC 60079-0:2009 and CEI EN IEC 60079-11:2012 standards, and the gap analysis in our Technical Report "2026-01-31-rel-tec-prod-SM85ATEX.doc", has confirmed its compliance with the applicable standards

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