

Technical cleanliness of pointer measuring instruments of special versions

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Application area

This document describes manufacturing processes for special versions that require a very high technical cleanliness of the wetted parts.

This applies for mechanical and mechatronic pointer measuring instruments with stainless steel materials (e.g. 316L) and special materials (e.g. Monel, Hastelloy).



Instrument	Model
Bourdon tube pressure gauge	1, 2, 3
Diaphragm pressure gauge	4
Absolute pressure gauge	5
Capsule pressure gauge	6
Differential pressure gauge	7
Mechatronic pressure gauge	PGS, DPGS, PGT, DPGT, APGT
Bimetal thermometer	TG53, TG54, 55
Gas-actuated thermometer	73
Mechatronic thermometer	TGS55, TGS73, TGT73

Pointer measuring instruments with wetted parts from copper alloy (brass) and diaphragm seals are not considered in this technical information.

WIKA expertise

WIKA has decades of experience in the production of pressure gauges and thermometers guarantees a high level of cleanliness of the wetted parts. This is ensured, among other things, by the use of standardised processes and the support of the WIKA expert group for technical cleanliness.

For the pressure gauge version “Oil- and grease-free for oxygen”, WIKA confirms a hydrocarbon limit value of <math>< 550 \text{ mg/m}^2</math> for scale ranges $\leq 30 \text{ bar}$ [$\leq 400 \text{ psi}$] and <math>< 220 \text{ mg/m}^2</math> for scale ranges $> 30 \text{ bar}$ [$> 400 \text{ psi}$], based on periodically recurring tests (in line with ISO 15001:2012 and ASTM G93 level D/E).

Additional fundamental sampling tests (burn-out test when exposed to oxygen pressure surges) at external test centres confirm the basic suitability of the “Oil and grease-free for oxygen” version of pressure gauges for this medium.

These special versions, and the additional cleaning-related manufacturing processes carried out for them, are described below.

Version: “Silicone-free”

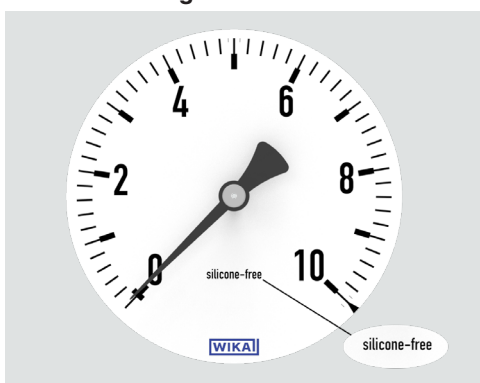
Silicone-free or silicone oil-free means that all components in contact with the atmosphere must be largely free of silicone. This requirement is often made for paint finishing systems (e.g. in the automotive industry). The smallest silicone residues can lead to painting defects (so-called silicone craters) and ruin the painting result.

However, for process and production reasons, it is not possible to provide general confirmation of the absence of paint wetting impairment substances (freedom from PWIS) by selecting this version.

Cleaning steps in the production process

- If necessary, thorough hand cleaning before starting production, without the use of skin care products (hand cream)
- Regular cleanliness checks and, if necessary, cleaning of equipment (test and adjustment benches)
- Avoidance of assembly aids with silicone-containing, paint wetting impairment substances, where possible
- No storage of silicone or lubricating materials in the vicinity of the production process, where possible
- Selected models (e.g. diaphragm pressure gauges) receive separate cleaning and drying of selected parts and assemblies before assembly (also for internal surfaces)
- 100% cleaning of the surrounding parts of the instrument before packaging
- Individual packaging in silicone-free, sealable or heat-sealed plastic bag

Marking “Silicone-free”



Version: “Oil- and grease-free”

The requirement for internal parts to be free of oil and grease is often made in the food and pharmaceutical industries. This requirement also exists in other sectors such as industrial gases, water and wastewater, machine building and automation.

Cleaning steps in the production process

- Regular cleanliness checks and, if necessary, cleaning of equipment (test and adjustment benches)
- The instruments are primarily adjusted using oil- and grease-free, dry compressed air or nitrogen. For higher pressure ranges, adjustment is only possible with water, followed by drying of all wetted parts in a vacuum oven.
- Particularly thorough visual inspection of the surfaces before shipping

Marking “Oil- and grease-free”



Version: “Oil and grease-free for oxygen”

The use of oxygen is very versatile and widespread. The demands are extremely high due to the easy flammability and high explosion risk of oxygen. Oil and grease are particularly dangerous in the presence of oxygen, as they can easily be an ignition source and burn with explosive ferocity. This ignition source is not always obvious in piping systems. A fire can be caused by friction, high flow rates, heating due to turbulence or adiabatic compression. For example, gas with a high flow rate can suddenly hit an obstacle, e.g. a closed valve. If pipe connections are contaminated with mineral oils or greases, oxidation reactions with the carbon components can easily occur. The resulting high temperatures can then lead to spontaneous combustion and trigger a chain reaction.

For oxygen applications, WIKA recommends the use of a restrictor in the process connection to reduce the rate of pressure increase in the measuring system.

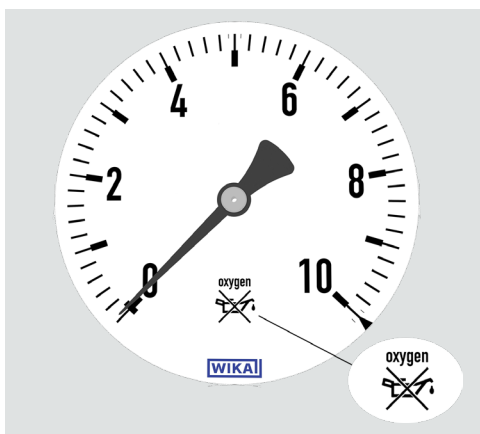
Applications of oxygen

- Breathing gas in medicine and aerospace
- Oxidising agents in combustion processes to achieve high temperatures
- Metallurgy, in pig iron and steel production and in copper refining
- Chemistry and biology
 - Olefin oxidation, partial oxidation of coal and heavy oil
 - Production of hydrogen and synthesis gas, sulphuric and nitric acid, acetylene
- Welding, cutting, separating, flame annealing
- Drinking water and wastewater treatment
- Semiconductor technology
- Fuel cells

Cleaning steps in the production process

- Regular cleanliness checks and, if necessary, cleaning of equipment (test and adjustment benches)
- The instruments are primarily adjusted using oil- and grease-free, dry compressed air or nitrogen. For higher pressure ranges, only adjustment with water is possible. In this case, the entire measuring system is then dried in a vacuum oven.
- Use of wetted materials, system fill fluids and casing fill fluids that are suitable or approved for use in conjunction with oxygen
- Before installation, the wetted parts are cleaned (e.g. in an ultrasonic bath) and then dried again. This also applies, in particular, to internal surfaces.
- After cleaning, internal transport is carried out in separately sealed and cleaned transport containers.
- The instruments are largely handled with gloves, so as not to contaminate internal parts
- Particularly thorough visual inspection of the surfaces
- The process connection is usually sealed with a protective cap for shipping
- Instruments are packed in sealed plastic bags (sometimes with desiccant)

Marking “Oil and grease-free for oxygen”



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