

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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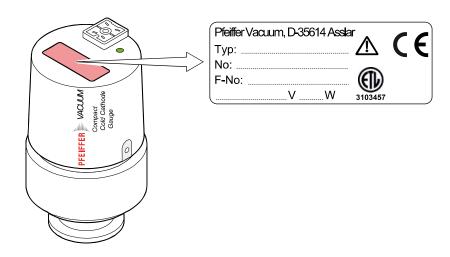
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IKR 251 Compact Cold Cathode Gauge, FPM gedichtet



Product Identification

In all communications with Pfeiffer Vacuum, please specify the information given on the product nameplate.



Validity	This document applies to products with the following part numbersPT R25 500(DN 25 ISO-KF flange)PT R25 501(DN 40 ISO-KF flange)PT R25 502(DN 40 CF-F flange)The part number can be taken from the product nameplate.We reserve the right to make technical changes without prior notice.
Intended Use	The Compact Cold Cathode Gauge IKR 251 has been designed for vacuum measurement in a pressure range of 2×10 ⁻⁹ 1×10 ⁻² hPa. The IKR 251 can be used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges or with another evaluation unit.
Functional Principle	Over the whole measurement range, the measuring signal is output as a logarithm of the pressure. If functions with a cold cathode ionization measurement circuit (according to the inverted magnetron principle).

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For cross references within this document, the symbol ($\rightarrow \square XY$) is used, for references to other documents, the symbol ($\rightarrow \square [Z]$).

1 Safety

1.1 Symbols Used

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Information on preventing any kind of physical injury.

WARNING

Information on preventing extensive equipment and environmental damage.

Caution

Information on correct handling or use. Disregard can lead to malfunctions or minor equipment damage.

1.2 Personnel Qualifications

Skilled personnel

All work described in this document may only be carried out by persons who have suitable technical training and the necessary experience or who have been instructed by the end-user of the product.

1.3 Safety Information

 Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.

Consider possible reactions between the materials (\rightarrow ${\ensuremath{\mathbb B}}$ 7) and the process media.

Consider possible reactions of the process media due to the heat generated by the product.

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety information in this document.
- Before you begin to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

DANGER: DANGER: magnetic fields Strong magnetic fields can disturb electronic devices like heart pacemakers or impair their function. Maintain a safety distance of ≥10 cm between the magnet and the heart pacemaker or prevent the influence of strong magnetic fields by antimagnetic shielding.

Pass on the safety information to other users.

1.4 Liability and Warranty

Pfeiffer Vacuum assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the custodian or third parties

- disregard the information in this document
- use the product in a non-conforming manner
- make any kind of changes (modifications, alterations etc.) to the product
- use the product with accessories not listed in the corresponding product documentation.

The custodian assumes the responsibility in conjunction with the process media used.

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.

2 Technical Data

Admissible temperatures	
Storage	-40 °C +65 °C
Operation	+5 °C +55 °C
Bakeout	+150 °C (without electronics unit and magnetic shielding)
Relative humidity	max. 80% at temperatures ≤+31 °C decreasing to 50% at +40 °C
Use	indoors only altitude up to 2000 m (6600 ft)
Measurement range (air, N ₂)	2×10 ⁻⁹ … 1×10 ⁻² hPa
Accuracy	≈±30%
	in the range 1×10 ⁻⁸ … 1×10 ⁻³ hPa
Reproducibility	≈±5%
	in the range 1×10 ⁻⁸ … 1×10 ⁻³ hPa
Gas type dependence	\rightarrow Appendix C
Adjustment	The gauge is adjusted at the factory and requires no maintenance.
Degree of protection	IP 40
Maximum pressure (absolute)	1000 kPa only for inert gases <55 °C

Supply



The gauge may only be connected to supply or measurement units that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (PELV). The connection to the gauge has to be fused.¹⁾

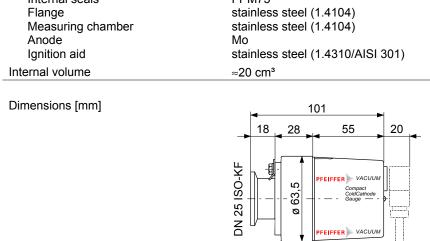
Voltage at the gauge Power consumption Fuse ¹⁾	15.0 … 30.0 VDC (max. ripple 1 V _{pp}) ≤2 W ≤1 AT
The minimum voltage of the power supp length of the measuring cable.	ly must be increased proportionally to the
Voltage at the supply unit with maximum cable length	16.0 30.0 VDC (max. ripple 1 V _{pp})
Electrical connection	Hirschmann compact connector type GO 6, 6 pins, male
Tightening torque	≤0.2 Nm
Cable	5 poles plus screening
Maximum cable length	100 m (0.25 mm ² conductor) 150 m (0.34 mm ² conductor) 500 m (1.0 mm ² conductor)
Operating voltage (in the measuring chamber)	≤3.3 kV
Operating current (in the measuring chamber)	≤500 μA

¹⁾ Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement and control units for Compact Gauges fulfill these requirements.

	Output signal (measuring signal)	
	Voltage range	≈ 0 V ≈ +10.5 V
	Relationship voltage-pressure	logarithmic, increase 1 V / decade $(\rightarrow Appendix B)$
	Error signals	<0.5 V (no supply)
	Output impedance	2×10 Ω
	Normal load	100 kΩ
	Minimum load	10 k Ω , short-circuit proof
	Response time	pressure dependent
	p > 10 ⁻⁶ hPa	<10 ms
	p = 10 ⁻⁸ hPa	≈ 1 s
	Gauge identification	5.1 k\Omega resistor referenced to supply common \rightarrow Figure 2
	Grounding concept	\rightarrow Figure 2
	Vacuum flange-measurement common	connected via 10 k Ω (max. voltage differential with respect to safety ± 50 V with respect to accuracy ± 10 V)
	Supply common-signal common	conducted separately; differential measurement recommended for cable lengths ≥10 m
(DN 25 ISO-KF)	Materials exposed to the vacuum Feedthrough isolation	ceramic (Al ₂ O ₃)
	Internal seals	FPM75
	Flange	stainless steel (1.4104)
	Measuring chamber Anode	stainless steel (1.4104) Mo
	Ignition aid	stainless steel (1.4310/AISI 301)
	Internal volume	≈20 cm³
	Dimensions [mm]	■ 101

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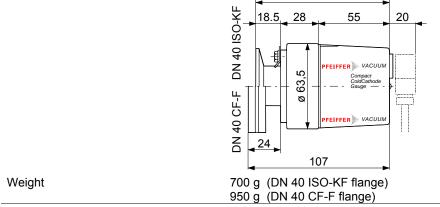
Weight



700 g

PT R25 501	(DN 40 ISO-KF)
PT R25 502	(DN 40 CF-F)

Materials exposed to the vacuum	
Feedthrough isolation Internal seals Flange Measuring chamber Anode Ignition aid	ceramic (Al ₂ O ₃) FPM75 stainless steel (1.4306/AISI 304L) stainless steel (1.4104) Mo stainless steel (1.4310/AISI 301)
Internal volume	≈20 cm³
Dimensions [mm]	101.5



3 Installation

3.1 Vacuum Connection

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Caution: vacuum component

Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component. When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

The gauge can be mounted in any orientation. However, it should be mounted so that any particles present cannot penetrate into the measuring chamber ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 13). See "Technical data" ($\rightarrow \blacksquare$ 6 ff.) for space requirements.

Procedure



Remove the protective cap.

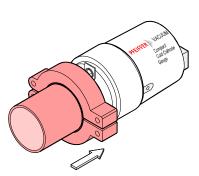
The protective cap will be needed for maintenance work.





Make the flange connection.

When making a CF flange connection, it can be advantageous to temporarily remove the magnet unit (\rightarrow section 3.1.1).





STOP DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >250 kPa KF flange connections with elastomer sealing rings (e.g. O-rings) cannot withstand such pressures. Process media can thus leak and possibly damage your health.

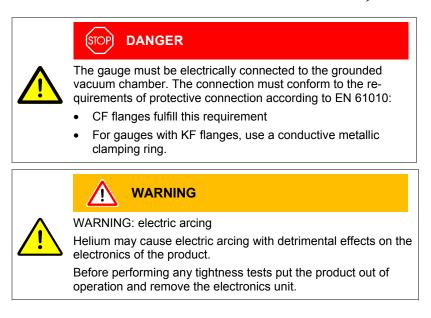
Use sealing rings provided with an outer centering ring.



STOP DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >100 kPa If clamps are opened unintentionally injury can be caused by catapulted parts.

Use the type of clamps which can only be opened and closed by means of a tool (e.g. hose clip clamping ring).



3.1.1 Removing the Magnet Unit (Only for Gauges With CF Flanges)

Tools required

Procedure

Allen wrench AF 1.5

• Open-end wrench AF 7



Unfasten the hexagon socket set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (\rightarrow Figure 1).



Remove the electronics unit.





Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.



The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).



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Make the flange connection between the gauge and the vacuum system.



Remount the magnet unit and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).



Carefully mount the electronics unit (2).

Push the electronics unit up to the mechanical stop and lock it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

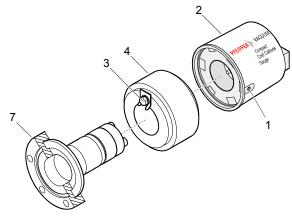
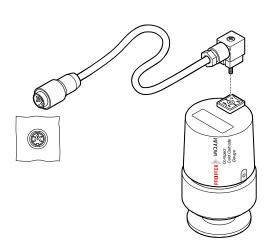


Figure 1

- 3.2 Power Connection
- 3.2.1 Use With a Pfeiffer Vacuum Measurement Unit

If the gauge is used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges, a corresponding connection cable is required ($\rightarrow \square$ 19).

 Secure the cable at the gauge with the screw (tightening torque ≤0.2 Nm).



3.2.2 Use With Another Evaluation Unit

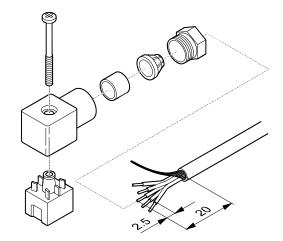
The gauge can also be operated with other evaluation units. In this case, an individual connection cable must be made.

For cable lengths up to 10 m (with a conductor cross-section of 0.34 mm²), the measuring signal can be read directly between the positive signal output (pin 2) and the supply common (pin 5) without the degree of accuracy being lowered. For longer measurement cable lengths, we recommend a differential measurement between the signal output and the signal common (pin 3) (as a result of the voltage drop along the supply cable ground lead, the common mode signal is approx. 1.0 V at the maximum permissible cable length).

Procedure

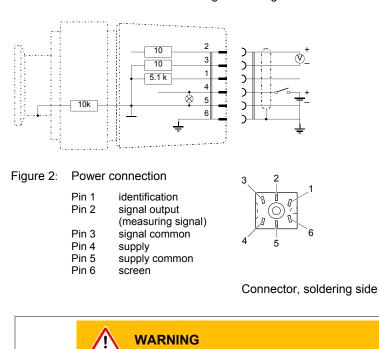


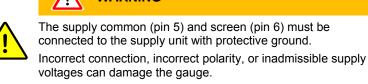
Prepare the connector (Ordering number $\rightarrow \equiv 19$).



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Solder the connection cable according to the diagram.







Reassemble the connector.



B

Plug in the connector.

Secure the cable on the gauge with the screw (tightening torque ≤0.2 Nm).



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4 Operation

	As soon as the required voltage is applied, the measuring signal is available between pins 2 and 3. (\rightarrow Appendix B for the relationship between the measuring signal and the pressure).			
	The green lamp on the gauge indicates the operating state:			
	No supply voltage.			
	Caution			
	Turn on the gauge only at pressures <10 ⁻² hPa to prevent excessive contamination.			
	If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges with at least two gauge connections, the cold cathode gauge can be controlled, for example, by a Pirani gauge.			
Gas type dependence	The measuring signal depends on the type of gas being measured. The curves are accurate for dry air, N ₂ , O ₂ and CO. They can be mathematically converted for other gases (\rightarrow Appendix C).			
	you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Pfeiffer Vacuum Compact Gauges, you can enter a calibration factor to correct the measurement value isplayed ($\rightarrow \square$ of that measurement unit).			
Ignition delay	An ignition delay occurs when cold cathode gauges are switched on. The delay time increases at low pressures and for clean, degassed gauges it is typically: 10^{-7} hPa ≈ 0.1 minute 10^{-8} hPa ≈ 1 minute 2×10^{-9} hPa ≈ 5 minutes			
	The ignition is a statistical process. Already a small amount of depositions on the inner surfaces can have a strong influence on it.			
Contamination	Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.			
	Gauge contamination is influenced by the process media used as well as any existing or new contaminants and their respective partial pressures. Continuous operation in the range of 10^{-4} hPa 10^{-2} hPa can cause severe contamination as well as reduced up-time and maintenance cycles. With constantly low pressures (< 1×10^{-6} hPa), the gauge can be operated for more than one year without cleaning (cleaning the gauge $\rightarrow B$ 16).			
	 In general, contamination of the gauge leads to deviations of the measured values: In the low pressure range (p < 1×10⁻³ hPa), the pressure indication is usually too low (as a consequence of the contamination of the cold cathode system). In case of severe contamination, instabilities can occur (layers of the measuring chamber peel off). Contamination due to isolating layers can even lead to a complete failure of the discharge. 			
	Contamination can to a certain extent be reduced by:			
	geometric protection (e.g. screenings, elbows) against particles that spread rectilinearly			
	 mounting the flange of the gauge at a place where the partial pressure of the pollutants is particularly low. 			
	Special precautions are required for vapors deposited under plasma (of the cold cathode measuring system). It may even be necessary to temporarily switch of the gauge while vapors occur.			

5 Maintenance

Gauge failures due to contamination or wear and tear, as well as expendable parts (e.g. seals), are not covered by the warranty.



(STOP) DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts

Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.

Before you begin to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

5.1 Cleaning the Gauge / Replacing Parts



DANGER: cleaning agents

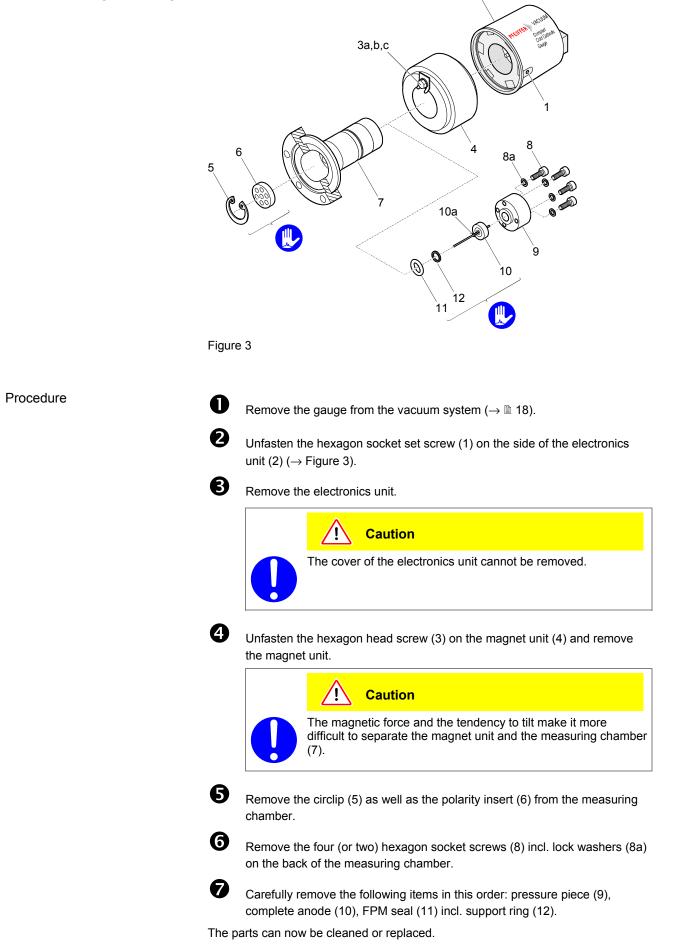
DANGER

Cleaning agents can be detrimental to health and environment. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling and disposing of cleaning agents. Consider possible reactions with the product materials ($\rightarrow \square 7$).

Tools / material required

- Allen wrench AF 1.5
- Allen wrench AF 3
- Open-end wrench AF 7
- Pliers for circlip
- Polishing cloth (400 grain) or Scotch-Brite
- Tweezers
- Cleaning alcohol
- Mounting tool for ignition aid
- Ignition aid
- FPM seal (11) for anode feedthrough

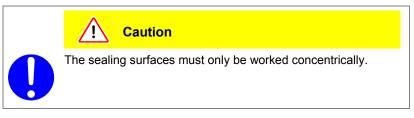
5.1.1 Disassembling the Gauge



5.1.2 Cleaning the Gauge

Procedure

Using a polishing cloth rub the inside walls of the measuring chamber and the polarity insert to a bright finish.





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Rinse the measuring chamber and the polarity insert with cleaning alcohol.



Allow both to dry.

Cleaning or replacing the anode:



Remove the old ignition aid (10a) with tweezers (\rightarrow Figure 3).



Using a polishing cloth rub the anode pin to a bright finish.

CautionDo not bend the anode. Do not carry out mechanical work on the ceramic part.



Rinse the anode with cleaning alcohol.



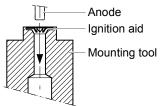
Allow the anode to dry.



Insert a new ignition aid (10a) into the mounting tool.



Carefully press the anode (clean or new) centered and parallel to the tool axis into the ignition aid and insert it to a depth of approx. 15 mm. The final positioning is established after the anode is installed.



5.1.3 Reassembling the Gauge

Procedure



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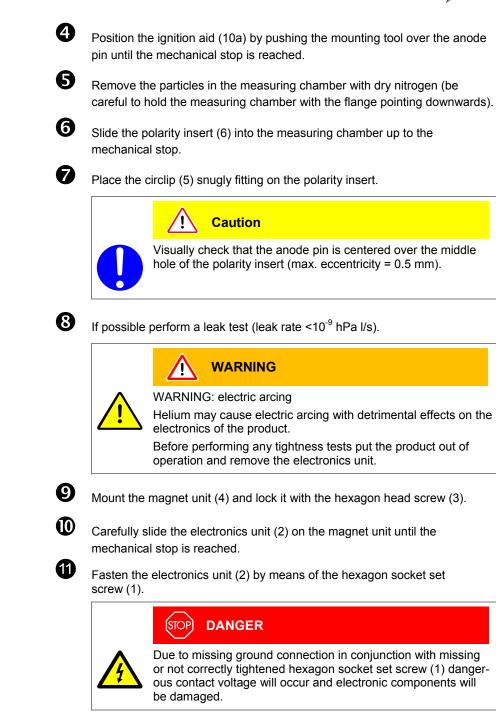
Insert the FPM seal (11) with the support ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber. The sealing surface, seal, and ceramic part must be clean (\rightarrow Figure 3).



B

Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring chamber.

Carefully place the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten it **uniformly** with the four (or two) hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) until the stop position is reached.



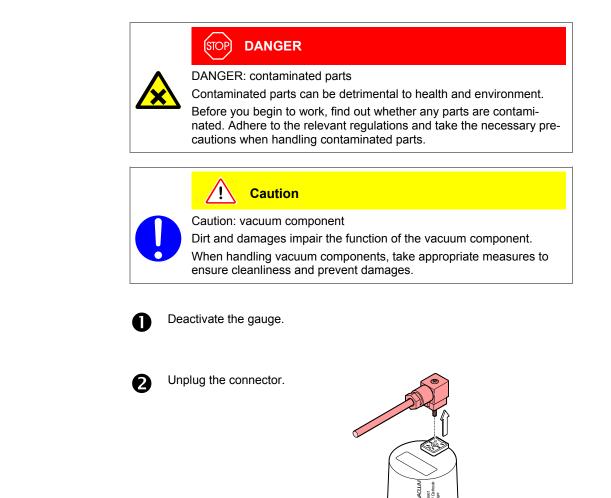
5.1.4 Adjusting the Gauge

The gauge is factory-calibrated and requires no maintenance. It must be replaced in the event of a defect ($\rightarrow \square 20$).

5.2 What to Do in Case of Problems

Problem	Possible cause	Correction
Measuring signal continually < 0.5 V and green lamp is OFF.	No supply voltage.	Turn on the power supply.
Measuring signal continually < 0.5 V and	Supply voltage too low.	Increase the supply voltage ($\rightarrow \square 6$).
green lamp is ON	Electronics unit defective.	Replace the electronics unit ($\rightarrow \blacksquare 6$).
Measurement signal continually in the range of	Vacuum chamber pressure $< 2 \times 10^{-9}$ hPa.	-
0.5 1.8 V (underrange).	Gas discharge has not ignited.	Wait until the gas dis- charge ignites (\approx 5 minutes at a pressure of 10 ⁻⁹ hPa).
Measuring signal unstable.	Gauge contaminated.	Clean the gauge $(\rightarrow \blacksquare 16).$

6 Removing the Gauge From the Vacuum System

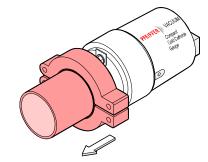


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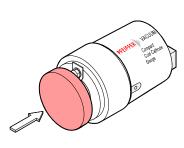


Detach the gauge from the vacuum apparatus.





Place the protective cap.



7 Returning the Product



WARNING

WARNING: forwarding contaminated products

Products returned to Pfeiffer Vacuum for service or repair should, if possible, be free of harmful substances (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological). Otherwise, the type of contamination must be declared.

Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a completed contamination declaration $^{*)}$.

*) Form under www.pfeiffer-vacuum.de

Products that are not clearly declared as "free of harmful substances" are decontaminated at the expense of the customer.

8 Accessories

	Ordering number
Cable for connection to Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges	
3 m	PT 44 850-T
6 m	PT 448 251-T
10 m	PT 448 252-T
Socket Hirschmann GO 6 WF, 6 contacts, angled, female	B 470 7283 MA
Magnetic shielding	PT 443 155-X

9 Spare Parts

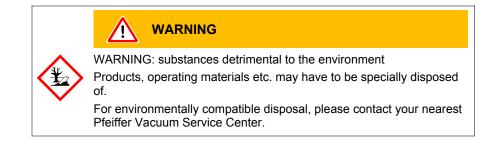
Always include the following information with your spare parts order:

- Type of product
- Manufacturing number according to nameplate
- Position, description, and ordering number according to spare parts list

The following parts are available as spare parts sets:

	Pos.	Description	Ordering number
3a,b,c	12 11 10a	Maintenance set, consisting of: 1× support ring 1× O-ring FPM75 10.82 × 1.78 3× ignition aid 1× O-ring FPM75 3.69 × 1.78 (not used with IKR)	BN 846 239-T
	12 11 10 10a	Repair set, including: 1× support ring 1× O-ring FPM75 10.82 × 1.78 1× anode, complete 3× ignition aid	BN 846 252-T
	10a	Set of ignition aids, including: 10× ignition aid	BN 845 995-T
		Mounting tool for ignition aid	BG 510 600
	2	Electronics unit IKR 251	PT 120 160-T
		Measuring system, complete	
		DN 25 ISO-KF flange DN 40 ISO-KF flange DN 40 CF-F flange	BN 846 462-T BN 846 463-T BN 846 464-T
		Exchange gauge (return defective gauge to Pfeiffer Vacuum) DN 25 ISO-KF flange DN 40 ISO-KF flange DN 40 CF-F flange	PT R25 500-A PT R25 501-A PT R25 502-A

10 Disposal



Appendix

A: Conversion Table for Pressure Units

	mbar	bar	Ра	hPa	kPa	Torr mm HG
mbar	1	1×10 ⁻³	100	1	0.1	0.75
bar	1×10 ³	1	1×10 ⁵	1×10 ³	100	750
Ра	0.01	1×10⁻⁵	1	0.01	1×10⁻³	7.5×10 ⁻³
hPa	1	1×10 ⁻³	100	1	0.1	0.75
kPa	10	0.01	1×10 ³	10	1	7.5
Torr mm HG	1.332	1.332×10 ⁻³	133.32	1.3332	0.1332	1

 $1 Pa = 1 N/m^2$

B: Measuring Signal vs. Pressure

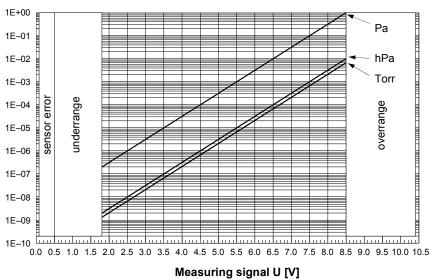
Conversion formulae

p = 10 ^{U-c}		\Leftrightarrow	U = c + log ₁₀ p		
		p	U	с	
		[hPa]	[V]	10.5	
		[µbar]	[V]	7.5	
		[Torr]	[V]	10.625	
		[mTorr]	[V]	7.625	
		[micron]	[V]	7.625	
		[Pa]	[V]	8.5	
		[kPa]	[V]	11.5	
where	U p	Measurement signal Pressure		valid in the range	2×10 ⁻⁹ hF 1.5×10 ⁻⁹ Ţc

c, d Constant (dependent on pressure unit) 2×10⁻⁹ hPa -2</sup> hPa 1.5×10⁻⁹ Torr -3</sup> Torr 2×10⁻⁷ Pa < p < 1 Pa

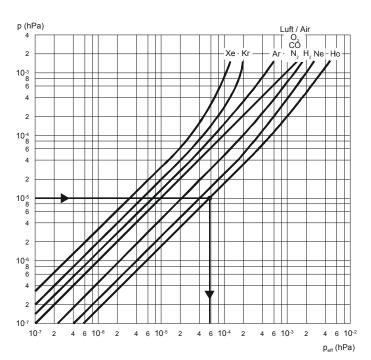
Conversion curves

Pressure p



Conversion table	Measuring signal U [V]	[hPa]	Pressure p [Torr]	[Pa]
	< 0.5	Sensor error		
	0.5 1.8	Underrange		
	1.8	2.0×10 ⁻⁹	1.5×10 ⁻⁹	2.0×10 ⁻⁷
	2.5	1.0×10 ⁻⁸	7.5×10 ⁻⁹	1.0×10⁻ ⁶
	3.5	1.0×10 ⁻⁷	7.5×10 ⁻⁸	1.0×10⁻⁵
	4.5	1.0×10 ⁻⁶	7.5×10⁻ ⁷	1.0×10 ⁻⁴
	5.5	1.0×10 ⁻⁵	7.5×10⁻ ⁶	1.0×10⁻³
	6.5	1.0×10 ⁻⁴	7.5×10⁻⁵	1.0×10 ⁻²
	7.5	1.0×10 ⁻³	7.5×10 ⁻⁴	0.1
	8.5	1.0×10 ⁻²	7.5×10 ⁻³	1.0
	8.5 10.5		Overrange	

C: Gas Type Dependence



Indicated pressure (gauge calibrated for air)

ge below 10⁻⁵ hPa In the range below 10⁻⁵ hPa, the pressure indication is linear. For gases other than air, the pressure can be determined by means of a simple conversion formula:

Indication range below 10⁻⁵ hPa

p _{eff} = K × indicated pressure							
where	gas type	К					
	air (N ₂ , O ₂ , CO)	1.0					
	Xe	0.4					
	Kr	0.5					
	Ar	0.8					
	H ₂	2.4					
	Ne	4.1					
	He	5.9					

These conversion factors are average values.



Caution

A mixture of gases and vapors is often involved. In this case, accurate determination is only possible with a partial pressure measurement instrument, e.g. a quadrupole mass spectrometer.

ETL Certification



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The product IKR 251

- conforms to the UL Standard UL 61010-1
- is certified to the CAN/CSA Standard C22.2 No. 61010-1

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