1. Design and function

The pre-volume deflagration flame arrester of the model 910.21 is an integral part of measuring assemblies for mounting in areas with requirements to EPL Ga (zone 0).

The small gap width in the pre-volume deflagration flame arrester enables the flow of fluids, but prevents the flame from passing from the instrument side to the process side in the event of a failure.

Examples of measuring assemblies with integrated pre-volume deflagration flame arrester

2. Safety

Supplementary operating instructions

- These operating instructions apply in conjunction with the documentation enclosed with the supplied WIKA measuring assembly. This document contains only part of the documentation, therefore the user must take into account all documents included in the delivery (e.g. operating instructions for pressure gauge).
2.1 Intended use

The model 910.21 pre-volume deflagration flame arrester is connected professionally at the factory to a measuring instrument to form a measuring assembly and protects the process side against flame penetration from the instrument side. The measuring assemblies may only be used in hazardous environments for which the measuring instrument is certified.

The unprotected volume of the connected measuring instrument must be ≤ 2,300 cm³.

The II G marking permits use in areas that may be endangered through explosive gas, mist, vapour or air mixtures. Use in underground or surface mining operations is not permitted.

Only use the measuring assembly with integrated model 910.21 in applications which fulfill the required operating conditions.

→ see chapter 3 “Operating conditions”.

The measuring assembly has been designed and built solely for the intended use described here, and may only be used accordingly.

The manufacturer shall not be liable for claims of any type based on operation contrary to the intended use.

2.2 Responsibility of the operator

The legibility of the marking must be observed during time in use but at least during inspection periods of three years. If any harm of the legibility is found please contact the manufacturer to renew the marking.

The model 910.21 pre-volume deflagration flame arrester must only be used in combination with additional protective measures.

For the safety of the system, the operator is obliged to carry out an ignition source analysis. The responsibility for classification of zones lies with the plant manager and not the manufacturer/supplier of the equipment.

Proper mounting

The operator must provide sufficient mechanical protection on the protected side. This applies particularly for measuring assemblies with capillaries. Depending on the version, these are factory-protected with a wall thickness of at least 0.2 mm. The system operator may have to take extended protective measures, if necessary.

Sealings must be suitable for the medium, operating temperature, ambient conditions and also process connection. A carry-through between zones must be prevented. Therefore, the mounting of the measuring assembly to the process must be technically leak-tight. The leak tightness must be checked by the operator at regular intervals. The process connection must be carried out professionally corresponding to the selected connection form. The mechanical fastening of the measuring assembly must have at least the same strength as the vessel or the pipe.

Proper mounting of the measuring instrument is essential to ensure safe operation. Proper mounting ensures that the measuring instrument is protected against external forces and environmental conditions. It also ensures that the instrument is functional and reliable during operation.

Sealings must be selected carefully to ensure that they are suitable for the medium, operating temperature, ambient conditions, and process connection. They must be able to withstand the pressures and temperatures involved and must not allow any leakage.

Proper mounting must be carried out by a qualified technician to ensure that the instrument is mounted correctly and securely. The mounting must be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and must be carried out by a qualified person.

2.3 Ex marking and working range

Ex marking

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II G Ex atmosphere For areas in which explosive gas, vapour, mist or air mixtures are present.

Flammable gases and vapours occurring during operation may be classified into explosion group IIC with a nominal gap width of ≥ 0.29 mm. The use for explosive gas, mist, vapour or air mixtures which are volatile (e.g. acetylene, carbon disulfide) or for chemically instable substances is not permitted.
2.4 Labelling, safety marks

Materials of wetted parts

Product label

The product label of the pre-volume deflagration flame arrester is fitted to the measuring assembly as an additional product label.

Before mounting and commissioning the measuring assembly, ensure you read the operating instructions!

Marking of the zone separation with the position symbol

![Symbol Diagram]

- Instrument side = unprotected side
- Process side = protected side

2.5 Special conditions for safe use (X conditions)

1. The unprotected volume shall not exceed 2.3 l.
2. The screw connection on the non-protected side shall not exceed G½”.
3. The connection on the protected side and to the process shall be welded or screwed to provide a technically sealed connection.
4. Flammable gases and vapours occurring during operation may be classified into explosion group IIC with MESG ≥ 0.29 mm.
5. The maximum permissible operating pressure shall not exceed 110 kPa.
6. The permissible range of the service temperature reads -40 °C up to +60 °C.
7. The scope of the examination does not include stabilized burning. This shall be considered with the application.
8. The protected side shall be observed.
9. This protection system is not suitable for potentionally explosive gas-, mist-, vapour-/air mixtures which are volatile (acetylene, carbon disulfide) or chemically instable.

Explanations of the above conditions

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3. Operating conditions

The testing of the operating conditions must be carried out for the complete measuring assembly. This document contains only part of the documentation, therefore the user must take into account all documents included in the delivery (e.g. operating instructions for pressure gauge).

Operating conditions

Lu/D= n/a

- Ratio of the pipe length of the unprotected side to the pipe diameter
- BC:c

- Classification under stabilised combustion, combustion classification c (no burn time)
- -40 °C ≤ T0 ≤ 60 °C

- Permissible operating temperature
- Pw = 1.1 bar

- Maximum ambient pressure
- V0 = 2,300 cm³

- Maximum internal volume on the unprotected instrument side

Pressure limitation

The limit values for static load, alternating load and overload depend on the measuring assembly and must be taken into account by the operator. Pay attention to the product label(s) of the measuring assembly.

Permissible ambient temperature for EPL Ga (zone 0)

If an explosive atmosphere is present, the temperature at the pre-volume deflagration flame arrester and in the upstream area (instrument side) must not exceed +60 °C (+158 °F).

Observe the permissible temperatures for the entire measuring assembly.

Materials

The materials used for the wetted parts (mostly stainless steel) are indicated on the measuring assembly.
The measuring assemblies are maintenance-free. Repairs must only be carried out by the manufacturer.