

# **USER MANUAL**

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## **Level Gauges** SNA | SNK | SNKK







## **Temperature Sensors** TS-SNA/SNK-...





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#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Applications**

STAUFF level gauges SNA/SNK/SNKK have been designed for the visual / electrical fluid level indication for all kinds of reservoirs. STAUFF level gauges can be used in stationary and mobile hydraulic applications. By owning a IP65 protection, the modular principle of STAUFF level gauges covers a wide range like indoor, outdoor, or marine applications. STAUFF level gauges can be used at temperatures from -30°C to +80°C [-22°F...+176°F].

It is recommended to check chemical compatibility between the fluid and the level gauge respectively seals prior installation and use. Therefore, the name of the fluid and the process temperatures are minimum requirements to request this information at STAUFF.

### Installation requirements

STAUFF level gauges must be fitted vertically to one of the reservoirs walls. The maximum wall thickness is 8mm

The surface of the reservoir must be smooth and without welding beads on the sealing surface or burrs on the bore. For the contact surface of the seal (min. Ø22mm) a surface roughness of Ra 3.2 is required for a reliable sealing function.

The reservoir surface should be smooth and without burr at the sealing surface.

The sealing surface shouldn't be painted or just painted if it is for sure that the paint is resistant against the fluid inside the reservoir. Otherwise, the paint will solute and could cause a leakage, as the paint layer is located between reservoir wall and gasket.

The flatness of the two mounting surfaces should be within a tolerance of 0,2mm.

Recommended max depth of a recessed area:

SNA: 1mm SNK/SNKK: 4mm

Plastic reservoirs respectively reservoirs made from thin sheet metal should keep it shape even at vibration or pressurization. If such reservoirs will become bumpy, a second flat seal per banjo bolt might help to prevent leakage.

The deviation due to deformation shouldn't overcome 0,2mm up to a length of 150mm and 0,5mm for length over 150mm.

The wall thickness at reservoirs need to withstand torque requirements, vibration, pressurization, and aging effects.

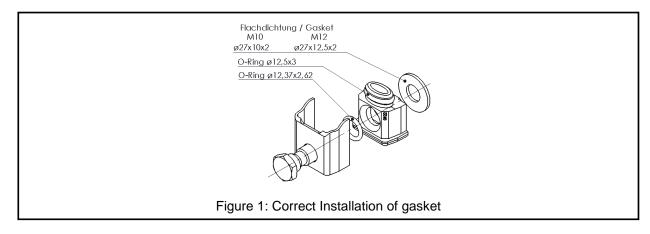
Furthermore, reinforcement of the mounting surfaces should be provided to eliminate unevenness due to bulging, or due to welding distortion. For this purpose, stiffening plates should be provided with a weld seam on all sides.

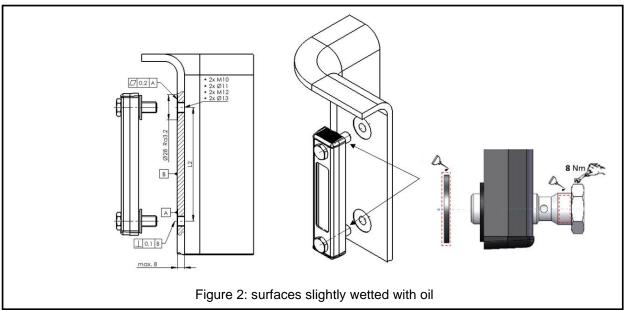
A tightening torque of 8<sup>+2</sup>Nm is required to mount STAUFF level gauges.



#### NOTE:

STAUFF SNK and SNKK series cannot be mounted with the electrical connection at the top.





## Removing and re-installation

If you need to remove a level gauge for any reason whatsoever, it is essential that you take note of the following information when mounting the device again:

- If the sight glass tube was opened it is mandatory to push both plugs inside the tube prior adding O-rings and the housing again. The O-rings of both plugs must be situated on the smooth interior surface of the sight glass. Push in plugs perpendicular to prevent damaging respectively cutting the O-ring. Leaks may occur if these are not correctly fitted!
- SNK/SNKK: The float inside the sight glass must be inserted with the magnet located inside the float pointing towards the reed contact at the bottom of the sight glass.



### 2. PROPERTIES OF THE MODULAR PRINCIPLE

#### **Technical Data**

Operating temperature range: -30°C...80°C Initial stress pressure of the reservoir: max. 1bar Lateral distance to other components: min. 10mm Protection class: min. IP65

#### **Materials**

Housing: ST or AL (epoxy coated)

Plugs, Sight Glass: PA Float: PA

#### **Characteristics**

Suitable for mineral oil based hydraulic oils

Good UV resistance

 SNK are available as a break (n/c), make (n/o) contact. In addition, SNKK is available with changeover (SPDT) contact

## **Options & Accessories**

Dial thermometer with probe 0°C...100°C

Temperature switch TS-SNA/SNK... 60°C / 70°C / 80°C Temperature sensor TS-SNA/SNK-PT100 -40°C...150°C

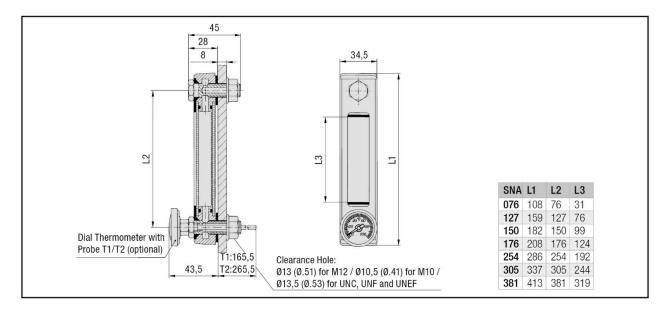
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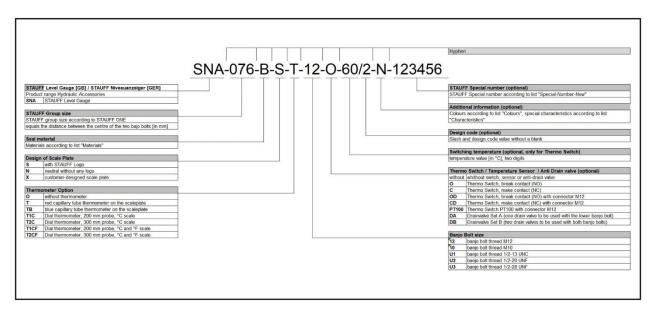
- Increased chemical resistance is possible by using special materials. Please consult STAUFF if the level gauge is to be used with different fluids or under special operating conditions (e.g., temperatures, etc.)
- Special lengths can be provided, even at smaller quantities



### 3. LEVEL GAUGES SNA

#### **Dimensions**







### 4. LEVEL GAUGES SNK

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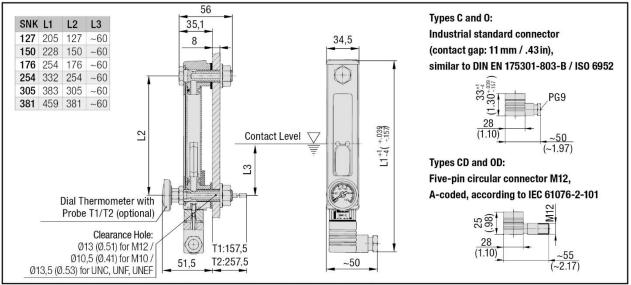
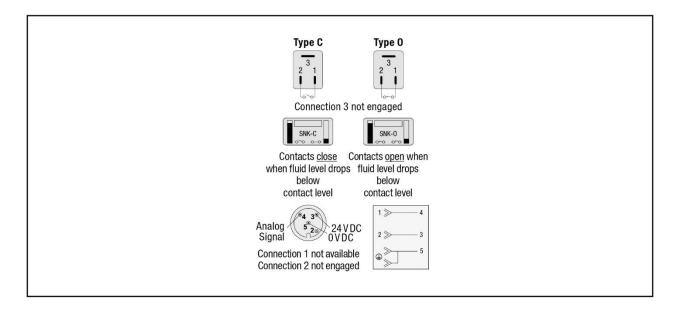
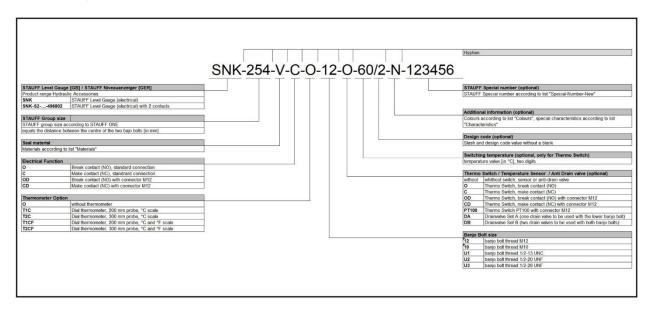


Table shows dimension L1 for the version with industrial standard connector (Types C and 0) only.

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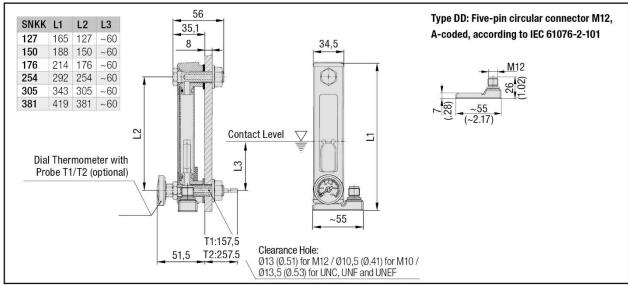




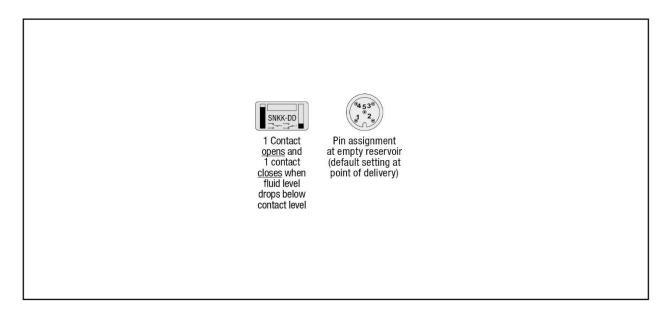


## 5. LEVEL GAUGES SNKK (Compact Design)

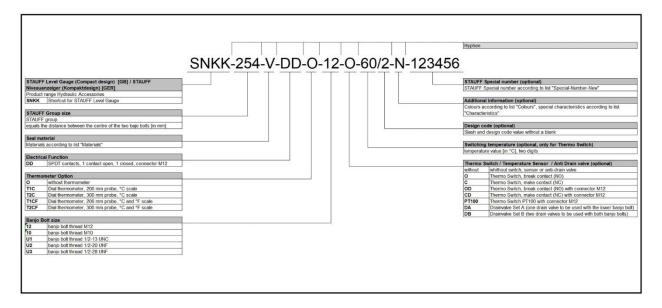
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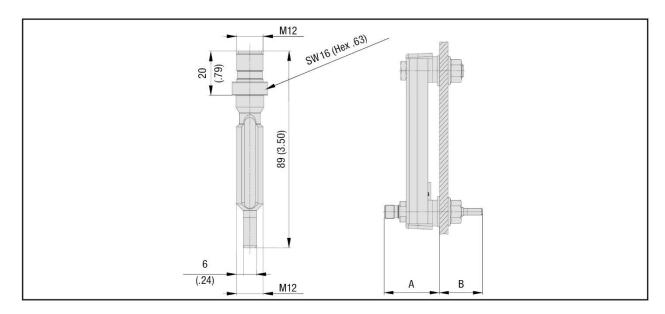


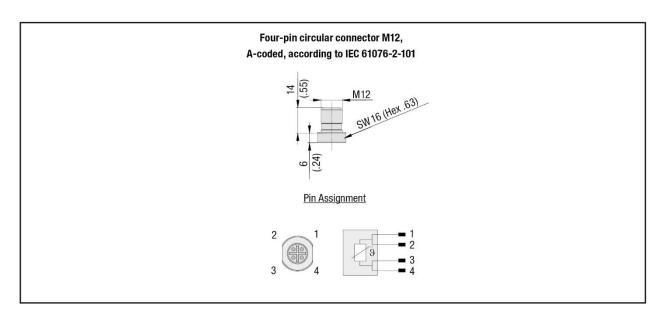


### 6. TEMPERATURE SENSOR TS-SNA/SNK-PT100

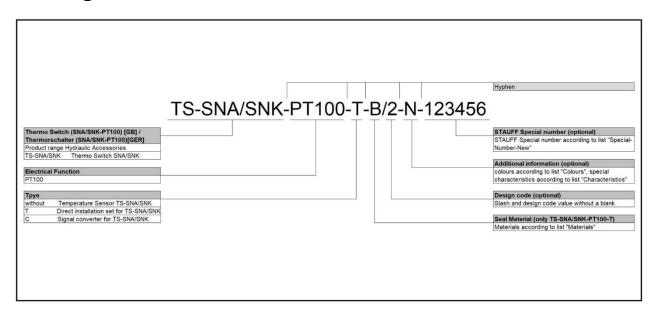
The TS-SNA/SNK-PT100 temperature sensor replaces the lower banjo bolt of the STAUFF level gauge. A PT100 sensor is used with an operating temperature range of –40°C...150°C. The sensor has an M12 plug connector in accordance with IEC-61076-2-101. The sensor signal can be evaluated using an SPS, an analogue measurement amplifier or the optionally available display unit TS-SNA/SNK-PT100-D.

#### **Dimensions**











### 7. THERMO SWITCH TS

The TS thermo switch replaces the lower banjo bolt of the STAUFF level gauges SNA, SNK and SNKK. Available as a break contact (normally closed) or make contact (normally open) in conjunction with the respective switching temperature.

#### **Dimensions**

