

# GUIDED WAVE RADAR FOR CONTINUOUS LEVEL MEASUREMENTS RD500 SERIES

- Level measurement technology based on the TDR (Time Domain Reflectometry) principle
- Independent of density variations
- Measurements not affected by the interior of the reservoirs and turbulence in the process
- Easy installation and maintenance
- Accuracy up to  $\pm 5$  mm
- Excellent repeatability
- Supports DD, EDDL and FDT/DTM
- Volume calculation by linearization of irregular tanks
- Analog Input Function Blocks
- Local adjustment
- Multifunctional rotating display
- Specific sensitivity adjustment for each process (Sensor Threshold Level)





Guided Wave Radar

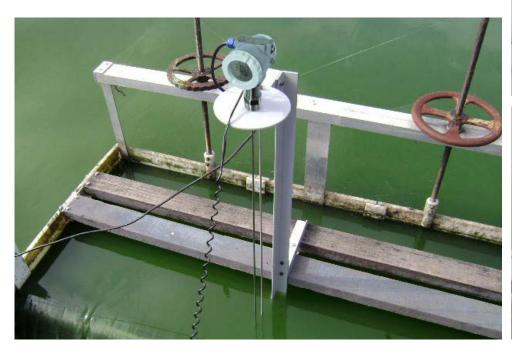


The RD500 uses the principle of Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) for direct measurement of level in industrial processes.



#### HART® - 4 a 20 mA

- · Zero and span local adjustment;
- HART® protocol;
- Output current with 1.6 μA resolution;
- Easy to configure by Smar DevComDroid.







# **Equipment**



Housing – Contain all the electronics, local adjustment, electrical connections and Liquid Crystal Display (LCD).

Isolator – Isolates the electronics from the probe, and contains the frequency generator, which sends and receives the waves that will be guided through the probe. Also allows the probe rotation, granting high tensions over it.

Probe – See figure "**RD500** Probes", page 3. The electromagnetic waves are guided through the probe immersed in the process.

RD500 components





Smar **RD500** uses the TDR – Time Domain Reflectometry principle, usually applied on dielectric constant measurement of liquids, on fissures detection of concrete structures, concentration and humidity measurement and, among others, on direct level measurement in industrial processes.

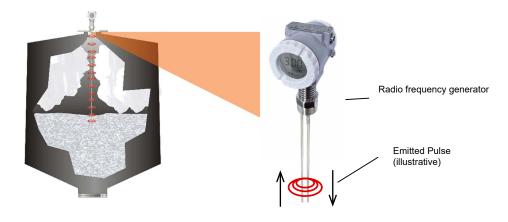
By using a radio frequency generator, the equipment sends electromagnetic pulses which are guided through a probe in contact with the process.

These waves, by reaching a different environment, return through the probe because of the environment's impedance changing. This parameter has a direct relation

with the dielectric constant of the process, and it will be decisive on waves reflection quality.

With a dedicated software, **RD500** calculates continuously the time between waves reflection. With waves' frequency, this software will calculate the real level desired.

The process variable, as well as monitoring and diagnostic information, are provided by digital communication of the HART protocol.



Pulses generation through Radio frequency emitter

**RD500** is two-wire power supplied with 4 to 20 mA/ HART® output signal. This signal is configurable by the user locally

via magnetic tool and can be seen on the equipment LCD indicator, or remotely via HART® configurators.

#### Probes

The **RD500** uses probes as coaxial, single flexible, single rigid and dual rigid, allowing larger flexibility to the user depending on the application characteristics.

- Single Rod: for measurement range up to 8 m in process with high dielectric constant (strong water presence, for example); installation in communicating vessel; polished food installations and with tri-clamp connection.
- Dual Rod: for measurement range up to 8 m in process where the dielectric constant is relatively low, as products with little water presence (example:grains constantly humid).
- **Single Cable:** for bigger ranges, up to 14 m\* in process with high dielectric constant (strong water presence, for example) and turbulence situations which demand more flexibility and mechanical efforts of the probe.
- Coaxial: for measurement range up to 6 m in liquids process with dielectric constant very low (see Table from page 7), vapour, surface with high turbulence and presence of bubbles and foam. Ideal for applications with high EMC noise.



\* Probes for measurements above 14 m (up to 25 m) are available only under consult.



#### Level Measurement

Levels of solids and liquids can be measured with precision in a lot of applications and temperature conditions, tanks geometry etc. The main parameter for the measurement is the dielectric constant of the product (consult our team for more information about dielectric constants).

#### **Volume Calculation**

**RD500** calculates automatically volumes of typical tanks like vertical and horizontal cylinders or spherical tanks. Other tank shapes can be calculated with a strap table with a maximum of 16 points.

#### **Probe Types**

**RD500** uses coaxial, single flexible, single rigid (polished with tri-clamp connection or not) and dual rigid, allowing larger flexibility to the user depending on the application characteristics.

#### **Alarms**

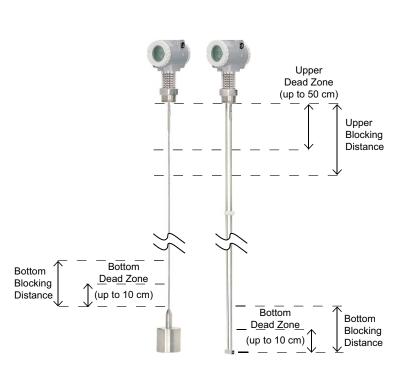
In addition to the 100% (High) and 0% (Low) output current saturation alarms, the **RD500** has the ability to retain the last value read immediately before entering this condition, triggering the alarm mode.

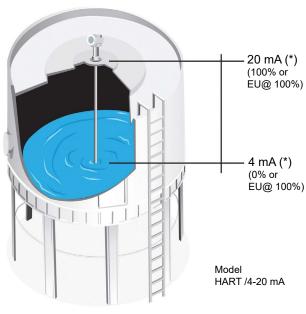
#### **Local Adjustment**

Many **RD500** parameters can be changed by using the local adjustment via magnetic tool – like range limits and tank configuration, for example.

# **Upper and Bottom Blocking Distances**

**RD500** can be configured to not consider distances at the top and at the bottom of the probe. It is very useful when internal obstacles generate noises which can interfere on the waves signal. Also, the equipment's upper (up to 50 cm) and bottom (up to 10 cm) dead zones must be considered.





The 0 and 100% points are set over the probe



RD500 measures process levels like:

- Various powdered and granular solids;
- Semi-solids:
- Liquids based or not on water.

The measurement will basically depend on the minimum dielectric constant of the process. This measurement generally not depend on density and temperature changing, foam on the surface, agitation, viscosity, and most part of internal obstacles which usually generate false echoes using other technologies.

Many tanks already have sockets at their upper part, in order to install equipment or simply verify the process. RD500 can be installed at these sockets, which is an advantage, considering that the structure will not be perforated again. **RD500** installation can be done by communicating vessel or over the tank (top mounting).

In underground tanks, for example, the access to them can be unviable sometimes, so hydrostatic pressure

transmitters become inapplicable. In this case, top mounting equipment are recommended.

For each process, its dielectric constant value and the type of **RD500** probe must be known to grant a better performance on the measurement.

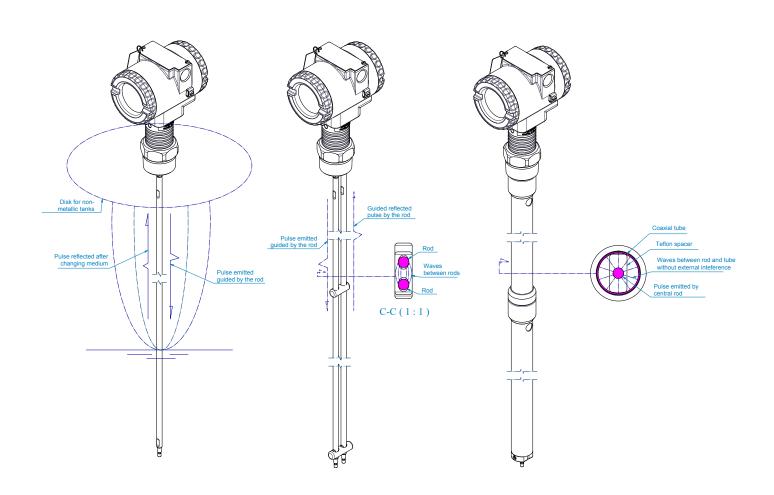




Top Mounting

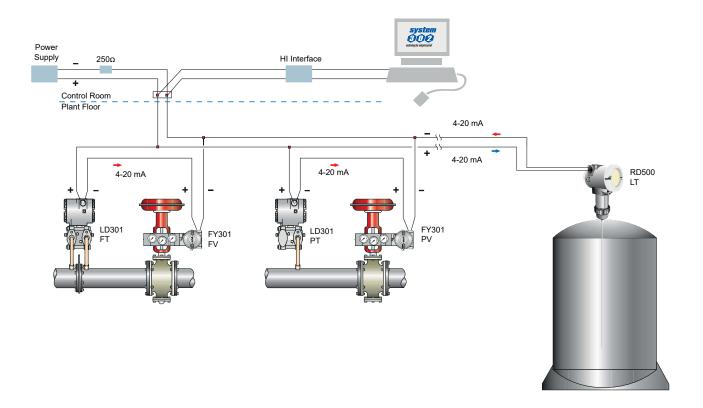
Installation in Communicating Vessel

## Electromagnetic Field over each Probe





### **HART**®







# **Functional Specifications**

Power Supply	HART®/4-20mA:  Non-Ex Instrument: 14 – 45 Vdc  Ripple (AC Signal) Permissible Residual  <100 Hz Uss < 1V  100 Hz Uss < 10 mV
Output	HART®/4-20mA: Two wires, 4-20 mA according to NAMUR NE43, with superimposed digital communication (HART protocol).  Resolution: 1.6 μA Current limit: 22 mA Load: See Figure below Burnout / Failure Alarm: 3.6 or 21 mA selectable Update Time: Aprox. 0.5 second.
Indication	4 1/2 -digit numerical and 5-character alphanumerical LCD indicator (optional).
Load Limitation	1650 (SE 1500 (D 1000 Q 500 250 4-20 mA and Digital Communication Communication 12 20 30 40 45 Power Supply (Volts)
Failure Alarm (Diagnostics)	HART®/4-20mA: In case of sensor or circuit failure, the self-diagnostics drives the output to 3.6 or 21.0 mA, according to the user's choice and NAMUR NE43 specification. Detailed diagnostic through HART® communication.  Output Current  21.0  Set Range  4.0  3.8  Set Variated  Set Range  According to the user's choice and NAMUR NE43 specification. Detailed diagnostic through HART® communication.
Humidity Limits	0 to 100% (Relative Humidity).



		Flange ASME B 16.5					
		Class	1	150	300		
		Temperature		Limit Pres	ssure (bar)		
		-29 to 38 °C		9 bar	41.4 bar		
		50 °C		3 bar	40.0 bar		
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Certification	Intrinsically Safe INMETRO, IECEx, ATEX, and FM (pending).						
Damping Adjustment	User configurable from 0 to 128 seconds (via digital communication).						
Zero and Span Adjustment	Non-interactive. Via digital communication or local adjustment. Local adjustment jumper with three positions: Simple, Disabled and Complete.						
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	Ambient (Housing and Electronic) -40 to 85 °C						
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	Transport			-40 to	80 °C		





# **Performance Specifications**

Performance	Accuracy:  Range:  Repeatability:	Up to ± 5 mm for rigid and flexible probes (for values within the configured measurement range) 0.5 m - 14 m* (Flexible Rod) 0.5 m - 8 m (Rigid Rod) 0.3 m - 6 m (Coaxial) < 1mm			
Minimum Dielectric Constant (ε)		Probe Dual Rigid Rod Single Rigid Rod Single Flexible Rod Coaxial	ε Minimum 2.4 3.0 3.0 1.7		
Minimum Distance to Obstacles	Coaxial Single Probe Dual Probe	0 mm 200 mm 100 mm			
Measurement Limits (if ε > 10**)	Single Rod Dead Zo  Dual Rod Dead Zo  Single Cable Dead  Coaxial Dead Zone	Top: 50  ne Bottom Top: 50  Zone Bottom Top: 50  Top: 50	: 30 mm 00 mm : 20 mm 00 mm : Counter weight	leghth + 30 mm	

# **Physical Specifications**

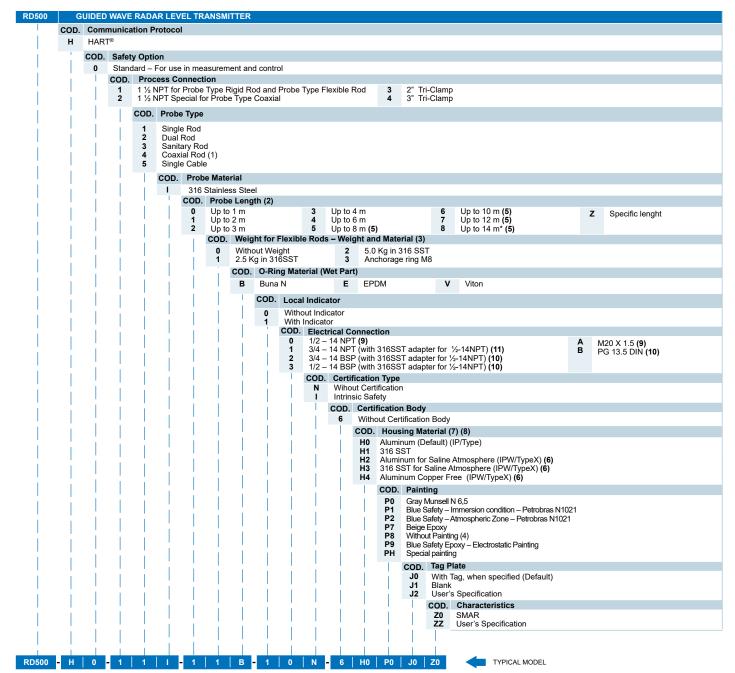
Bottom: 26 mm

Materials	Wetted Parts Insulator O-Ring: Probe: Non-Wetted Parts Housing: Seal Ring (Cover and Neck): LCD Window: Ground Terminal:	Viton, EPDM, and Buna N 316 SST  Aluminum or 316 SST Buna-N Polycarbonate 316 SST	
Probes	Single Flexible Rod: 0.5 - 14 m* Dual Rigid Rod: 0.5 - 8 m	Single Rigid Rod: 0.5 - 8 m Coaxial: 0.3 - 6 m	
Lateral Strength	Single Rigid Rod: 3 Nm, 0.1 kg to 4 Dual Rigid Rod: 6 Nm, 0.2 kg to 4 m	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Tension Strength	Single Flexible Rod: 9 kN (Collapse Load)		

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- \*\* Leave it blank if there are no optional items.

#### Notes:

- (1) The coaxial probe is accompanied by a tightening wrench, if the rod is up to 3m long. If the rods are 4 or 6 m, two keys will be provided.
- (2) It is necessary to inform the probe length in meters, respecting the limits established in the field "Probe Length (meters)" of the ordering code table, according to the chosen probe type. For example: 2 correspond to a length up to 3 meters. Order a length immediately superior to the installation and adjust the probe length at the field. For more details consult Dimensional Drawings.
- (3) If the probe needs to be anchored in the bottom of the tank, the RD500 can be supplied with an anchorage ring, without counter-weight.

  (4) Not available for Aluminum Housing.

  (5) Not recommended with coaxial probe.

- (6) IPW / TypeX tested for 200 hours according to NBR 8094 / ASTM B 117 standard.
- (7) IPX8 tested in 10 meters of water column for 24 hours

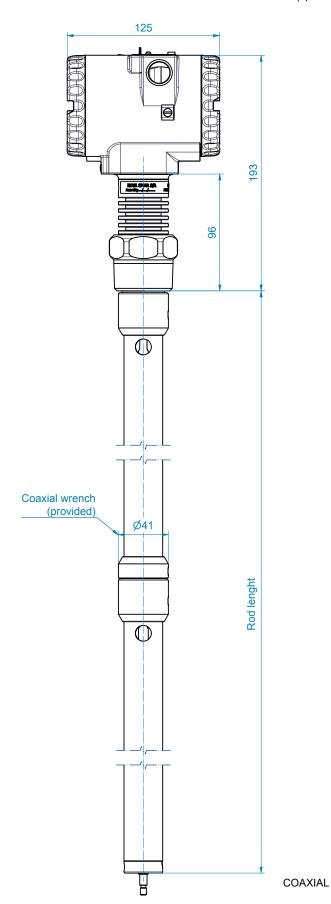
#### (8) Ingress Protection:

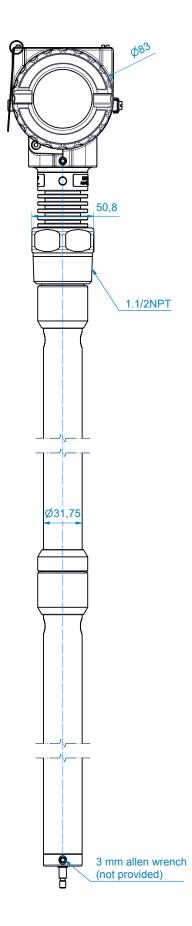
Product	CEPEL	FM	
RD500	IP66/68/W	Type 4X/6P IP66/68	

- (9) Certification Ex-d for FM / ATEX / INMETRO. (10) Options not certified for Explosive Atmosphere.
- (11) Certification Ex-d for INMETRO.

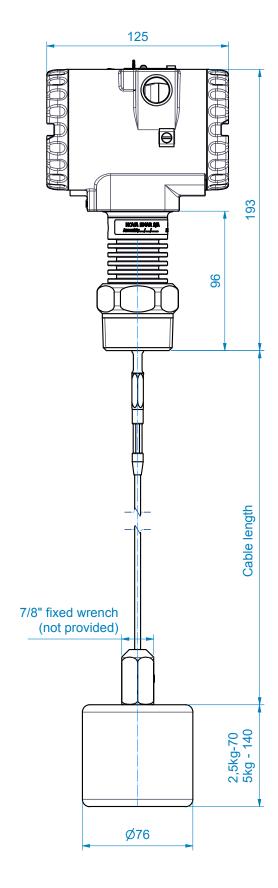


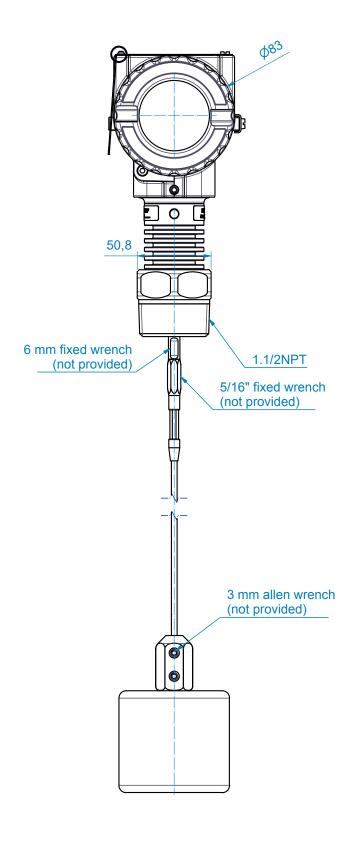
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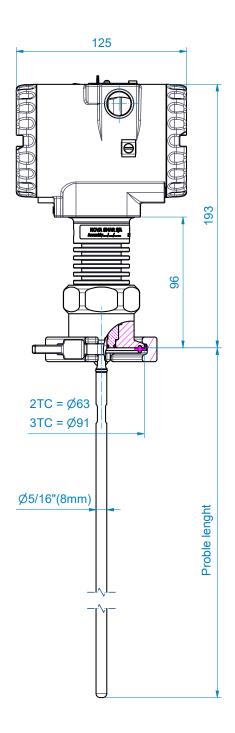


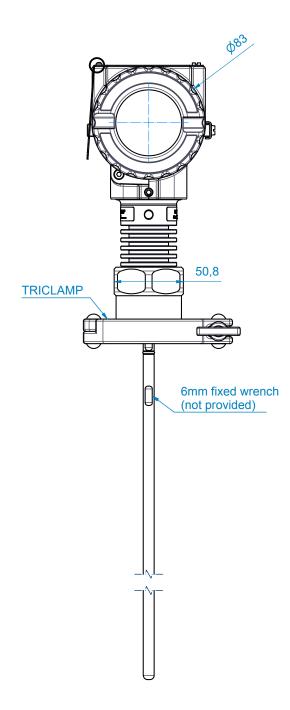




SINGLE FLEXIBLE CABLE



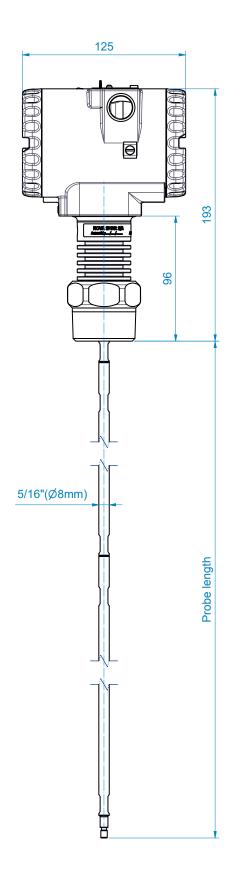


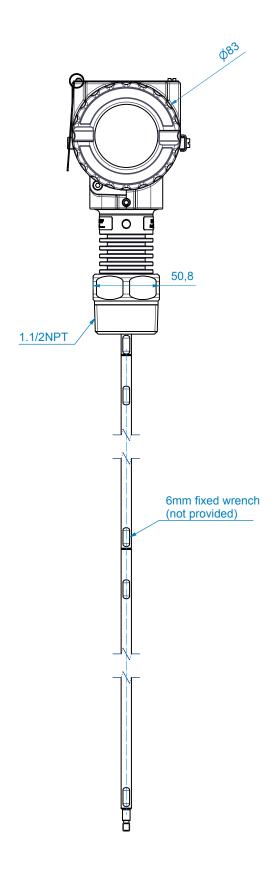


Polished rod, if possible, specify the exact length, if it is cut, it must have a round tip and a compatible finish.

POLISHED SINGLE RIGID ROD TRI-CLAMP CONNECTION

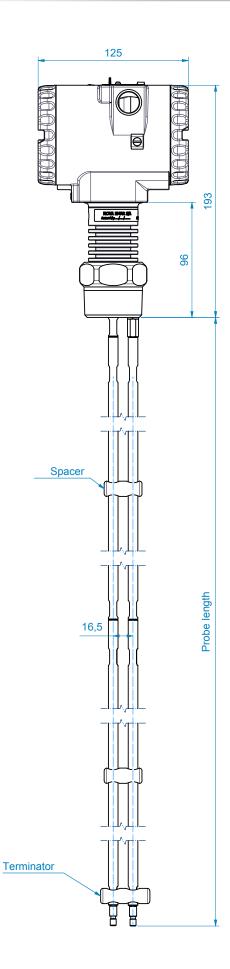


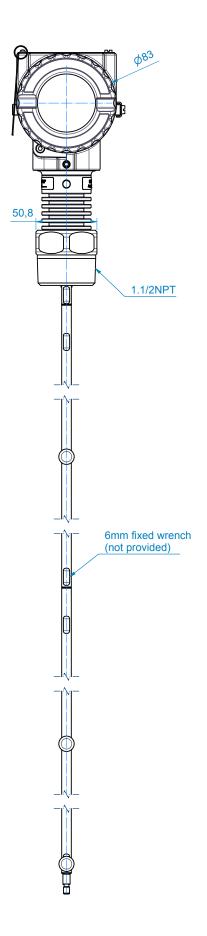




SINGLE RIGID ROD

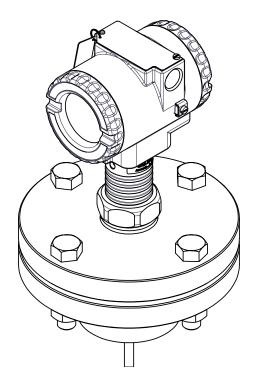


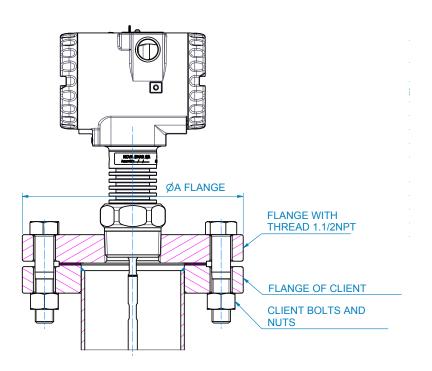




DUAL RIGID ROD







"A" FLANGE DIAMETER			
DIAMETER	CLASS	CLASS	
ASME B16.5	150	300	
2	150	165	
3	190	210	
4	230	255	
6	280		
EN 1092-1	PN16	PN40	
50		165	
80		200	
100	220	235	
150	285		

MOUNTING WITH FLANGE





# **RD500 Series**

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