

Explore 131 / 171

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

NIR Turbidity Sensors



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# 1 Technical data

## 1.1 Standards

The following standards were applied when manufacturing the sensor:

- EN 61326-1: 2013-7
- EN 61326-2-3: 2013-7
- DIN/EN 27027 (ISO7027)

## 1.2 Specification

Sensor specifications	
Measurement range	0...100 %
Resolution	0.1 %
Precision	± 1.5%
Reproducibility	≤ 1 % of the end value
Wavelength	850 nm
Light source	LED
Material	Stainless steel, 1.4435 (316L)
Surface finish	Electropolished Ra <0.37 µm
Measuring window / Lens	Sapphire
Power supply	24 V DC
Output current	4...20 mA
Cable connection	M12 plug, 3-pin (5-pin also possible)
Process connection	G 1/2" für welding socket with 35 ° conus

## 1.3 Dimensions

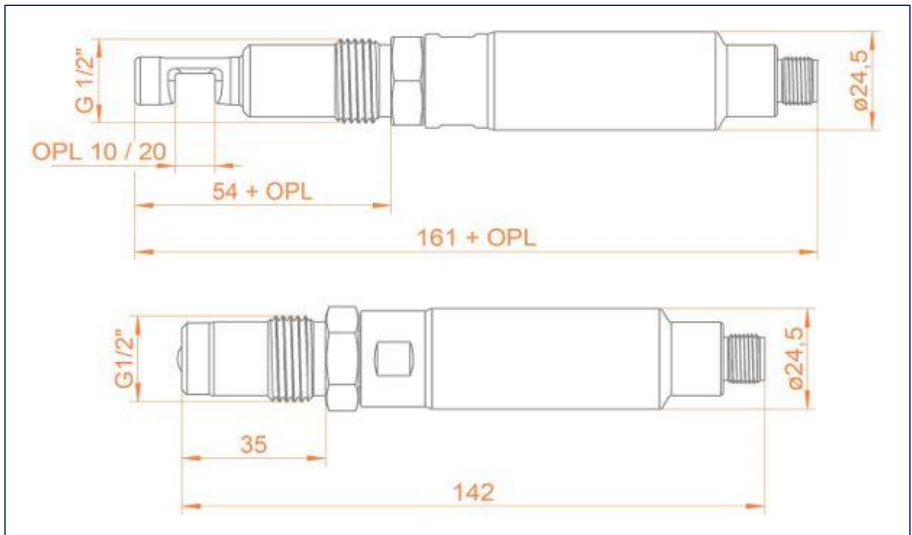


Fig. 1: Dimensions for sensors EXplore 131 (top) and EXplore 171 (bottom)

## 1.4 Environmental conditions

Ambient temperature -10...70 °C

Transport and storage temperature -20...80 °C

## 1.5 EXplore process conditions

Max. permissible pressure PS: 10 bar / 150 psi (EXplore 131)  
20 bar / 290 psi (EXplore 171)

Max. permissible temperature TS: 90 °C

Max. permissible sterilisation temperature: 135 °C max. 1 hour (EXplore 131)  
135 °C max. 2 hours. (EXplore 171)

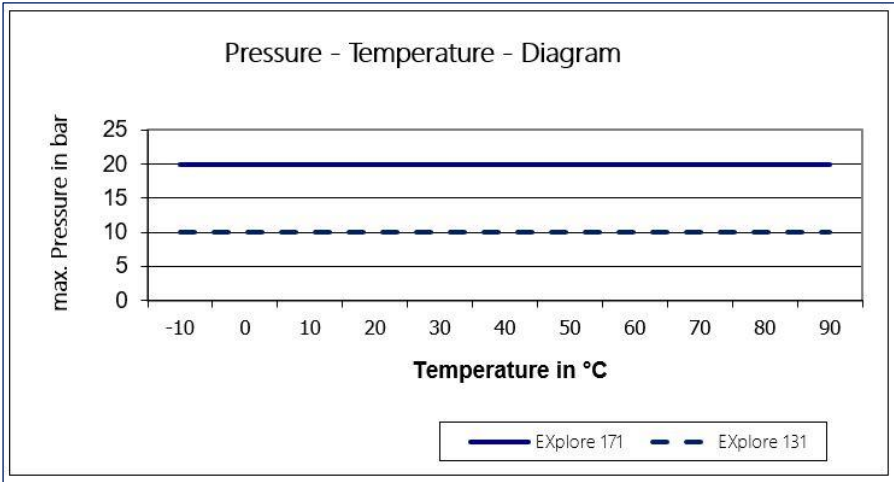


Fig. 2: Pressure temperature diagrams for EXplore

## 1.6 Identification plate

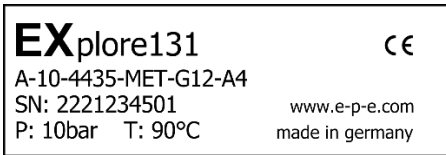


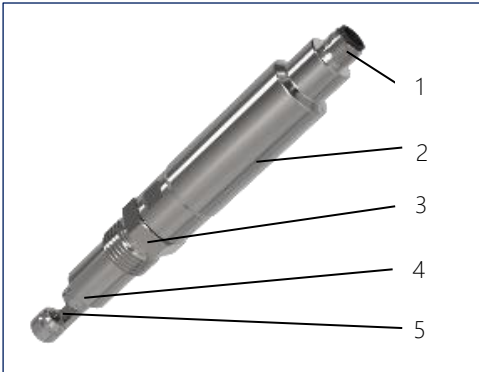
Fig. 3: Identification plate (based on EXplore 131)

In case of queries, please contact your retailer directly.

## 2 Product description

### 2.1 EXplore NIR turbidity sensors

#### 2.1.1 Components EXplore 131



1	M12 plug connection
2	Transmitter
3	Pressure screw
4	Process connection
5	Measuring window

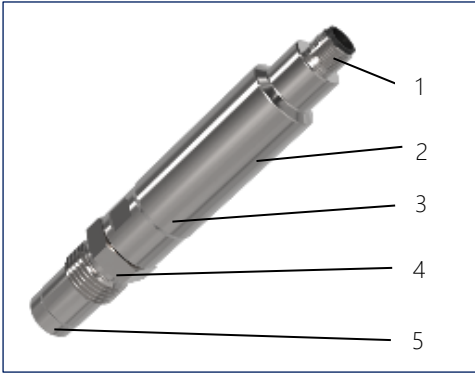
Fig. 4: NIR absorption sensor

#### EXplore 131

The NIR turbidity sensor EXplore 131 is a 180° absorption sensor which detects the turbidity of liquid in the close infrared range (850 nm wavelength). The sensor is designed to monitor continuous process results or safely show changes. Particularly suitable for phase separation, filter monitoring and concentration measurement.

- Safe phase separation
- Faster product change
- Filter monitoring
- Colour-independent concentration measurement
- Compact design with an integrated amplifier
- Resistant sapphire windows
- Hygienic design, CIP/SIP compliant
- LED light source, guarantees a stable and long-lasting signal

### 2.1.2 Components EXplore 171



1	M12 plug connection
2	Transmitter
3	Pressure screw
4	Process connection
5	Saphire lens (spherical)

Fig. 5: NIR backscatter sensor

### EXplore 171

The NIR backscatter sensor EXplore 171 is designed to monitor the turbidity of liquids in order to monitor continuous process results or safely show changes. Particularly suitable for phase separation, filter monitoring and concentration measurement.

- Safe phase separation
- Faster product change
- Filter monitoring
- Colour-independent concentration measurement
- Compact design with an integrated amplifier
- Resistant sapphire lens
- Hygienic design, CIP/SIP compliant
- LED light source, guarantees a stable and long-lasting signal



## 2.2 Process integration

### Sensor

The EXplore series sensors are installed directly in pipes or containers via its G 1/2" process connection or inserted in existing process connections using corresponding adapters.

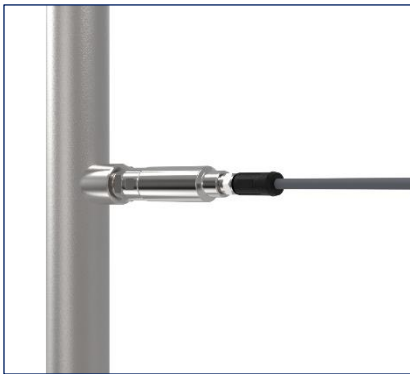
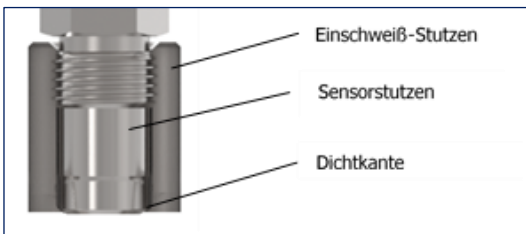


Fig. 6: Process integration

### Welding sockets

Assembly using welding sockets guarantees hygienic process adaption which can be applied with minimal dead space and elastomer-free. As the system here uses purely metallic sealing, no further sealing materials such as elastomers may be used.

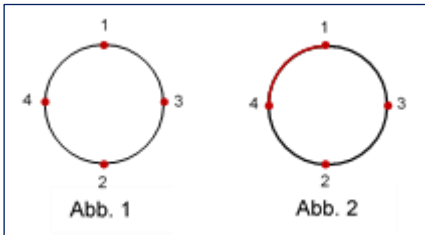
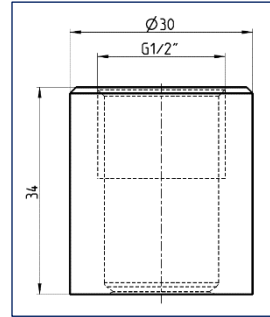


Please always use the welding aid sockets offered as accessories, so that the heat arising when welding can be safely dissipated and distortion of the borehole can be hindered effectively.



### Welding in tanks / pipes

1. Drill a hole with the outer diameter of the welding socket (tolerance max. +0.2 mm)
2. Tack-weld the sockets using 4 evenly distributed points (Fig. 1, below)
3. Screw the welding aid sockets in
4. Weld the sections between the 4 points (Fig. 2, below)



### Transmitter

The transmitter is supplied with 24 V DC. It has an 4...20 mA output for measurement value output.

### Pressure / Temperature

Depending on the sensor type, only a determined pressure-temperature range may be used. This can be found on the respective pressure/temperature diagram.

In order to protect the LED used, it is switched off as of a temperature of 90 °C. Measurement is then no longer possible. After reduction of the media temperature below 90 °C, the LED is reactivated.

**NOTE**

Please observe the pressure and temperature diagram in → Section 3

**Installation position**

Basically, the sensors can be operated in any position. However, it must be ensured that the pipe is completely filled and the sensor is not in a position where the turbulence of the medium is heavy, causing the formation of air bubbles.

The following graph shows the favoured installation locations for the sensor. Here, assembly on the side of the pipe is preferable.

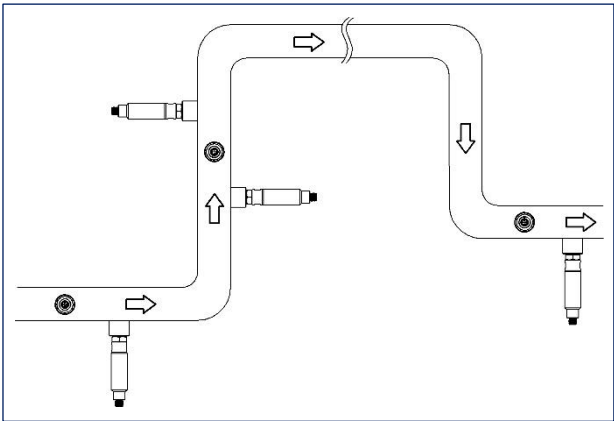


Fig. 7: Installation positions

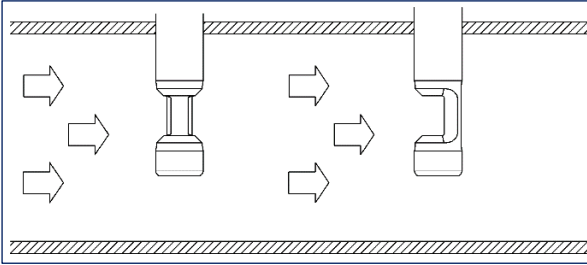


Fig. 8: Positioning the EXplore 131 in the media flow

## 2.3 Checking the sensors

Filters (EXplore 131) or comparison standards (EXplore 171) with various reference values are available for testing the EXplore sensors. If required, they can be attached to the sensor. In order to guarantee fault-free testing, it must be ensured that

- the optical sensor unit is dry and clean.
- the reference filter or the reference standard is placed precisely on the sensor.
- the marking (arrow) for the standard is aligned with the middle of the identification plate of the EXplore 171.
- the side with the filter insert is located on the lower measurement window (EXplore 131).

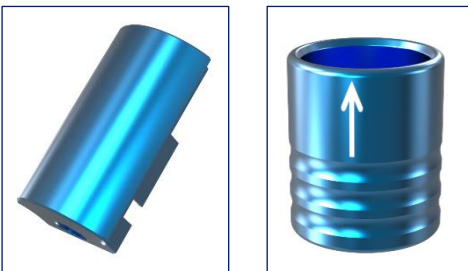


Fig. 9: Reference filter or reference standard with marking

## 3 Ordering structure

### 3.1 Explore 131

	Code	Measurement range			
	A	0...100% turbidity			
		Code	Optical path length		
		10	10 mm		
		20	20 mm		
		Code	Material (fluid-wetted)		
		4435	Stainless steel 1.4435 / 316 L		
		Code	Sealing material (fluid-wetted)		
		MET	Metallically sealing		
		Code	Process connection		
		G12	G ½"		
		Code	Interface		
		A4	Analogue 4...20 mA		
Explore 131					Order number

### 3.2 Explore 171

	Code	Measurement range			
	A	0...100% turbidity			
		Code	Material		
		4435	Stainless steel, 1.4435 (316L)		
		Code	Sealing material (fluid-wetted)		
		MET	Metallically sealing		
		Code	Process connection		
		G12	Thread G1/2"		
		Code	Interface		
		A4	Analogue 4...20 mA		
Explore 171					Order number

## 4 Spare parts and accessories

The sensor serial number must always be quoted for spare parts and accessories orders.

### 4.1 Accessories

Description	Order number
Connection cable 2 m (M12 5-pin)	2-125-00-001
Connection cable 5 m (M12 5-pin)	2-125-00-002
Connection cable 10 m (M12 5-pin)	2-125-00-003
Set reference filters EXplore 131 (incl. certificate)	2-120-85-001
Set reference normal EXplore 171 (incl. certificate)	2-120-86-001

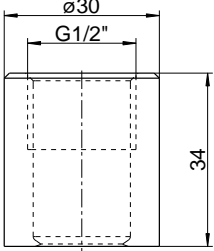
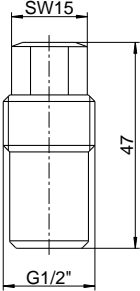
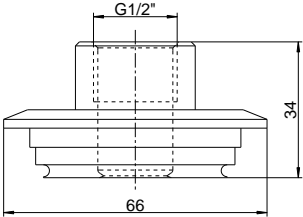
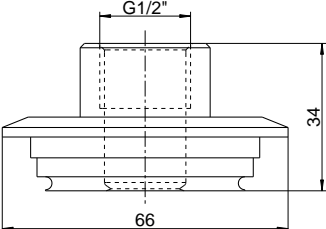
### 4.2 Certificates

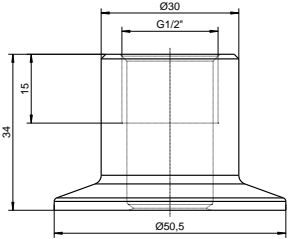
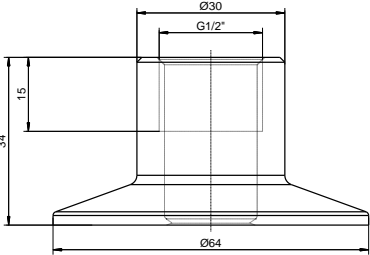
Description	Order number
Certificate EN10204-2.2 for surface roughness (Ra <0.37 µm)	2-121-01-019
Certificate EN10204-3.1 for material	2-121-01-002

### 4.3 Factory inspection

Description	Order number
Factory recalibration for NIR sensors incl. certificate (recirculation proof)	2-999-00-013

## 4.4 Installation adapter

Description	Drawing	Order number
Welding sockets G 1/2" cylindrical		2-087-33-003
Brass G 1/2" shrink-wrap aid		2-086-33-003
Process adapter Varivent F DN 25-40		2-083-33-001
Process adapter Varivent F DN 40-125		2-083-33-002

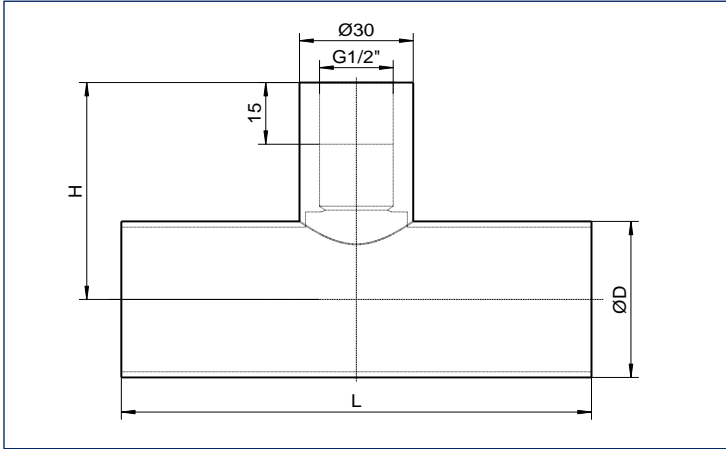
Description	Drawing	Order number
Process adapter Tri-Clamp 1 1/2"		2-083-33-005
Process adapter Tri-Clamp 2"		2-083-33-006

**Welded pipe with adapter G 1/2 "**

Material pipe	1.4435
Material adapter	1.4404
Pressure range	0...10 bar

Ø D	L	H	Order number
DN 25	100 mm	51.5 mm	2-083-33-007
DN 32	110 mm	54.0 mm	2-083-33-008
DN 40	120 mm	57.0 mm	2-083-33-009
DN 50	140 mm	63.5 mm	2-083-33-010
DN 65	160 mm	73.5 mm	2-083-33-011





# 5 Certificates and compliances

## Declaration of conformity

for  
**Turbidity sensor Explore131/171**

We declare under our sole responsibility that the product, to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standards and the normative documents:

EU- Directive	harmonized standards
EMV-Directive 2014/30/EU Modul A	DIN EN 61326-1:2013 DIN EN 61326-2-3:2013
RoHS 2 Directive 2011/65/EU + Delegated Directive 2015/863/EU	DIN EN IEC 63000:2019-05

This declaration applies to all identical specimens of the product, which are manufactured according to the development-, design- and manufacturing drawings and descriptions, which are part of this declaration.

This declaration is given by the manufacturer.

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