

# **Precipitation Sensor**

# Instruction for Use

with analogue Intensity Output 5.4103.20.041, 5.4103.20.641, 5.4103.20.041



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#### **Safety Instructions**

- Before operating with or at the device/product, read through the operating instructions. This manual contains instructions which should be followed on mounting, start-up, and operation. A non-observance might cause:
  - failure of important functions
  - endangerment of persons by electrical or mechanical effect
  - damage to objects
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## 1 Models available

Order - No.	Measuring value	Electrical Output	Delay time	Operating Voltage	Connection
5.4103.20.041	Precipitation intensity	4 20mA	180 seconds	24V AC/DC ±15%	Cable gland <sup>P</sup>
5.4103.20.741	Precipitation intensity	4 20mA	180 seconds	24V AC/DC ±15%	7- pole plug connection
5.4103.20.641	Precipitation intensity	4 20mA	50 seconds	24V AC/DC ±15%	Cable gland <sup>P</sup>
5.4103.26.041	Precipitation intensity	4 20mA	180 seconds	24V AC/DC ±15%	Cable gland <sup>s</sup>

<sup>P)</sup>Cable gland plastic <sup>S)</sup> One cable gland stainless steel

# 2 Application

The precipitation sensor serves as measuring instrument for the determination of the instantaneous precipitation intensities (mm precipitation / min.). By integration of the precipitation intensities, the precipitation quantity can be calculated, as well. Control- and warning signals can be derived from the precipitation intensity.

The measuring signal is output as intensity-dependent analogue output value. The dimension of the measurement value output is divided into 4 linear characteristic segments, which show a tenth of the slope of the more sensitive segment.

Thus, it is possible to represent an intensity range from approx. 0,001mm/min. (light drizzle) up to 10mm/min. (extremely heavy rain) with reasonable resolution (quasi-logarithmic output).

## **3** Construction and Mode of Operation

Precipitation in the form of drizzle, rain, snow, or hail falls through a light band, induced by light diodes, and lead to shadowing effects on the receiving side. The sent light is pulse-modulated. From the extent of shading along with the duration of falling through a factor is calculated that gives the information if there is a precipitation incident or not.

#### Heating

The instrument is equipped with a heating system for extreme weather condition. This avoids ice and snow forming on the housing surface. In addition, the surface retains a temperature of >0° by means of a regulated heating. The heating is always active, the control temperature is approx. 8°C.

At the end of the precipitation the analogue output goes in one time of 180sec. (5.4103.2x.041, 5.4103.20.741) or 50sec. (5.4103.20.641) to 4mA. If the precipitation starts, the analog output rises again to the measured value.

#### Housing

The housing consists of polycarbonate, the support of stainless steel. A special coating serves for reducing measurement errors which might arise by drop formation at the housing in the range of the measured distance. This coating must not be removed.



### 4 Installation

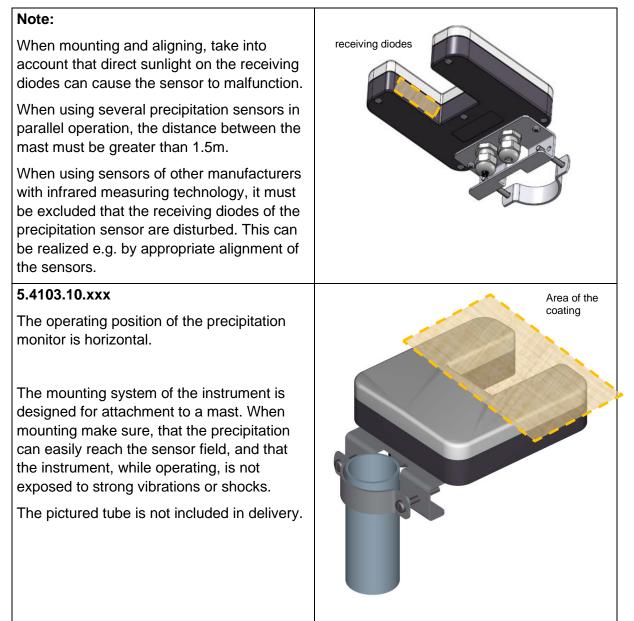
#### Please Note:

The hydrophilic coating must not be damaged. The electrical connection is to be carried out by experts only. Please open the instrument <u>only</u> with dry ambient conditions. Do not damage the exposed electronics!

#### Remark:

In order to achieve an optimal electro-magnetic immunity (> 20V/m) please use shielded cable.

### 4.1 Mechanical Mounting





### 4.2 Electrical Mounting for Precipitation Sensor with Cable Gland

For: 5.4103.2x.041, 5.4103.20.641 see circuit diagram in chapter 4.

Process:

- Remove 5 screws at the bottom side of the precipitation monitor.
- Remove upper part (cover). The connecting terminals are the freely accessible.
- Insert a respective prepared cable from the bottom through the cable glands situated in the housing bottom, and connect it to the connecting terminals and shield connector, acc. to circuit diagram.
- Secure cable by cable glands.
- Put on the upper part again and screw it evenly and tightly to the bottom.

#### Attention:

The fixing screws for the cover must be srewed down with a torsional of **1Nm to 2Nm**.

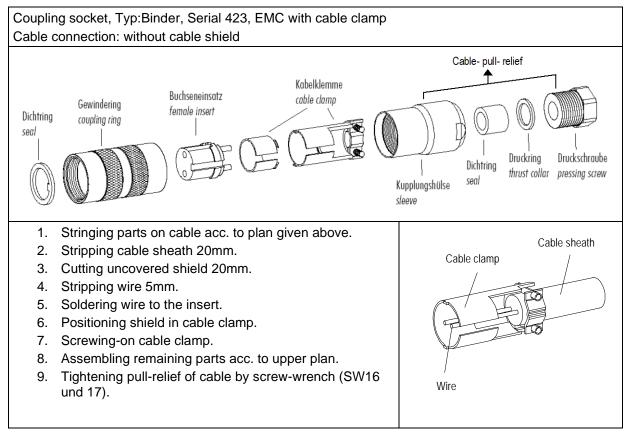


### 4.3 Electrical Mounting for Precipitation Sensor with Plug Connection

For: 5.4103.20.741, see circuit diagram in chapter 5.

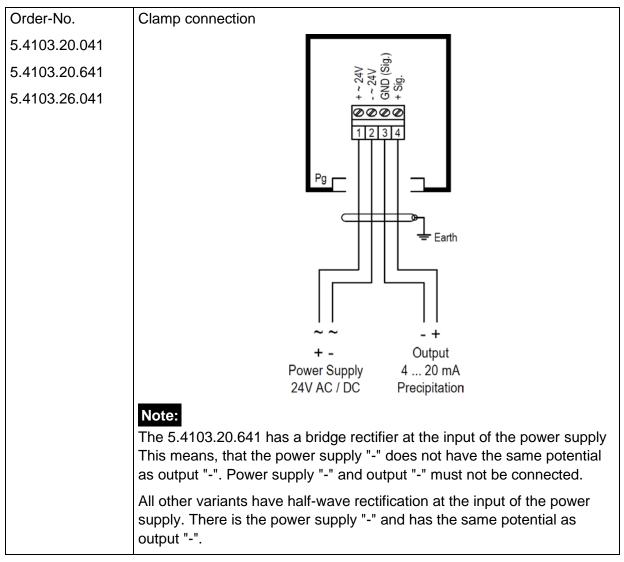
#### 4.3.1 Plug Mounting

Applies only to instruments with connection "plug".

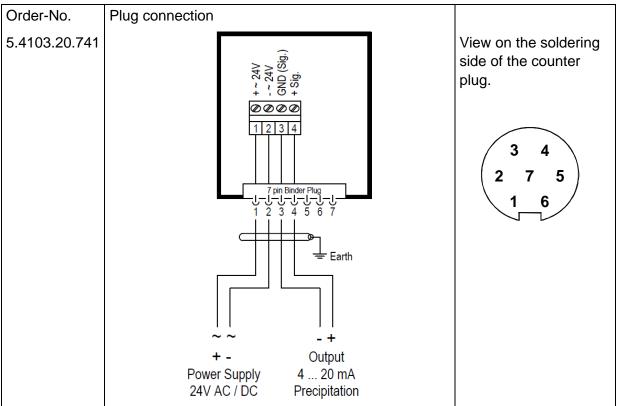




### 4.4 Connecting Diagram







#### Remark:

The cable shield must only be connected on the side of the power supply.

# 5 Taking into Operation

After the electrical connection has been established, and the case has been screwed, the operating voltage can be switched on. The dimension of the measurement value output is reset when the supply voltage is switched on.

## 6 Maintenance

The device is maintenance free.

#### Cleaning:

The pollution and the pollution level is dependent on the location. Therefore, we recommend the unit be checked at appropriate intervals and cleaned if necessary.

For the cleaning should use a damp cloth without chemical cleaning agents are used.

#### Remark:

The housing is coated in the front section and in the sensor area. This coating must not be damaged.

We recommend to clean (rinse) the instrument only with water, and to blot it with a soft cloth, if necessary. Please take care that no water gets into the instrument. Excessive rubbing might remove the coating.

Events can, possibly, be activated with the cleaning work; they should be considered then with the evaluation / further processing.



We recommend the threads of the plugs with a suitable corrosion inhibitors to protect against corrosion.

# 7 Technical Data

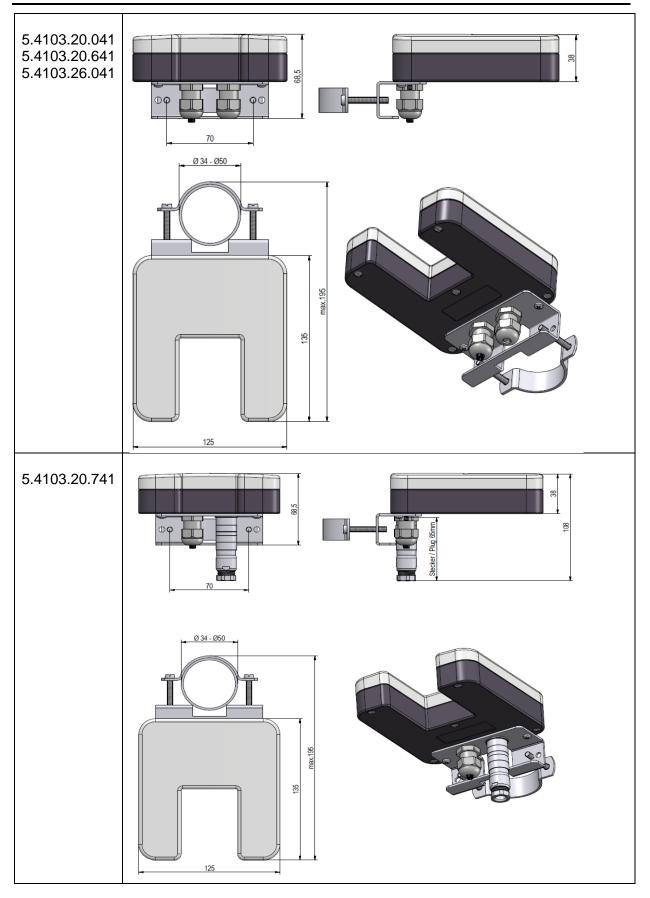
Measuring Value	Precipitation intensity (mm / min)			
Output	Constant current, depending on measuring value, between 4.0mA and 20.0mA			
Measuring range, Output, Transfer function	Measuring range	Output	Function <sup>1)</sup>	
Segment 1	0 0.01mm / min	= 4.0 8.0mA	0,0025 *x -0,01	
Segment 2	0.010.1mm / min	= 8.0 12.0mA	0,0225 *x -0,17	
Segment 3	0.1 1.0mm / min	= 12,016.0mA	0,225 *x -2,6	
Segment 4	1.0 10.0mm / min	= 16.020.0mA	2,25 *x -35	
max. load	400Ohm			
Active sensor surface	25cm <sup>2</sup>			
Minimum drop size	0,2mm			
Operating voltage	24 V AC/DC ±15%			
Operating current	approx. 350mA @ 20°C ambient temperature max. approx. 1A			
Heating Control temperature Hysteresis Power				
Ambient temperature	-30 +60°C			
Protection	IP 65 acc. to DIN 40050			
Weight	0.4kg			
Connection	See model			

<sup>1)</sup>Function for calculation:

Depending on the segment, where the measured current fits in, the respective function must be applied, wherein for "x" the measured value in mA is entered.



## 8 Dimension diagram





Power Supply Unit	9.3388.00.002	The power supply unit provides for the current supply of the Precipitation Sensor. It supplies the necessary operation voltage for the electronics and the heating.
		Primary: 230V / 50HzSecondary: 24V AC / 25VAHousing: syntheticProtection: IP 65 acc. to DIN 40050Dimensions: 107 x 125 x 100mmWeight: 1,2kg



# **10 EC-Declaration of Conformity**

Manufacturer:		Adolf Thies GmbH & Co. KG Hauptstraße 76 37083 Göttingen, Germany	
Product:		Precipitation Transmitter	Doc. Nr. 902-45218_CE
Article Overview:			
5.4103.10.000	5.4103.10.012	5.4103.10.112 5.4103.10.700 5.4103.11.000 5.4103.20.041 5.4103.20.741 5.4103.21.021	5.4103.26.041 5.4103.30.000
5.4103.30.700	5.4103.31.000	5.4103.32.000	

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2017/2102/EU	15.11.2017	DIRECTIVE (EU) 2017/2102 of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 15, 2017 amending Directive 2011/65 / EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.			
2012/19/EU	13.08.2012	DIRECTIVE 2012/19/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).			
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DIN EN 61010-1	2020-03	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. General requirements			
DIN EN IEC 63000	2019-05	Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances.			

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5.4103.30.700 5.4103.31.0	0 5.4103.32.000

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RoHS Regulations 2012	01.01.2021	The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012				
3113	01.01.2021	Regulations: waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)				
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