

Digox 602 *dac*

Degassed Acid Conductivity

The conductivity in water-steam cycle in power plants is an important measurement.



It must be distinguished between:

- Specific conductivity

which records the sum of all charge carriers and is mainly caused by enriched alkalising agents.

- Acid conductivity

In cation filter, the H⁺ from the exchanged cations combine with OH⁻ from alkalizing agents to water. The remaining conductivity is determined by the autoprotolysis of the pure water plus the impurities in the form of anions, i.e. also CO₃²⁻.

To operate a steam turbine, the acid conductivity must not exceed a threshold of typically 0.2 µS/cm.

The following causes for increased conductivity are possible:

- unclean piping system, high corrosion conditions
- cooling water leakage in the condenser
- atmospheric air-in leakage with CO₂-impact
- organic substances in the boiler feed water - CO₂-impact after heating

- Degassed Cation conductivity

For the shortest possible start-up phase, the acid conductivity must be measured without the influence of the conductivity caused by dissolved CO₂. Thus the threshold for operation of the turbine is reached faster. The dissolved CO₂ rises up the conductivity, but does not harm the turbine.

Therefore, it is necessary to remove the carbonic acid from the sample and to measure the conductivity again (**degassed acid conductivity**). Thus, on one hand, the startup phase can be significantly reduced. On the other hand, the system can be monitored for organic substances and atmospheric air ingress.

With the **Digox 602 dac** you have a universal measuring instrument at your disposal for this kind of tasks. In the compact design, you have first a double conductivity measuring including a cation filter, automatic venting and pH calculation according to VGB-S006, then a separating operable degassing unit with conductivity measurements before and after degassing. Depending on the efficiency, the degassing can be calculated to 100 %.

ADVANTAGES

- Degassing and measurement of all conductivities at the same, not elevated sample temperature
- No heating up, therefore no gas emissions of other volatile acids
- No inert gas required, air-conditioning by means of air treatment
- High gain of degassed carbonic acid
- Very short response times $t_{90} < 90$ s for degassing unit
- Regenerative operating chemicals for cation exchanger
- Very low power consumption < 60VA
- Available as retrofit option for existing measurement of the cation conductivity: Digox dac basic
- Simple flow adjustment and stabilization with built-in flow stabilizer
- Improved efficiency of the degassing >90%, with switchable calculation to 100 %
- Highly accurate measurements of temperature and conductivity

The analyser **Digox 602 dac** ensures very short start-up times of the power plant and a simple, safe operation.

TECHNICAL DATA

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Device	Digox 602 dac
Measuring range	Conductivity 0 – 1000 μ S/cm, pH-calculation from 7.5 - 10
Display	Graphic display, backlit, colour changes in messages
Accuracy	< [1 % of measuring value + 0,015 μ S/cm]
Alarm outputs	one relais per unit: 3A/250 VAC, 3A/30 VDC, no inductive loads
Error report	Flow- /device error, over temperature on relay / error current 22 mA
Operation	password protection for the menu-led entry with 7 operating keys
Analogue outputs	4 outputs, 0(4)...20 mA, linear/bilinear, max. load 500 Ohm
Ambient temperature	+5 – 45°C, storage and transport 0 – 50 °C, relative humidity 30 – 95 %
Sample quantity	10–20 l/h CatControl-Unit, 3–5 l/h degassing unit, display in l/h with digital flow rate sensor
Power supply	90–264 VAC 50/60Hz, 60 VA or 120–264 VDC, 60 VA
Protective system	IP 65 (electrical parts)
Weight	40.0 kg
Main dimensions	850 x 570 x 210 mm (HxWxD)

Necessary preconditions for the validity of the pH-value calculation:

- Use of just one alkalisng medium
- Main contamination of NaCl
- pH-range 7.5 < pH-value < 10.5