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Congratulations on your purchase of a Pulsar **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** Level Monitoring System. This quality system has been developed over many years and represents the latest in high technology ultrasonic level measurement and control. It has been designed to give you years of trouble-free performance, and a few minutes spent reading this operating manual will ensure that your installation is as simple as possible.

About this Manual

It is important that this manual is referred to for correct installation and operation.

There are various parts of the manual that offer additional help or information as shown:

Tips

At various parts of this manual, you may find tips to help you.

Additional Information

> **Additional Information**
> At various parts of the manual, you will find sections like this that explain specific items in more detail.

About the dBi Series (HART) Intelligent Transducer

Functional Description

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is a highly developed ultrasonic level measurement system which provides non-contacting level measurement for a wide variety of applications in both liquids and solids. Its unique design gives unrivalled performance in echo discrimination and accuracy in a loop powered device.

Easy calibration and maintenance free "fit and forget" performance mean that you can install the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** Level Monitoring System rapidly and with confidence, with calibration being achieved either using a HART programmer/calibrator, or via a PC utilising the Pulsar interface and software.

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** operates on the principle of timing the echo received from a measured pulse of sound transmitted in air and utilises "state of the art" echo extraction technology.

dBi Series Intelligent Transducer comes in four models:

1. dBi 3 with a range from 0.125m (0.41 feet) to 3.00m (9.84 feet).

2. dBi 6 with a range of 0.3m (0.98 feet) to 6.00m (19.69 feet).

3. dBi 10 with a range of 0.3m (0.98 feet) to 10.00m (32.81 feet).

4. dBi 15 with a range of 0.5m (1.64 feet) to 15.00m (49.213 feet).

All models can be mounted via a rear, 1" BSP/NPT, thread (Standard) with a model with alternative front thread mounting being available, in addition to this flange mount and PVDF options are also available. See **Chapter 2 Installation** for further details.

All model types are available for use in hazardous area installations with either Ex mb or Ex ia ATEX certification.

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** has a 4 to 20mA output which can be programmed to give an output proportional to **level**, **space, distance or volume,** dependant on the measurement mode selected and provides a 'fault condition' alarm of either 3.8mA or 22mA.

Boot time for the dBi Series intelligent Transducer from power up to stable reading: cold boot = 9 seconds, warm boot = 4 seconds (if within 12hrs from last start up). For 4 to 20ma set proportional to measured level/distance.

Product Specification

Physical	
Transducer housing material	Valox 357
Weight	**dBi3:** 1kg (2.2lbs), **dBi6:** 1.2kg (2.7lbs) **dBi10:** 1.3kg (2.9lbs), **dBi15:** 1.4kg (3.1lbs)
Dimensions & Mounting	**dBi3:** 77mm dia x 134mm high (3 x 5.31 inch) Rear thread 1" BSP/NPT **dBi6 & dBi10:** 86mm dia x 121 high (3.38 x 4.75 inch). Rear thread 1" BSP/NPT **dBi15:** 86mm dia x 134 mm high (3.38 x 5.32 inch). Rear 1" BSP/NPT
Transducer cable requirements	2 core screened. Integral cable length 5, 10, 20 or 30m

Environmental	
Enclosure protection (all models)	IP68
Temperature Compensation	Internal temperature sensor, ± 0.5ºC
Max & Min temperature (electronics)	-40ºC to +80ºC (-40ºF to 176ºF)

Approvals	
ATEX	II 1 G Ex ia IIC T4 Ga, II 1 D Ex ia IIIC T130^{O}C Da Tamb -40ºC to +80ºC II 2 E Ex mb IIC T4 Gb, II 2 D Exmb IIIC T130ºC Db Tamb -40ºC to +80ºC
CE Approval	See EU Certificate of conformity

Performance	
Measurement Range	**dBi3:** 0.125m (0.41 ft.) to 3.00m (9.84 ft.) **dBi6:** 0.3m (0.98 ft.) to 6.00m (19.69 ft.) **dBi10:** 0.3m (0.98 ft.) to 10.00m (32.81ft.) **dBi15:** 0.5m (1.64 ft.) to 15.00m (49.213 ft.)
Accuracy	**dBi3:** 2mm (0.08 inch) **dBi6:** 4mm (0.16 inch) **dBi10:** 3mm (0.12 inch) up to 6m (20ft.) range 6mm (0.24 inch) over 6m range **dBi15:** 5mm (0.2 inch) up to 10m (33ft.) range 10mm (0.39 inch) over 10m range
Frequency	**dBi3:** 125kHz **dBi6:** 75kHz **dBi10:** 50kHz **dBi15:** 41kHz
Beam Angle	**dBi3**, **dBi6** & **dBi10:** <10º **dBi15:** <8º (all beam angles are inclusive, but give an effective beam angle of <3º)
Resolution	**dBi3:** 1mm (0.04 inch) **dBi6:** 2mm (0.08 inch) **dBi10:** 3mm (0.12 inch) **dBi15:** 5mm (0.2 inch)

Outputs

Digital Communications	FSK (Frequency Shift Keying) modulation of 1200-2400Hz
Communication protocol	HART 7, 4-20mA loop powered, output resolution 1µA

Programming

PC Programming (Via HART modem and 250 Ohm resistor)	HART PC Lite (setup only), Pulsar PC Suite-HART PC (setup, installation, echo profiles, cloning and troubleshooting).
Programming security	Via passcode
Program integrity	Via non-volatile memory
PC setup and monitoring	Compatible Win 7, Win 8 and Win 10

Supply

Operating Voltage	10 – 28 VDC
Power Consumption	Current consumption at start-up = 12mA, unit powered every 15 minutes for 4 seconds the average current = 53µA

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EU Declaration of Conformity

Declaration No. 001001

This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer

We, the undersigned:

Name of Manufacturer / Authorised representative	Pulsar Process Measurement Ltd.
Address	Pulsar Process Measurement Ltd. Cardinal Building Enigma Commercial Centre Sandy's Road Malvern Worcestershire WR14 1JJ
Country	England

Declare under our sole responsibility that the following apparatus:

Product Description:	Ultrasonic Transducers, HART dBi range
Model or Type No:	dBi3, dBi6, dBi10 & dBi15 Ex ia & Ex mb version
Brand name:	HART dBi range

Are in conformity with the following relevant EU legislation:

ATEX directive 2014/34/EU
EMC directive 2014/30/EU
RoHS directive 2011/65/EU

EN60079-0	EN60079-11 (Ex ia)
EN60079-18 (Ex mb)	EN60079-26 (Ex ia)

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And therefore, complies with all the relevant essential requirements of those other directives.

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Notified Body	TRaC Global Ltd
Notified Body No.	0891
Role:	Issue of ATEX EC Type Examination certificate
Certificate No.	TRaC12ATEX0022X (Ex ia) & TRaC12ATEX0023X (Ex mb)
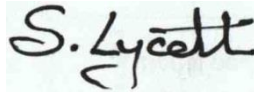
Additional information:

ATEX Coding   II 1 G Ex ia IIC T4 Ga & II 1 D Ex ia IIIC T130ºC Da Tamb -40ºC to +80ºC
II 2 G Ex mb IIC T4 Gb & II 2 D Ex mb IIIC T130ºC Db Tamb -40ºC to +80ºC

Limitations on use

1. The dBi transducers must be routinely inspected to avoid the build-up of dust layers when installed in a Zone 21 & 22.
2. Electrostatic hazard – The dBi transducers must only be wiped with a damp or antistatic cloth.
3. Only the fuses listed on drawing D-0804-0978 are permitted to be used with the Ex approved dBi transducers.

Name and position of person binding the manufacturer or authorised representative:

Signature

S. Lycett

Name   Steve Lycett
Function   Authorised Person
Location   Pulsar Process Measurement Ltd, WR14 1JJ
Date of issue   2017-06-22

Unpacking

> **Important Information**
>
> All shipping cartons should be opened carefully. When using a box cutter, do not plunge the blade deeply into the box, as it could potentially cut or scratch equipment components. Carefully remove equipment from each carton, checking it against the packing list before discarding any packing material. If there is any shortage or obvious shipping damage due to the equipment, report it immediately to Pulsar Process Measurement Limited.

Power Supply Requirements

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** operates from a DC supply of 10 to 28V and will typically draw less than 22mA.

> *All electronic products are susceptible to electrostatic shock, so follow proper grounding procedures during installation.*

The compact one-piece construction of the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** can be mounted easily using either the 1″BSP/NPT rear mounting thread or the integral 1.5" or 2" BSP/ NPT, nose thread, dependent on model.

When choosing a location to mount the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, bear in mind the following:

- The ultrasonic signal path should be free of falling material and obstructions such as pipes, beams etc.

- The dBi 3 should be mounted at least 12.5cm (0.41 feet) above the maximum level of the material and be perpendicular to the surface. While the dBi 6 and 10 should be mounted at least 30cm (0.98 feet) above the maximum level of the material and be perpendicular to the surface. And the dBi 15 should be mounted at least 50cm (1.64 feet) above the maximum level of the material and again should be perpendicular to the surface.

- The ambient temperature is between -40ºC and 80ºC.

- There should be no high voltage cables or electrical inverter wiring in close proximity to the transducer cabling.

Dimensions

The dimensions of the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** are as shown below.

<u>Rear Thread Mount</u>

dBi 3

134mm (5.3")

77mm ø (3")

dBi 6 & dBi10

121mm (4.8")

86mm ø (3.4")

dBi 15

134mm (5.3")

86mm ø (3.4")

Front Thread Mount

dBi 3

160mm (6.3")

1.5" Thread
(49mm (1.93")
Clearance hole)

65mm (2.6")

77mm ø (3")

dBi 6 & dBi 10

160mm (6.3")

2" Thread
(61mm (2.40")
Clearance hole)

65mm (2.6")

77mm ø (3")
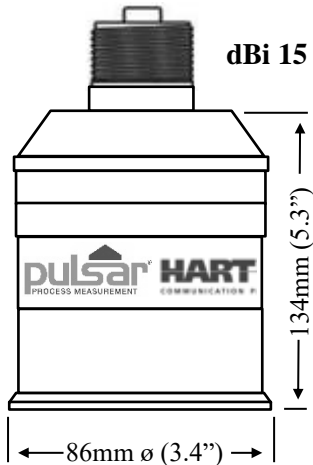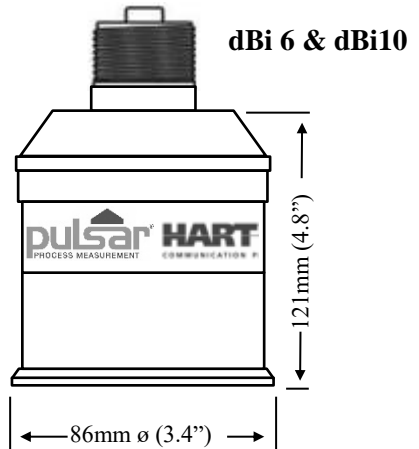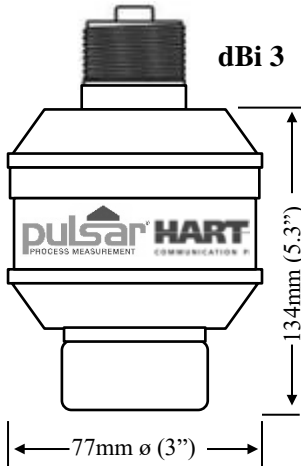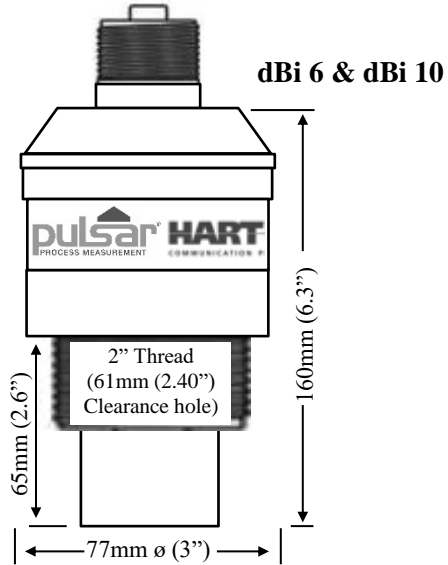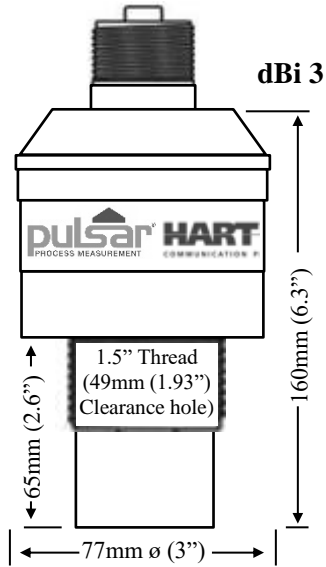
Outdoor and Open Vessel Installation

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** can be simply mounted on a bracket, suitable for the application and secured using either the 1" BSP/NPT rear thread or via the 1½″ or 2″ front thread, dependant on model.

Care should be taken to ensure that the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is not installed in direct sunlight, in order to avoid errors in the measurement of ambient temperature.

Attention should also be taken, when mounting the unit, to ensure that strong windy conditions are avoided, wherever possible, to prevent abnormal operation.

dBi Model	Range	L = Blanking
dBi 3	3 metres (9.84 feet)	125mm (0.41 feet)
dBi 6	6 metres (19.69 feet)	300mm (0.98 feet)
dBi 10	10 metres (32.18 feet)	300mm (0.98 feet)
dBi 15	15 metres (49.21 feet)	500mm (1.64 feet)

'L' (Blanking) should, as a minimum be at least that as detailed in the table above but can be greater if required.
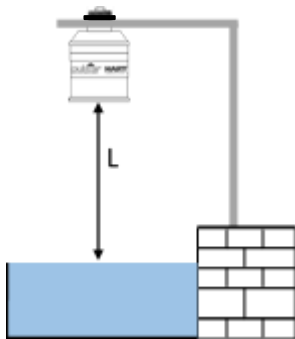
Mounted via Rear 1″BSP/NPT Thread   Mounted via optional Front Thread
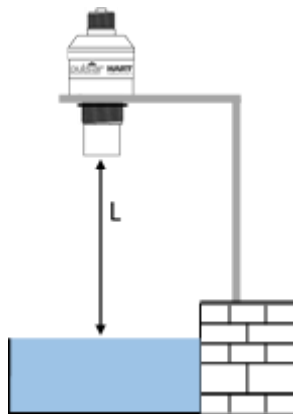
Closed Vessel Installation

"L" should as a minimum be at least that as detailed in the table above but

can be greater if required. The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** can be simply screwed into a flange and secured using the rear 1" BSP/NPT rear thread or via the 1½″ or 2″ front thread, dependant on model.

Where possible, use a flange made of a synthetic material such as PVC, in cases where a metal flange is used it is advisable to fit a suitable gasket between the flange of the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** and the connection to the vessel.

Standpipe Installations

When mounting the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** to a standpipe care should be taken to ensure that the standpipe is of sufficient diameter with reference to its length, see the table below for details:

Dia. (D)		Max Length (L)	
mm	inches	mm	inches
80	3	220	8
100	4	300	12
150	6	420	16
200	8	560	22
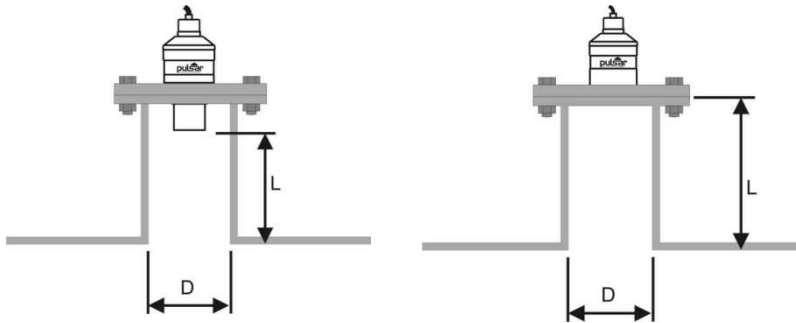
dBi Flange mounted via Front Thread   Optional Flange Mounted dBi

When using a standpipe, fixed to the top of a vessel, ensure that the open end of the standpipe is clear of any obstructions such as weld seams, gaskets etc. in order to avoid unwanted signal returns.

If using standpipes which extend into the vessel, beyond the blanking distance, but not as far as the empty level, then the open end of the standpipe should be cut to an angle of 45º.
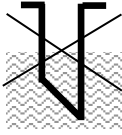
The maximum level (100% of Span) is inside the Blanking Distance
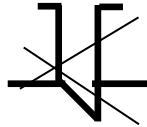
Pipe should be free of obstructions such as weld seams
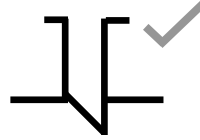
Correct standpipe installation

When using the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** to measure 'aggressive, materials such as 'alkaline' and 'acids' it is recommended that either a PVDF or an optional PTFE faced Flanged Transducer is used. Please consult Pulsar for full availability of options.

Cable

The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** comes with a fitted integral cable, if this cable is extended then the total capacitance must not exceed the limits for the voltage applied.

> **Important Information**
>
> In the case of the Ex mb version the cable is fitted with an over current protection device in the form of a fuse, please note that **under no circumstances should this fuse be removed**. The fuse must be fitted in the non-hazardous area,

Typical wiring for a Non-Hazardous location
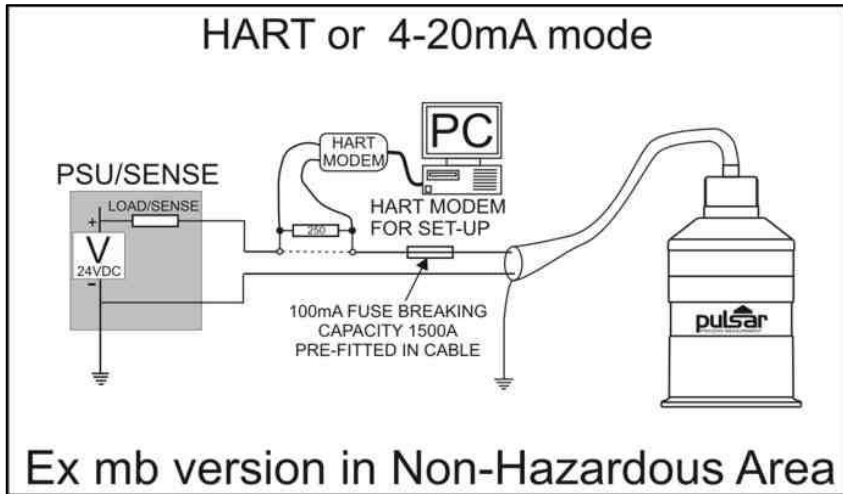
The HART modem and PC or HART programmer are used to set up the operation parameters for the dBi transducer. The output can either be as a 4-20mA current giving level or distance or as a digital signal via a HART master.

The dBi transducers cable is a twisted pair with overall cable screen. The twisted pair are red and black, connect the red to +ve and the black to –ve. The screen should go to signal ground.

Loop Resistance

For two wire operation, the maximum cable resistance allowable can be calculated from the graph below. For example, if an dBi Series Intelligent Transducer was supplied from 24V, the maximum total cable resistance is 600 ohms, for a typical 77 ohm /km cable this would mean a maximum cable length of 600/77 = 7.8km, remember this total cable resistance, so this figure must be divided by 2 to give 3.9km max distance.
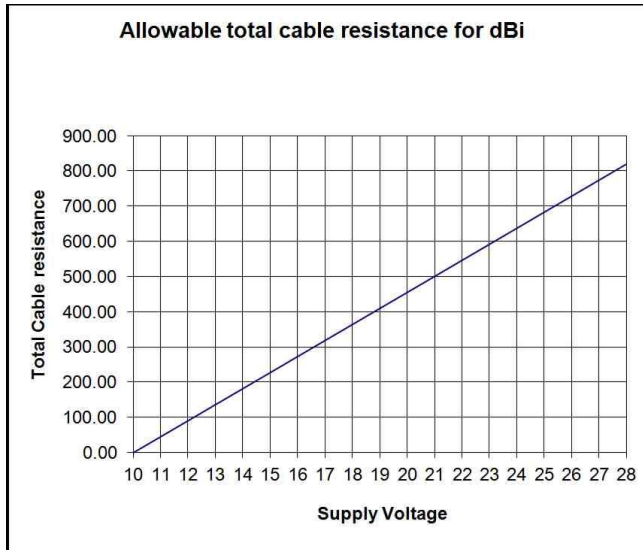
Maximum cable resistance vs supply voltage.

> **Important Information**
> If the equipment is installed or used in a manner not specified in this manual, then the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Preparation for Operation

Before switching on, check the following:

- ✓ The **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is mounted correctly.

- ✓ The power supply is correctly installed.

Maintenance

There are no user serviceable parts inside your **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, if you experience any problems with the unit, then please contact Pulsar Process Measurement for advice.

To clean the equipment, wipe with a damp cloth. Do not use any solvents on the enclosure.

Hazardous Area Installation

Information specific to Hazardous Area Installation

(Reference European ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU, Annex II, 1.0.6.)

The following instructions apply to equipment covered by certificate number TRAC 12ATEX0022X (Ex ia) & TRAC 12ATEX0023X (Ex mb)

1. The equipment may be used with flammable gases and vapours with apparatus groups IIC, IIB, and IIA with temperature classes; T1, T2, T3, T4 maximum ambient temperature range -40ºC to +80ºC.
2. The equipment is only certified for use in ambient temperatures in the range -40ºC to +80ºC and should not be used outside this range
3. Installation shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable code of practice by suitably-trained personnel
4. Repair of this equipment shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable code of practice.
5. Certification marking as detailed in drawing number **D-804-0957-B** (Ex ia) & **D-804-0994-A** (Ex mb).
6. If the equipment is likely to come into contact with aggressive substances, then it is the responsibility of the user to take suitable precautions that prevent it from being adversely affected, thus ensuring that the type of protection is not compromised.

    Aggressive Substances - e.g. acidic liquids or gases that may attack metals or solvents that may affect polymeric materials.

    Suitable Precautions - e.g. regular checks as part of routine inspections or establishing from the material's data sheet that it is resistant to specific chemicals.

7. The certificate number has an 'X' suffix that indicates that the following special condition of certification applies;
    In the case of dBi transducer range, due to the housing and labels being non-conductive plastic care needs to be taken with regards electrostatic charge. The equipment shall not be installed if the conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge. Additionally, the equipment should only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

    With the dBi Ex mb version a 100mA, 1500A breaking capacity fuse must be fitted in the positive lead of the cable. The product is shipped with this fuse in the cable, visible through the heat shrink at the wire end of the cable

8. The manufacturer should note that, on being put into service, the equipment must be accompanied by a translation of the instructions in the language or languages of the country in which the equipment is to be used and by the instructions in the original language.

Hazardous Area Specific Power Supply and barrier Requirements

The dBi transducer operates from a DC supply of 10 –28V and will typically draw less than 22mA.

In the case of the Ex ia version the unit must be powered from an approved I.S. safety barrier or approved I.S. Power supply with the following limits:

Uo <= 28V, Io <=162mA, Po <= 1.03W

In the case of the Ex mb version the unit must be powered from a power supply and 100mA fuse (1500A breaking capacity) to give prospective short current of 1500A. This fuse (100mA leaded Little fuse series 242) is fitted in the cable of the Ex mb version of dBi transducers. The power supply should have the following rating:

Um = 28V
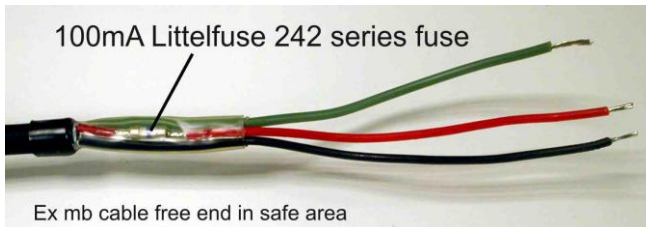
100mA Littelfuse 242 series fuse

Ex mb cable free end in safe area

The dBi transducers cable is a twisted pair with overall cable screen. The twisted pair are red and black, connect the red to +ve and the black to –ve. The screen should go to signal ground.

Typical wiring for the two types of dBi transducers:

Ex ia Version 4-20mA mode

SAFE AREA — HAZARDOUS AREA

PSU/SENSE

CURRENT SENSE

V

GALVANIC ISOLATOR

Ui<=28V
Ii<=162mA
Pi<=1.03W

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GALVANIC ISOLATOR

TYPICAL Ex ia HART MULTIPLEXED SYSTEM

Ex mb Version 4-20mA mode

SAFE AREA — HAZARDOUS AREA

PSU/SENSE

LOAD/SENSE

PC

HART MODEM

V 24VDC

250

HART MODEM FOR SET-UP

100mA FUSE BREAKING CAPACITY 1500A PRE-FITTED IN CABLE

Um=28V
PROSPECTIVE SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT 1500A

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Ex mb version

Ex mb Version DIGITAL HART (HAZARDOUS)

SAFE AREA — HAZARDOUS AREA

PSU

PC

HART MODEM

V 24VDC

250

HART MASTER

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100mA FUSE BREAKING CAPACITY 1500A PRE-FITTED IN CABLE

UPTO 15 UNITS

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Ex mb MULTIDROP (HAZARDOUS AREA)

4 – 20 mA Device

The dBi Hart Intelligent Transducer can be used as an 'out of the box' 4 – 20mA device if this is the case then by default, when you switch the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** on, the 4 – 20mA output will be proportional to the **level** being seen, with respect to the maximum range and span of the dBi model being used as detailed in the table below.

	dBi 3	dBi 6	dBi 10	dBi 15
4 mA (Empty) 0% of Span Distance from dBi Face in metres	3.000	6.000	10.000	15.000
20 mA (Full) 100% of Span Distance from dBi Face in metres	0.125	0.300	0.300	0.500

Additional Note

Customised factory calibration of Span is available; please contact Pulsar for further details.

Important Information

When the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is operated below 8mA then the speed of response will decrease. See the following table for cycle times:

TYPE	LOOP CURRENT DRAWN						
	3.8	4	5	6	7	8	9
dBi3	5.6	3.8	1.5	1	1	1	1
dBi6	7.5	4.8	2	1.2	1	1	1
dBi10	9.8	6.6	2.7	1.7	1.3	1.05	1
dBi15	10.9	7.5	3.2	2	1.4	1.1	1

Time in seconds between firing:

For example – if using a dBi 6 and the target is causing a current draw of 5mA then the cycle time (the time between measurements is 2 seconds.

Any transducer drawing 9mA or above will have a cycle time of 1 second.

Accessing Parameters

In order to view or change parameters values one of the following methods must be used:

Hart Commands

If familiar with the use of HART protocol and the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is connected to a HART modem, then it can be programmed following normal HART procedures.

Commands implemented by the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** are as follows:

Universal
 0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 38 and 48.

Common practice
 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 83, 89, 90, 111, 112 and 122.

dBi Hart PC Lite

Your **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** comes complete with the **dBi HART PC Lite** software contained on CD, which, when used with a HART Modem, see **Chapter 2 Installation** for full details on how to connect the modem, can be used to carry out the programming of the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**.

Insert the CD into the CD drive or download the software from the Pulsar website (onto the PC intended to be used to carry out the programming of the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** and install the software, following the on-screen instructions.

Once the software is installed connect the computer via a convenient USB port to the HART Modem. Double click the 'dBi HART PC Lite' icon, installed on your desktop and the programme will open and you will see the following screen:
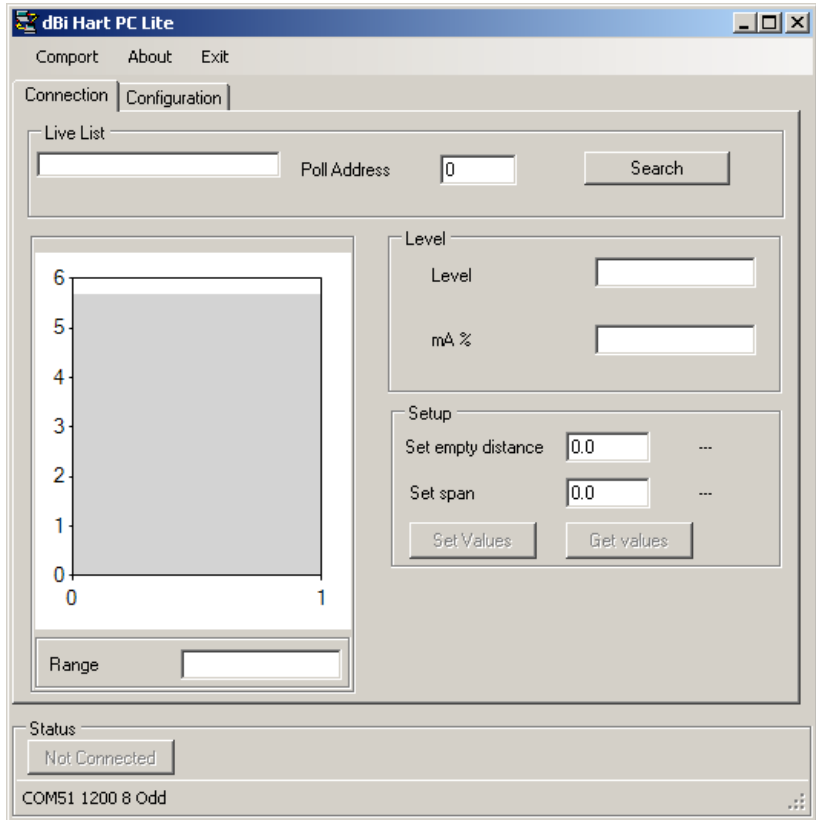
To connect to the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** 'click' on the 'Search' button which will then change to 'Scanning' and once a connection with a device has been established it will change to 'Connected' and the 'Status' button will show 'Connected' and flash Green, if the dBi HART PC Lite fails to connect please check the Comport Configuration as detailed on page 29. When using the dBi HART PC Lite software, keypad input can be achieved by using a 'mouse' or similar device to place the cursor over the relevant key followed by a 'left' click, with numeric detail being entered directly from the PC keyboard.

Once dBi HART PC Lite has successfully connected you will see the following display:

Connection
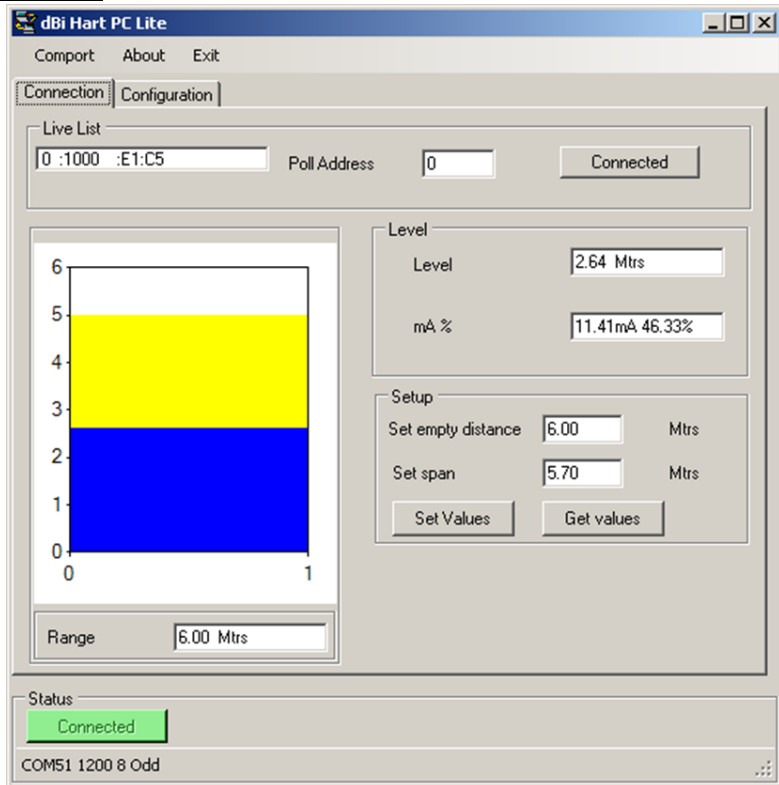
On the opening screen the following Information is available:

Live List

Gives details of all devices connected, if more than one device is present the 'Live List' will become a drop-down box and the required device selected.

Poll Address

Gives the Poll Address of the selected Device. By default, this polling address is set to '0' on the dBi and can be changed via a HART command on HART Lite PC or HART PC in PC Suite.

When using multiple HART devices (multi-drop mode) i.e. MicroFlow-i, the poll address on the dBi will need to be changed. When the poll address is changed to anything other than '0', the dBi will be in a fixed current mode, drawing 12mA constantly.

Level

Gives value of the Level in the vessel in Measurement Units (P104)

mA %

Gives current value of the mA Output and how full the vessel is in percentage.

Set Empty Distance

Allows the Empty Distance to be set.

Set Span

Allows the Span to be set which will determine the range of the 4 to 20mA output, with 4mA representing 0% (empty) and 20mA representing 100% (full).

Range

Shows the maximum range that can be measured, by the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, that is currently connected.

Bar Graph Display

Gives a graphical indication of the Empty Distance (P105) and Maximum Span (P106) along with current level being measured.

Configuration
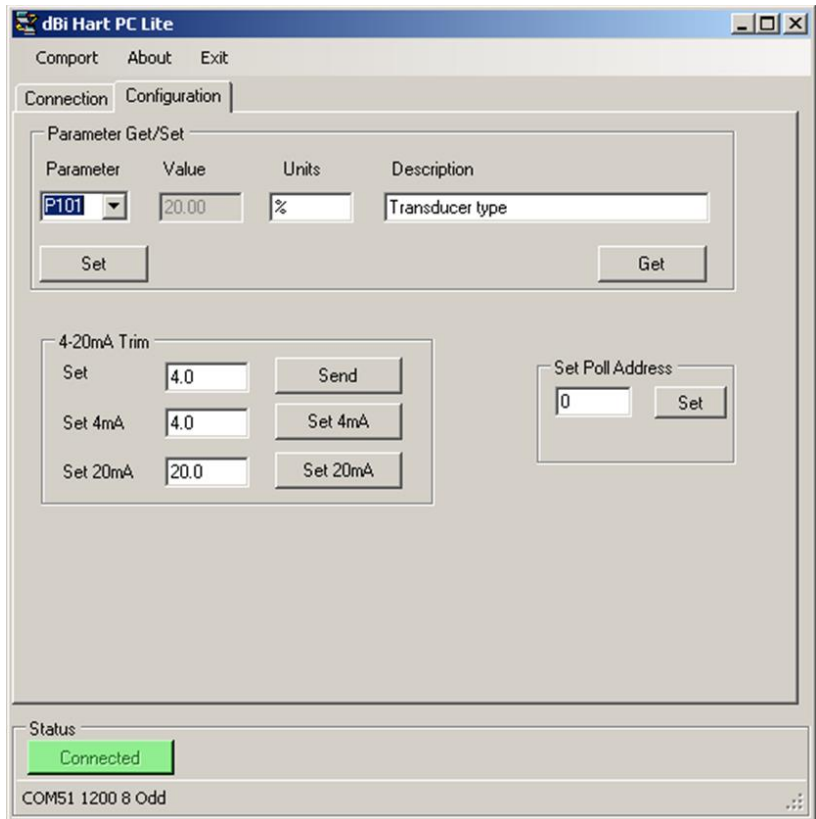
Parameter Get/Set

Get:
Will read and display the current value of the parameter selected along with the 'units' of measurement, where used, and the description of the parameter selected. Select the desired parameter form the drop down 'Parameter' box and 'click' 'Get'

Set:
Allows the value of the selected parameter to be changed. Select the desired parameter form the drop down 'Parameter' box, enter required value in the 'Value' box and 'click' 'Set'
For a full list of available parameters see **Chapter 5 Parameter Guide**.

4 – 20mA Trim

If the device connected to the mA output is out of calibration, and cannot be calibrated, then the low and high current levels can be trimmed by altering **Set 4mA** (P838Low Trim**)** and **Set 20mA (**P839 High Trim**).** To do this, simply enter the value that ensures that 4 mA or 20 mA respectively are shown on the remote device.

Communication Port Configuration

If the dBi HART PC Lite fails to connect to the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** you may need to change the communications port that is being used, to do this 'click' on the 'Comport' menu in the top menu bar and the 'Comm Port Setup' window will appear, select the appropriate communications port and then close the window.
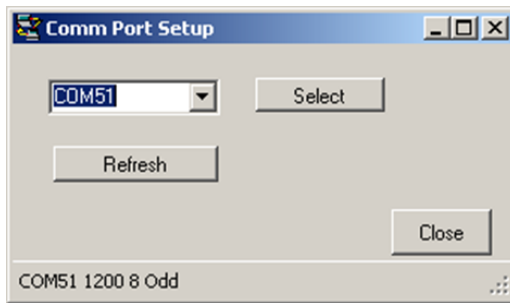
Parameter Defaults

Factory Defaults

> **Factory Defaults**
>
> When first installing the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, or subsequently moving or using the unit on a new application, before proceeding to program the unit for its intended application it is recommended that you ensure that all parameters are at their default values by completing a **Factory Defaults P930,** as described in Chapter 5 **Parameter Guide**.

Once you are satisfied with the installation, and the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is reading what you would expect in terms of distance from the face of the transducer to the material level, then you can proceed with any programming, required for the intended application. It is sensible to program all the required parameters at the same time. The system will be then set-up.

This chapter explains how to undertake the various functions of your **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**. Where specific parameters are used, consult Parameter Guide in Chapter 5.

Setting up Your Application

Empty Distance

Empty Distance (P105) is the distance from the face of the transducer to the material at the bottom of the vessel.

Span

Span (P106) is the distance from the empty level (0% full) to span (100% full).

Near and Far Blanking

Near blanking (**P107**) is the distance from the face of the transducer that the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** will not record a level nearer than. A typical reason to increase this from the default value would be if you wish to ignore close in obstructions.

Far blanking (**P108**) is the distance (as a percentage of empty level) beyond the empty level that the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** will read, the default is plus 20% of empty level. If you wish to monitor further than the **empty level**, then increase this figure, so that the **empty level** plus the **far blanking** figure (as % of empty level) is greater than the surface being measured, within the capability of the transducer being used.

Using the 4-20 mA Output

The mA output can be used to monitor remotely what the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** is measuring, so it can be displayed remotely, integrated into a PLC, or used to generate a record using a chart recorder or similar.

By default, the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** will provide a 4-20 mA output that is proportional to **level** and can be overwritten as follows.

By default, the 4-20 mA will represent the operational span of the dBi model in use, with empty (0% full) = 4mA and full (100% of the operational span) = 20mA, but you may wish to only represent a section of the operational span. For example, the application may have an operational span of 6 metres, but you may only wish to represent empty level to 5 metres. If so, change **P834 (Low Value)** to **0**, and **P835 (High Value)** to **5.0.**

If the device connected to the mA output is out of calibration, and cannot be calibrated, then the low and high current levels can be trimmed by altering **P838 (Low Trim)** and **P839 (High Trim)**. To do this, simply enter the value that ensures that 4 mA or 20 mA respectively are shown on the remote device. You can use the left/right menu keys to alter the value until the correct reading is shown on the remote device, rather than typing in a value.

Setting Security Passcodes

A passcode is used to protect parameter entries and will be required when accessing parameters with certain PC Software's. You can set a new passcode to prevent anyone changing any of your settings within your **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**. The default **passcode** is **1997**, but this may be changed as follows.

> **Additional Information**
> The passcode is also used for remote access using certain PC Software's, so if this is being used, be sure to ensure any additional equipment using this feature is changed accordingly.

Changing the Passcode

You can set the **passcode** to any number from 0000 to 9999. To do this, select **P922** which is the **Passcode** parameter which can be changed as required.

Resetting Factory Defaults

If you need to restore parameters to their original factory settings, then access parameter **P930**, which is the factory defaults parameter, change the value to **1** and **ENTER**, all parameters, except for the mA trims, will be restored to the factory settings (including the DATEM trace) and on completion.

Checking the Information Specific to your dBi Intelligent Transducer

There are some parameters dedicated to each individual **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, such as the software revision and the unit's serial number.

Checking the Software Revision and Serial Number

If you need to identify the serial number of the unit or the current level of software in your **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, the following parameters can be used. Select parameter **P926** to view the identity of the current software **revision** or **P928** for the **serial number** of the unit.

Application

Operation
P100 Mode of Operation

This parameter sets the mode of operation, when in run mode, and can be set to one of the following:

Option	Description
1= Distance	Display shows the distance from the transducer face to the surface.
2= Level (Default)	Display shows how full the vessel is.
3= Space	Display shows how empty a vessel is.
4= Volume	Display shows volume of material in the vessel

P102 Material

This parameter should be set to the type of material being monitored.

Option	Description
1 = Liquid (Default)	Use for liquids and flat solid materials
2 = Solid	Solid material that is heaped or at an angle
3 = Closed Tank	Use for closed tanks or domed roofs.

Distances
P104 Measurement Units

This parameter sets the units you want to use for programming and display

Option	Description
1 = metres	All units of measure are **METRES**
2 = cm	All units of measure are **CENTIMETRES**
3 = mm	All units of measure are **MILLIMETRES**
4 = feet	All units of measure are **FEET**
5 = inches	All units of measure are **INCHES**

P105 Empty Level

This parameter is to be set to the maximum distance from the face of the transducer to the empty point, in **P104 Measurement Units**. Note this value affects span as well, so should be set before span. **Default: dBi 3 = 3.00m (9.84 feet), dBi 6 = 6.00m (19.69 feet), dBi 10 = 10.00m (32.81 feet)** and **dBi 15 = 15.00m (49.21 feet)**.

P106 Span

This parameter should be set to the maximum distance from the **Empty Level** (**P105**) to the maximum material level. It is automatically set to be equal to the **Empty Level** (**P105**) less the **Near Blanking** distance (**P107**), when you set the empty level. **Default dBi 3 = 2.80m (9.19 feet), dBi 6 = 5.70m (18.70 feet), dBi 10 = 9.70m (31.82 feet)** and **dBi 15 = 14.5m (47.57)**

P107 Near Blanking Distance

This parameter is the distance from the face of the transducer that is not measurable and is pre-set to the minimum value dependant on the version of **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** being used. It should not be set to less than this figure but can be increased.

dBi Version	Near Blanking Distance
dBi 3 metre	Default Blanking Distance = 0.125m (0.66 feet)
dBi 6 metre	Default Blanking Distance = 0.3m (0.98 feet)
dBi 10 metre	Default Blanking Distance = 0.3m (0.98 feet)
dBi 15 metre	Default Blanking Distance = 0.5m (1.64 feet)

P108 Far Blanking Distance

This is the distance (as a **percentage** of empty level) beyond the empty point that the unit will be able to measure, and the **default** is pre-set to **10%** of the empty level.

If the surface being monitored can extend beyond the **Empty Level** (**P105**) then the far blanking distance can be increased to a maximum of 100% of empty level.

This parameter is always entered as a % of empty level.

Data Logs

The data log parameters contain the following information:

Temperature

The following parameters give information on temperature conditions seen by the **Temperature source** (**P852**) in ºC. These parameters are read only and cannot be changed, though if P852 is changed they will be reset.

P580 Minimum Temperature

This parameter displays the minimum temperature recorded.

P581 Minimum Temperature Date

This parameter displays the date when the minimum temperature was recorded.

P582 Minimum Temperature Time

This parameter displays the time when the minimum temperature was recorded.

P583 Maximum Temperature

This parameter displays the maximum temperature recorded.

P584 Maximum Temperature Date

This parameter displays the date when the maximum temperature was recorded.

P585 Maximum Temperature Time

This parameter displays the time when the maximum temperature was recorded.

P586 Current Temperature

This parameter displays the current temperature.

Transducer Power Information

The following parameters provide information on when the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** was last powered down and how long it had run for.

P940 Number of Starts

This parameter displays the number of times that the unit has been powered since leaving the factory.

P941 Last Power Off Date

This parameter displays the last date on which the power was removed from the unit.

P942 Last Power Off Time

This parameter displays the last time on which the power was removed from the unit.

P943 Last Run Time (minutes)

This parameter displays how long the unit had been running, in minutes, prior to the last power down.

P944 Last Run Time (hours)

This parameter displays how long the unit had been running, in hours, prior to the last power down.

P945 Total Runtime (hours)

This parameter displays the accumulated total number of hours that the unit has been in operation (powered up) since leaving the factory.
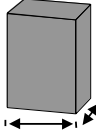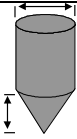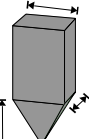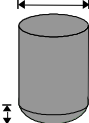
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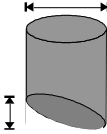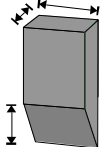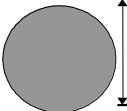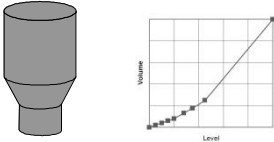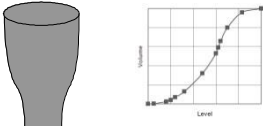
Conversion
P600 Vessel Shape

This parameter determines which vessel shape is used when utilising "Volume Conversion".

The choices are as shown in the table below, along with the **dimensions** that are required to be entered (**P601**-**P603**).

Vessel Shape	P600 Value	Dimensions Required
	P600=0 Cylindrical Flat base (Default)	Cylinder diameter
	P600=1=Rectangular Flat base	Width and Breadth
	P600=2 Cylindrical Cone base	Cylinder diameter and height of bottom
	P600=3 Rectangular Pyramid base	Width and Breadth of rectangular section and height of bottom
	P600=4 Cylindrical Parabola base	Cylinder diameter and height of bottom
	P600=5 Cylindrical Half-sphere base	Cylinder Diameter

Vessel Shape	P600 Value	Dimensions Required
	P600=6 Cylindrical Flat sloped base	Cylinder diameter and height of bottom
	P600=7 Rectangular Flat sloped base	Width and Breadth of rectangular section and height of bottom
	P600=8 Horizontal cylinder with flat ends	Cylinder diameter and tank length
	P600=9 Horizontal cylinder with parabolic ends	Cylinder diameter, length of one end section, and tank length
	P600=10 Sphere	Sphere diameter
	P600=11 Universal Linear	No dimensions required, level and volume breakpoints used.
	P600=12 Universal Curved	No dimensions required, level and volume breakpoints used.

P601-P603 Vessel Dimensions

These three parameters are used to enter the dimension required to calculate the volume. The dimensions required are as shown below.

Vessel Shape	P601	P602	P603
P600=0 Cylindrical Flat base	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required	Not Required
P600=1 Rectangular Flat base	Not Required	Width of rectangle	Breadth of rectangle
P600=2 Cylindrical Cone base	Height of base	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required
P600=3 Rectangular Pyramid base	Height of base	Width of rectangle	Breadth of rectangle
P600=4 Cylindrical Parabola base	Height of base	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required
P600=5 Cylindrical Half-sphere base	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required	Not Required
P600=6 Cylindrical Flat sloped base	Height of base	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required
P600=7 Rectangular Flat sloped base	Height of base	Width of rectangle	Breadth of rectangle
P600=8 Horizontal cylinder with flat ends	Length of Cylinder	Cylinder Diameter	Not Required
P600=9 Horizontal cylinder with parabolic ends	Length of Cylinder	Cylinder Diameter	Length of one end section
P600=10 Sphere	Sphere Diameter	Not Required	Not Required

P604 Calculated Volume

This parameter displays the maximum volume that has been calculated by the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer** and is a Read Only parameter. The volume displayed will be shown in cubic meters and is the total volume available between **empty level** (**P105**) and 100% of **span** (**P106**).

P605 Volume Units

This parameter determines the units that will be used in calculating volume conversion. It is used in conjunction with **P607** (**maximum volume**), please note that there is no provision for the volume unit's descriptor to be shown on the display.

The choices are:

Option	Description
0 = No Units	Volume will be totalised with **no units**
1 = Tons	Volume will be totalised in **Tons**
2 = Tonnes	Volume will be totalised in **Tonnes**
3 = Cubic metres	Volume will be totalised in **cubic metres**
4 = Litres	Volume will be totalised in **litres**
5 = UK Gallons	Volume will be totalised in **UK Gallons**
6 = US Gallons	Volume will be totalised in **US Gallons**
7 = Cubic feet	Volume will be totalised in **cubic feet**
8 = Barrels	Volume will be totalised in **barrels**

P606 Correction Factor

This parameter is used to enter a correction factor, when required, such as the specific gravity of the material so that the volume calculated is relative to the actual amount of material that can be contained between **empty level** (**P105**) and 100% of **span** (**P106**). **Default = 1**

P607 Max Volume

This parameter displays the actual maximum volume that has been calculated by the **dBi Series Intelligent Transducer**, i.e. **P604 Calculated Volume x P606 Correction Factor**, and is a Read Only parameter. The volume displayed will be shown in **P605 Volume Units** and is the total volume available between **empty level** (**P105)** and 100% of **span** (**P106**).

P610-P641 Level/Volume Breakpoints

These parameters are used to create a profile of the vessel when **P600=11** (**universal linear**) or **P600=12** (**universal curved**). You should enter breakpoints in pairs, a reading for level and its corresponding volume. The more pairs you enter, the more accurate the profile will be. In the case of universal linear, then enter the level/volume at each of the points where the vessel changes shape. In the case of the universal curved, enter values around each arc tangent, as well as at the top and bottom.

You must enter at least two pairs, and you can enter up to 16 pairs.

Universal Linear (P600=11)

This volume calculation creates a linear approximation of the level/volume relationship and works best if the vessel has sharp angles between each section.
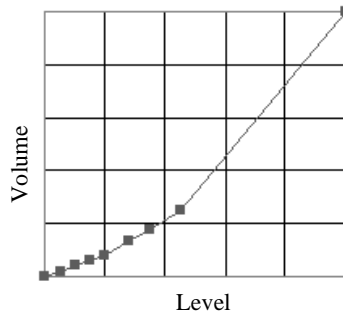
You should enter a level/volume breakpoint for each place where the vessel changes direction, and numerous where the section is slightly curved (mostly linear but has got a small arc). You can enter any number of pairs between 2 and 16.

Universal Curved (P600=12)

This volume calculation creates a curved approximation of the level/volume relationship, and works best if the vessel is non-linear, and there are no sharp edges.

You should enter 2 level/volume breakpoints at the minimum and maximum levels, and several for each place where the vessel has got an arc. You can enter any number of pairs between 2 and 16.

P696 Reset Breakpoints

This parameter allows the resetting, to the default value, of all previously set breakpoints (P610-673), without having to access them individually. When 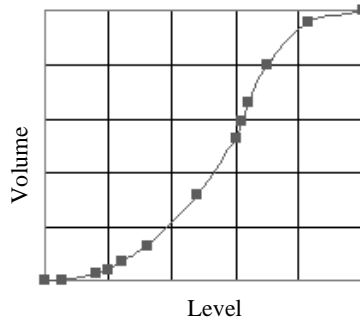it is necessary to reset or amend particular breakpoints this can be achieved by directly accessing the desired parameter (P610-673) and changing as required.

P697 Number of Breakpoints Set

This parameter allows you to review the number of breakpoints that have been set, without the need to access each individual one in turn, this is a "Read Only" parameter and no values can be entered.

mA Output

P834 mA Low Level

This parameter sets, in **Measurement Units (P104)**, the value of 'level', 'distance' or 'space', depending on the selected **Mode of Operation (P100)**, at which 4mA will occur.

P835 mA High Level

This parameter sets, in **Measurement Units (P104)**, the value of 'level', 'distance' or 'space', depending on the selected **Mode of Operation (P100)**, at which 20 mA output will occur**.**

P838 mA Low Trim

If the device you are connected to is not calibrated, and not showing the low value, then you can trim it using this parameter. You can either type in the offset directly or use the arrow keys to move the output up and down until you get the expected result on the device that is connected.

P839 mA High Trim

If the device you are connected to is not calibrated, and not showing the high value, then you can trim it using this parameter. You can either type in the offset directly or use the arrow keys to move the output up and down until you get the expected result on the device that is connected.

P808 Fail-safe Mode

By default, if a fail-safe condition occurs, then the display, relays and the mA output are held at their last **known** values until a valid reading is obtained.

If required, then you can change this so that the unit goes to **high** (100% of span), or **low** (empty) as follows:

Option	Description
1 = **Known (Default)**	Remain at the last **known** value
2 = High	Will fail to the **high** value (100% of Span).
3= Low	Will fail to the **low** value (empty)
4 = Very High	Will fail to an output value of 22mA
5 = Very Low	Will fail to an output value of 3.75mA

P809 Fail-safe Time

In the event of a fail-safe condition occurring the failsafe timer determines the time before fail-safe mode is activated. **Default = 2.00 mins**

If the timer activates, the unit goes into **fail-safe**, as determined by **P808**, (**Display** and **P840** (**mA Output**). When this happens, you will see the message "**LOE**!" on the display.

When a valid measurement is obtained then the display, relays and mA output will be restored and the timer is reset.

<u>**Compensation**</u>

P851 Measurement Offset

The value of this parameter is added to the measured distance, in **Measurement Units** (**P104**).

This Offset will be added to the level, as derived from the transducer, and will affect everything including the reading on the display, the relay setpoints and the mA output.

P852 Temperature Source

This parameter determines the source of the temperature measurement. By **default,** it is set to internal (transducer) (**P852=1**), which will automatically detect the temperature from the transducer. If for any reason, no temperature input is received, then the **Fixed Temp** value is used, as set by **P854**.

The temperature source can be specifically set as follows:

Option	Description
1 = **Internal (Default)**	Always uses temperature reading from transducer.
3 = Fixed	Always uses fixed temperature (P854)

P854 Fixed Temperature

This parameter sets the temperature, in degrees centigrade to be used if **P852** (**Temperature Source**) =**3**. **Default = 20ºC**

P860 Sound Velocity

This option allows for the velocity of sound to be changed according to the atmosphere the transducer is operating in. By **default,** the velocity is set for **342.72m/sec** which is the speed of sound travelling in air at a temperature of **20°C**.

The table below gives details of the velocity of sound in various gaseous atmospheres in all cases the velocity indicated is that in a 100% gaseous atmosphere at 0°C. In atmospheres less than 100% it may be necessary to check the level indicated at near empty and near full and compare with the actual level, several times, then adjust the **Sound Velocity** accordingly to obtain an accurately displayed reading.

Gas	Sound Velocity
Chlorine	206 m/sec.
Argon	308 m/sec.
Oxygen	316 m/sec.
Air	331.5 m/sec.
Ammonia	415 m/sec.
Methane	430 m/sec.
Helium	435 m/sec.
Neon	965 m/sec.

P645 Vapour Temperature Compensation

The sound velocity in air increases or decreases at a uniform rate of 60cm/sec. per °C, however in atmospheres other than air it will change at a different rate.

This option allows the rate of change in cm/sec. per °C to be set according to the atmosphere and temperature present. The level indicated, should be compared with the actual level, several times, then **Vapour Temperature Compensation** adjusted accordingly, to obtain an accurately displayed reading. **Default = 60 cm/sec. per °C**

Stability

Damping

Damping is used to damp the display, to enable it to keep up with the process but ignore minor surface fluctuations.

P870 Fill Damping

This parameter determines the maximum rate at which the unit will respond to an increase in level. It should be set slightly higher than the maximum vessel fill rate. **Default = 10.000 metres/minute (32.81 feet/minute)**

P871 Empty Damping

This parameter determines the maximum rate at which the unit will respond to a decrease in level. It should be set slightly higher than the maximum vessel empty rate. **Default = 10.000 metres/minute (32.81 feet/minute)**

Filters

P881 Fixed Distance

This parameter determines the width of gate to be used in tracking an echo and under normal circumstances will not require changing, but it can be increased in the cases where the surface is moving extremely fast (in excess of 10m/min) to ensure smooth processing of the changing level.

P884 Peak Percentage

When P102 = 2 (Solids), this parameter can be used to determine the point at which the measurement is taken, within the established gate of the selected echo, in order to compensate for any error that maybe caused by "angles of repose" presented by the way the material settles. Please consult Pulsar, for further information and assistance on changing the value of this parameter.

System

> **Important Information**
>
> Parameters 926, 927 and 928 do not affect how the unit performs, but details contained in them may be required, by Pulsar, when making technical enquiries.

<u>**Password**</u>
P921 Enable Code

Enables the passcode (**P922**), which means the passcode must be entered to go into program mode. If **disabled** (set to **0**), then no passcode is required, and pressing ESC and ENTER button simultaneously will allow entry into the program mode.

P922 Passcode

This is the passcode that must be used to enter program mode. The **default** is **1997**, but this can be changed to another value.

<u>**System Information**</u>
P926 Software Revision

This parameter will display the current software revision.

P927 Hardware Revision

This parameter will display the current hardware revision. It is read only and cannot be changed.

P928 Serial Number

This parameter will display the serial number of the unit.

P930 Factory Defaults

This parameter resets all parameter values to the original Factory Set values that were installed when the unit was tested, before despatch to you.

To **reset** parameters, Set P930 to 1.

<u>**Date & Time**</u>

The date and time are used, to control specific relay functions and date stamp certain events that are contained in the Data Logs. It is also used in conjunction with the system watchdog that keeps an eye on the times the unit has started.

P931 Date

This parameter displays the **current date**, in the format as set by **P933** (**Date Format**), and can be reset if required.

P932 Time

This parameter displays the **current time** and can be reset if required, in the format HH:MM (24-hour format). This is set initially at the factory for UK time.

<u>LOE Save Trace</u>

P950 Save DATEM Trace on LOE

When enabled this parameter will ensure that in the event of the unit going into a LOE situation a trace at the time of the LOE occurrence is saved for future reference.

Option	Description
0 = Off	Feature is disabled and in the event of LOE echo trace will NOT be saved.
1 = Enable (Single Trace)	In the event of a LOE situation an echo trace WILL be saved and stored for future reference. Once a LOE trace has been saved no further traces will be taken
2 = Enable Overwrite (Default)	In the event of an LOE event occurring any previous trace will be overwritten and the last LOE trace saved.

<u>DATEM</u>

P020 Set DATEM

This parameter allows DATEM to be reset to its default value. To reset DATEM to its default value set parameter value to 1, the trace will then be set to its default value and then update as normal.

P021 Set Dist.

Allows the user or service personnel to determine which echo is to be displayed. On start-up, if the unit displays an incorrect reading then simply enter the distance from the transducer to the required level and, if an echo is present at this point, the Gate will establish itself around the chosen echo, DATEM will update in front of the Gate and reference out any other unwanted echoes.

It should be noted that DATEM will reset to default values whilst performing this function, and reform itself once it has selected an echo.

Enter distance from **the face of transducer to the target** in units of measurement P104

Values: Min. 0.000, Max. 99.00

P905 Peak Clearance

This parameter is used to set the "**height**" above which the DATEM trace will "stand-off" from around unwanted echoes such as obstructions. Please consult Pulsar for further information and assistance on changing the value of this parameter.

P906 Side Clearance

This parameter is used to set the "**distance**" by which the DATEM trace will "stand-off" from around unwanted echoes such as obstructions. Please consult Pulsar for further information and assistance on changing the value of this parameter.

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This section describes many common symptoms, with suggestions as to what to do.

Symptom	What to Do
Transducer not firing.	Check power supply
Unit indicates a "L0E" situation.	No valid echo being received and unit has gone into fault condition. Check material level is not out of range, sensor is perpendicular to material surface.
Incorrect reading being obtained for current level.	Measure actual distance from transducer face to surface of material. Access **P21**, via PC Software type in the **measured distance**, and **Set Parameter.**
4-20ma current fixed even though level is changing.	Poll address is above 0 and is in multi drop mode.
Material level is consistently incorrect by the same amount.	Check empty level (P105) correctly entered.

Incorrect disposal can cause adverse effects to the environment.

Dispose of the device components and packaging material in accordance with regional environmental regulations including regulations for electrical \ electronic products.

Transducers

Remove power, disconnect the Transducer, cut off the electrical cable and dispose of cable and Transducer in accordance with regional environmental regulations for electrical \ electronic products.

Controllers

Remove power, disconnect the Controller and remove battery (if fitted). Dispose of Controller in accordance with regional environmental regulations for electrical \ electronic products.

Dispose of batteries in accordance with regional environmental regulations for batteries.

EU WEEE Directive Logo

This symbol indicates the requirements of Directive 2012/19/EU regarding the treatment and disposal of waste from electric and electronic equipment.

Notes