

MELT PRESSURE  
SENSORS



**GEFRAN**



## EXTENSIMETRIC TECHNOLOGY with filling fluid

The operating principle is based on hydraulic transmission of pressure by means of **filling fluids** with low coefficient of compressibility: **mercury** (M series), **FDA-approved diathermic oil** (W series), and **sodium-potassium NaK mix** (K series), defined as a substance Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS).

Therefore, the entire structure is built to **transfer the pressure exerted by the medium** on the contact diaphragm to the transduction part, i.e., **measurement diaphragm** with the strain gauge, keeping it away from the heat source. The **strain gauge** then transduces the physical pressure quantity into an electrical signal.

## PIEZORESISTIVE TECHNOLOGY entirely fluid free

Innovative **IMPACT sensors** (I series) are pressure transmitters **without transmission fluid**: medium pressure is transferred directly to the silicon sensitive element by means of a thick diaphragm.

Physical stress is transduced by a Wheatstone bridge with 4 piezoresistors.

Gefran's **IMPACT series**, with proprietary technology, provides:

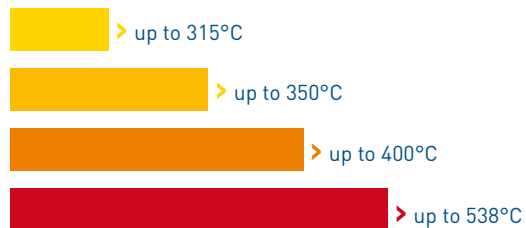
- High **strength** (up to 35 times stronger than traditional sensors)
- High response **speed**
- Extremely **easy installation** thanks to a modular sensor
- High **safety standards** (conformity to Machinery Directives and RoHS)



## PRESSURE MEASUREMENT AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

GEFRAN Melt sensors are pressure/temperature transducers and transmitters that **measure Melt medium pressure in hightemperature environments (up to 538°C)**.

Melt pressure can be measured in four main process temperature ranges:





PLASTICS - EXTRUSION



PLASTICS - INJECTION



PLASTIC RECYCLING



ENERGY



FOOD



CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL

### 4 DIFFERENT DESIGNS

Gefran Melt pressure sensors are generally available in four versions: **rigid stem**, **flexible sheath**, **flexible with thermocouple**, and **exposed tip** (except for the IMPACT series).



RIGID STEM



FLEXIBLE SHEATH



FLEXIBLE WITH THERMOCOUPLE



EXPOSED TIP

### H

**H** HART protocol

### M

**M** mercury

**W** FDA oil

**K** NaK

**I** IMPACT

### E

**2** 2.5 mV/V non-amplified output

**3** 3.33 mV/V non-amplified output

**E** 4-20mA current output

**N** 0-10V voltage output

**D** CAN-BUS DP404 digital output

**5** output: GAUGE Analogue indication

**6** output: GAUGE Digital indication

**X** Atex with Intrinsic Safety

**F** Factory Mutual Explosion proof

### 2

**0** rigid stem

**1** flexible sheath

**2** flexible sheath with thermocouple

**3** exposed tip

## WHY GEFRAN

### MERCURY FREE SOLUTIONS

Sensitive to environmental issues, and in **full harmony with the RoHS Directive (2011/65/EU)**, GEFRAN offers a 'wide range of sensors Melt pressure mercury-free, both by filling fluid - oil (FDA approved) or NaK (GRAS substance) - that *fluid free* (IMPACT).

### GTP+

The new **GTP+ coating**, the result of Gefran research, guarantees longer Melt sensor life thanks to:

- **Greater hardness**
- **Resistance to high temperatures**
- **Low coefficient of friction**

### AUTOZERO FUNCTION

All Gefran amplified Melt pressure sensors (M/W/K/I series) have the Autozero functions, which **eliminates signal variations linked to a thermal effect**, before putting the system under pressure.

### AUTOCOMPENSATION

With the SP option (internal autocompensation), **M/W/K series transmitters** cancel the effect of variation of pressure signal caused by variation of Melt temperature.

In this way, the **read error caused by heating** of the filling fluid (typical in filled sensors) is reduced to a **minimum**.

In **IMPACT**, technology, digital electronics **automatically compensate** for drift due to thermal effect.



## CERTIFICATIONS

### ATEX AND FACTORY MUTUAL

MX/HMX, WX/HWX or IX (Atex) and MF or WF (Factory Mutual) GEFRAN transmitters are certified based on their respective protection and safety requisites, and can work in potentially explosive atmospheres.

### PERFORMANCE LEVEL "C" (PL" C" EN13849-1)

IMPACT is available in the IMPACT PL" c" version, IMPACT PL" c", **to the safety requisites of the recent Machinery Directive 2006/42/CE and EN1114** specific for extruders.

IMPACT PL" c" features **intelligent electronics** with Auto Diagnostics to detect possible faults. An integrated relay in the electronics changes state in case of overpressure or if the setpoint is exceeded. Increased safety on the IMPACT PL" c" is completed by full conformity to Namur NE21 and NE43 recommendations.











Even the **full range** of MELT pressure transmitters with filling fluids (e.g. sodium-potassium) is available in **Performance Level "c"** version.

The benefits are tangible and immediate: **higher safety levels** for machineries (i.e. conformity with the Machinery Directive and with the standard for extruders' safety) and **less risk** for operators above all.



**NaK** PL" c"

**IMPACT**  
Innovative Melt Pressure Accurate Transducer  
PL" c"

	 GTP+	 Autozero	 Autocompensation	 ATEX	 FM APPROVED	 Mercury Free	 Fluid Free	 Performance Level "c"	 CANopen	 HART COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL
<b>M</b> Mercury	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•
<b>W</b> Oil	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
<b>K</b> NaK	•	•	•			•		•	•	•
<b>I</b> IMPACT	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		

T <sub>MAX</sub>	FILLING FLUID	ENVIRONMENT	OUTPUT	GEFRAN SERIES		
315°C	Diathermic oil	Safe area	mV/V	W3		
			Current	WE		
			Voltage	WN		
			CANopen	WD		
			HART (current)	HWE		
			Local display	W6		
		Atex area (EU)	Current	WX		
			HART (current)	HWX		
			Hazardous area (USA)	Corrente	WF	
	Mercury	Safe area		mV/V	M3	
				Current	ME	
			Voltage	MN		
			CANopen	MD		
			HART (current)	HME		
			Local display	M5		
		Atex area (EU)	Current	M6		
				MX		
				MX4		
Hazardous area (USA)	Current	HMX				
		HMX4				
		MF				
Sodium-Potassium	Safe area	mV/V	K3			
		Current	KE			
		Voltage	KN			
		CANopen	KD			
		HART (current)	HKE			
Fluid free	Safe area	mV/V	I3			
		Current	IE			
		Voltage	IN			
			I7			
	Atex area (EU)	Current	IX			
		350°C	Mercury	Safe area	mV/V	M3
					Current	ME
Voltage	MN					
CANopen	MD					
HART (current)	HME					
Local display	M5					
Atex area (EU)	Current			M6		
				MX		
				MX4		
Hazardous area (USA)	Current		HMX			
			HMX4			
			MF			
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			Current	KE		
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			HART (current)	HKE		
Fluid free	Safe area		mV/V	I3		
		Current	IE			
		Voltage	IN			
			I7			
	Atex area (EU)	Current	IX			
		400°C	Mercury	Safe area	mV/V	M3
					Current	ME
Voltage	MN					
CANopen	MD					
HART (current)	HME					
Local display	M5					
Atex area (EU)	Current			M6		
				MX		
				MX4		
Hazardous area (USA)	Current		HMX			
			HMX4			
			MF			
Sodium-Potassium	Safe area		mV/V	K3		
			Current	KE		
			Voltage	KN		
			CANopen	KD		
			HART (current)	HKE		
538°C	Sodium-Potassium		Safe area	mV/V	K3	
		Current		KE		
		Voltage		KN		
		CANopen		KD		
		HART (current)		HKE		
				HKE		

# ACCESSORIES

## RUPTURE-GRD DISCS

The rupture disc (also known as a bursting disc), is a **mechanical device** that fails at a predetermined pressure. Installed on the extruder, it **prevents dangerous and sudden pressure increases** in the machine and releases pressure by rupturing.  $\pm 0.5\%$  accuracy and a wide pressure range make the GRD a valid **addition to traditional control devices**, especially in emergency conditions where immediate intervention is required.



## TRANSDUCER SIMULATOR

The **TS3** simulates the output of a Gefran mV/V melt pressure transducer (M3, W3, K3 series) at various pressure levels. It also simulates any strain-gauge transducer, and is available in a 6 pin (TS36) or 8 pin (TS38) version.



## EXTENSION CABLES

6 and 8-pin **extension cables** with length up to 30 metres, for non-amplified and digital output.



## GENERAL ACCESSORIES

Drill kit



Cleaning kit



Brackets



Rupture discs



6-pin female connector



5-pin female connector



8-pin female connector



## RELATED PRODUCTS

## CONTROLLERS

**2500**

- universal inputs for amplified and non-amplified sensors
- very high acquisition speed
- high accuracy
- math calculations, pressure delta
- 4 configurable outputs
- Modbus and Profibus communication



## PRESSURE INDICATORS

**2400**

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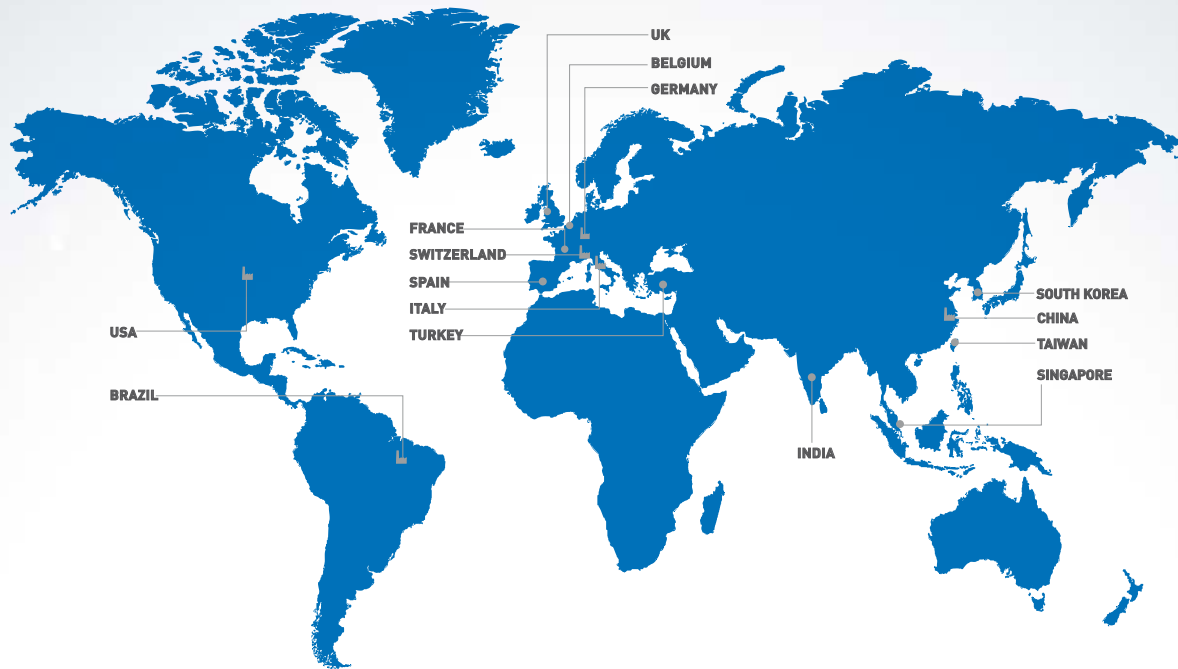
**40B**

- input for non-amplified pressure sensors
- 4 configurable outputs
- Modbus communications

**40T**

- input for amplified pressure sensors
- 4 configurable outputs
- Modbus communication





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