

# Wind Direction Transmitter „First Class”

## Instruction for Use

4.3151.x0.312



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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
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## 1 Models Available

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Order - No.	Meas. range	Electrical Output	Potentiometer-protective circuit	Power Supply	Heating
4.3151.00.312	0 ... 360 °	Potentiometer: 2 kΩ	No	> 0 ... 30V DC current: $\leq U_s / 2 \text{ k}\Omega$	Yes
4.3151.10.312	0 ... 360 °	Potentiometer: 2 kΩ	No	> 0 ... 30V DC current: $\leq U_s / 2 \text{ k}\Omega$	No

## 2 Application

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The wind direction transmitter serves for the detection of the horizontal wind direction in the field of meteorology and the technology of environmental protection.

Special characteristics:

- High level of measuring accuracy and resolution.
- High damping ratio at a small delay distance.
- Low starting threshold.
- Magnetic coupling, which is free of hysteresis and wear, situated between the axis of vane and potentiometer.

Optional, an electronically regulated heating system has been installed for wintertime use of the wind direction transmitter (see chapter 1, "models available"), in order to prevent the ball bearing and the external rotation parts from freezing.

## 3 Construction and Mode of Operation

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The dynamic characteristics of the wind vane is achieved by the aluminum lightweight construction. The co-action of wind vane and balance weight results in a high damping ratio with small delay distance as excellent characteristic of the complete vane.

The axis of the wind vane is running in ball bearings, and is coupled, in contact less magnetic manner, with the axis of the integrated potentiometer. Thus, clearance and friction in the coupling are avoided, and an easy starting is guaranteed.

An AC- or DC-voltage of 24V is intended for the separate supply of the optional heating. In all probability, the heating guarantees a trouble-free function of the Wind Direction Transmitter First Class even under extreme meteorological icing-conditions.

The outer parts of the instrument are made of corrosion-resistant anodized aluminum, and stainless steel. Highly effective labyrinth gaskets and O-rings protect the sensitive parts inside the instrument against humidity and dust.

## **4 Recommendation Side Selection/Standard Installation**

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In general wind measurement instruments should be able to detect the wind conditions of a large area. In order to obtain comparable values when determining the surface wind, measurements should be taken at a height of 10 meters over an even area with no obstacles. An area with no obstacles means, that the distance between the wind direction transmitter and an obstacle should be at least 10 times the height of the obstacle (s. VDI 3786 Part 2). If it is not possible to fulfill this condition then the wind direction transmitter should be set up a height where local obstacles do not influence the measured values to any significant extent (approx. 6 ... 10m above the obstacle). The wind direction transmitter should be set up in the center of flat roofs and not on the edge in order to avoid any preferential directions.

## 5 Installation

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**Attention:**

*Storing, mounting and operation under weather conditions is permissible only in vertical position, as otherwise water can get into the instrument.*

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**Remark:**

*When using fastening adapters (angle, traverses, etc.) please take a possible effect on the measurements by turbulences into consideration.*

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**Attention:**

*The device may only be supplied with a power supply of the "Class 2, limited power".*

## 5.1 Wind Vane Mounting

Before the wind direction transmitter can be installed at its selected site, the wind vane must be mounted on the housing.

### Tool:

Not required.

### Process

1. Remove wind transmitter shaft and wind vane from the packing.
2. Remove cap ❶ by left-hand rotation of upper part ❷ of wind transmitter shaft.
3. Put the wind vane onto the upper part of the wind transmitter shaft.

#### Remark:

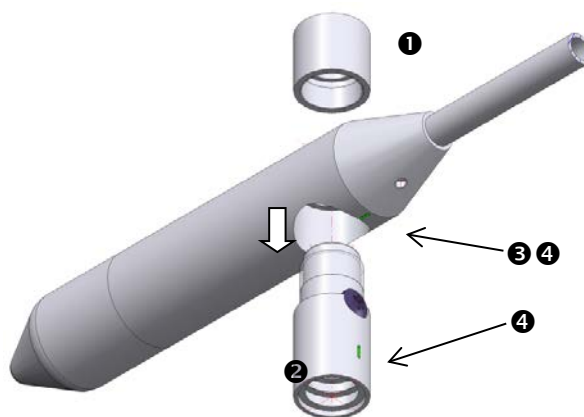
The longer part of the wind vane blade must indicate upwards.

4. Keep hold of the wind vane by hand to avoid twist movement, and turn the upper part of the wind transmitter shaft until the vane locks into the forcible control ❸.

#### Remark:

The marking lines ❹ at the bottom of wind vane counter weight, and at the upper part of the wind transmitter shaft, must be aligned.

5. Put the cap onto the thread, and seize strongly by clockwise rotation by hand ... ready.



## 5.2 Mechanical Mounting and Alignment

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**Remark:**

*The wiring must be prepared so far, that plug and cable have been pushed through instrument carrier, mast, traverse etc., and can be connected to the wind direction transmitter at the moment of the „Mechanical Mounting“, described in the following (please refer also to chapter 5.3. / 5.4).*

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The wind direction transmitter must be mounted on an instrument carrier, which is suited for the measurement. For dimensions of wind direction transmitter please refer to chapter 8 Dimension diagram.

Suitable instrument carriers are masts, tubes, traverses, arms, adapters, adapters of POM for isolated mounting, which correspond to the mounting dimensions of the wind transmitter, and to the static requirements.

The inner diameter of the instrument carrier should be  $\geq 20\text{mm}$  based on plug- and cable feed-through.

If the north alignment is carried out by compass, please consider the local declination (= deviation of direction of the magnetic needle from the true north), and local magnetic interferences (e.g. hardware, electric cable).

For alignment aid and for easy changing / replacement without readjustment:

With the help of the north-ring (accessory 509619):

The optional north ring part. no. 509619 can be used to mount the wind transmitter. The north ring serves as an alignment aid and for easy changing / replacement without having to re-adjustment of the north direction of wind direction indicators. See chapter 8 Dimension diagram.

When aligning the wind direction transmitter on a moving object (e.g. vehicle, wind wheel, ship etc) please consider that the “north point” to be determined, might possibly be located on the object.



**Tools:**

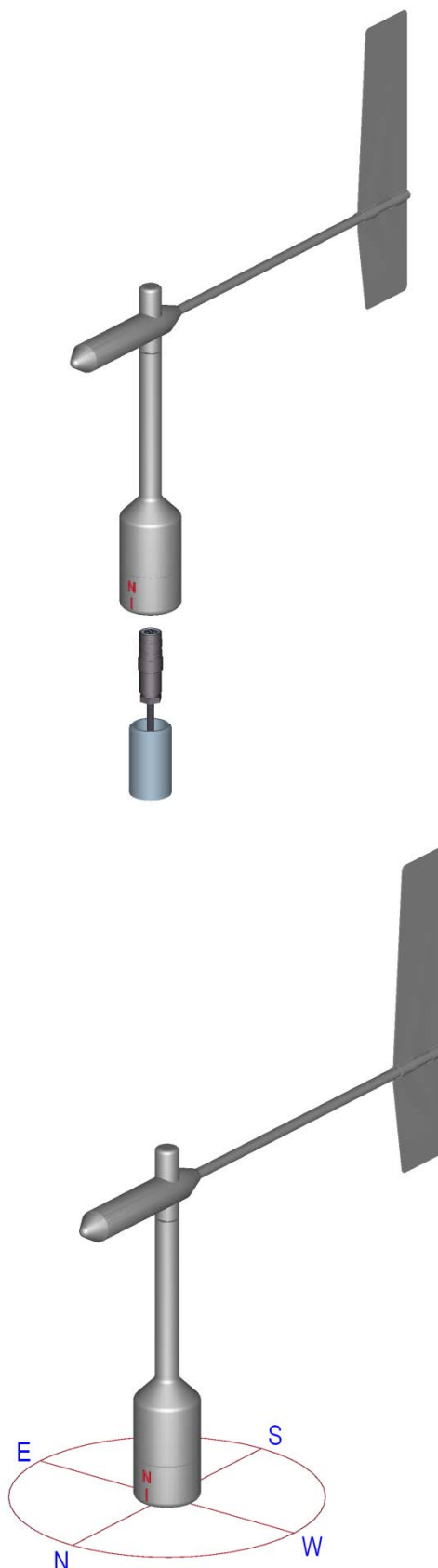
Hexagon socket wrench size 3  
(Allen key).

**Procedure:**

1. Push cable/ plug connector of the wind direction transmitter through the borehole of the mast, tube, arm etc.
2. Put wind direction transmitter on mast, tube, arm etc.
3. For the precise determination of the wind direction the wind direction transmitter must be aligned **northwards** (geographical north).

The north point (0 °) is at the point where the output signal jumps from the maximum value to the minimum value.

4. Rotate north marking (I) at the housing and wind vane axially one above the other, acc. to figure.
5. Determine a prominent spot in the surrounding area (tree, building etc.) in northward direction, by means of a compass.
6. Locate the prominent spot over wind vane and balance weight of the wind direction transmitter.
7. Align wind direction transmitter. The north marking must indicate the *geographical north*.
8. In case of conformity, safeguard the wind direction transmitter by two M6-Allen head screws.



## 5.3 Electrical Mounting

### 5.3.1 Cable

Solder a shielded cable with diameter 7 ... 8mm and a core cross-section of 0.5 ... 0.75mm<sup>2</sup> to the enclosed coupling socket.

- The number of necessary wires is given in the connection diagram (chapter 7).

#### 5.3.1.1 Cable Recommendation

No. of wires/ diameter / type / cable diameter	
CABLE 8 x 0.5mm <sup>2</sup> LIYCY	BLACK, UV- resistant, Ø 7.6mm

### 5.3.2 Cable Shield

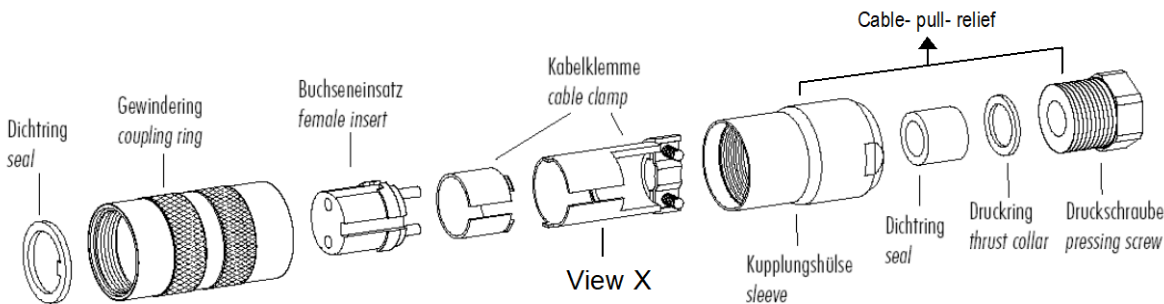
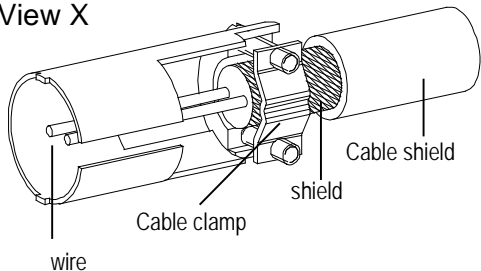
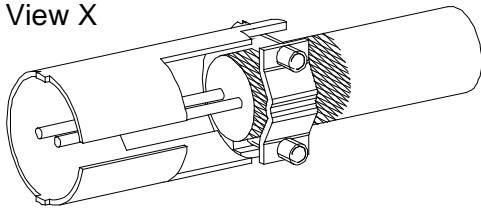
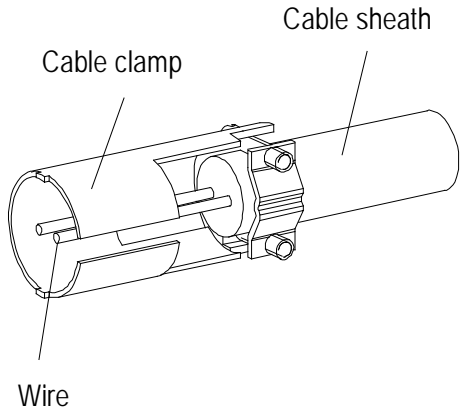
The connection of the cable shield between sensor and data acquisition device should be selected in way, that in case of over-voltages no equalizing currents will flow that might destroy the electronic components.

The connection of the cable shield should depend on the selected isolated, or respectively, non-isolated mounting of the sensors.

### 5.3.2.1 Connecting Recommendation for the Cable Shield

	Sensor Carrier	Sensor	Shielding / Ground	Lightning Protection
1.	Metallic measurement mast, grounded	<b>Isolated</b> mounting at the measuring mast (e.g. by non-metallic brackets, holder etc. or by metallic brackets, holder etc. with isolated plastic adaptors)	Apply the cable shield between sensor and data acquisition device (e.g. datalogger) both-sided. Ground data acquisition device.	Mount metallic lightning protection rod on the mast. Alternatively: Install separate lightning protection rod beside the measurement mast.
2.	Metallic measurement mast, grounded	<b>Non-isolated</b> mounting at the measurement mast (e.g. by metallic brackets, holders etc.)	Apply cable shield between sensor and data acquisition device (e.g. datalogger) only one-sided at the acquisition device.. Ground data acquisition device.	Mount metallic lightning protection rod on the mast in <b>isolated condition</b> , and ground lightning protection rod. Alternatively: Install separate lightning protection rod beside the measurement mast.
3.	Metallic measurement mast, not grounded (mounted in isolated condition, e.g. on the attic)	<b>Non-isolated</b> mounting at the measurement mast. (e.g. by metallic brackets, holders etc.)	Apply the cable shield between sensor and data acquisition device (e.g. datalogger) both-sided. Ground data acquisition device.	Mount metallic lightning protection rod on the mast in <b>isolated condition</b> , and ground lightning protection rod. Alternatively: Install separate lightning protection rod beside the measurement mast.
4.	Non-metallic measuring mast (=isolated)	Mounting at the measurement mast. (e.g. by metallic brackets, holders etc.)	Apply the cable shield between sensor and data acquisition device (e.g. datalogger) both-sided. Ground data acquisition device.	Mount metallic lightning protection rod on the mast, and ground lightning protection rod. Alternatively: Install separate lightning protection rod beside the measurement mast.

### 5.3.3 Plug and Cable Mounting

Coupling socket, Type: Binder, Serial 423, EMC with cable clamp	
	
Cable connection: <b>with</b> cable shield	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stringing parts on cable acc. to plan given above.</li> <li>2. Stripping cable sheath 20mm Cutting uncovered shield 15mm Stripping wire 5mm.</li> </ol> <p><i>Cable mounting 1</i> Putting shrink hose or insulating tape between wire and shield.</p> <p><i>Cable mounting 2</i> If cable diameter permits, put the shield backward on the cable sheath.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Soldering wire to the insert, positioning shield in cable clamp.</li> <li>4. Screwing-on cable clamp.</li> <li>5. Assembling remaining parts acc. to upper plan.</li> <li>6. Tightening pull-relief of cable by screw-wrench (SW16 und 17).</li> </ol>	<p><i>Cable mounting 1</i> View X</p> 
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Cable connection: <b>without</b> cable shield	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stringing parts on cable acc. to plan given above.</li> <li>2. Stripping cable sheath 20mm.</li> <li>3. Cutting uncovered shield 20mm.</li> <li>4. Stripping wire 5mm.</li> <li>5. Soldering wire to the insert.</li> <li>6. Positioning shield in cable clamp.</li> <li>7. Screwing-on cable clamp.</li> <li>8. Assembling remaining parts acc. to upper plan.</li> <li>9. Tightening pull-relief of cable by screw-wrench (SW16 und 17).</li> </ol>	

## 5.4 Connecting Diagram

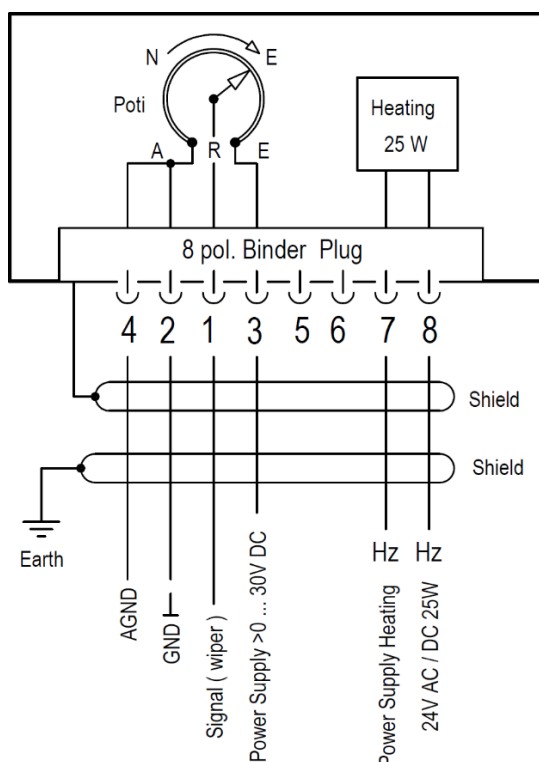
### Attention:

*When the wind vane rotates over the north point (0 / 360°) the potentiometer slider connects beginning and end of the potentiometer. Therefore, the supply voltage of the potentiometer must show a current limitation of max. 20mA. When using power supply units temporary current peaks with the power control might lead to damages. Therefore, an additional protective resistance is strongly recommended.*

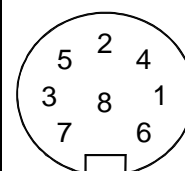
Order – No.

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View on the soldered joint of the counter plug



- \*Order-No 4.3151.10.xxx (without heating) contact 7 and 8 is not connected
- Without electronic protective circuit

### Attention:

*The potentiometer is without built-in protective circuit or. current limitation. Upon connection, please ensure that appropriate measures (eg resistance) are taken. Otherwise the destruction of the potentiometer is threatened by impermissible high current.*

*For a maximum service life we recommend for the grinder current <1mA.*

Order – Nr,	Contact	Name	Function
4.3151.00.312 4.3151.10.312*	1	SIG	Signal (Pot wiper)
	2	GND	Ground
	3	+Us	Supply > 0 ... 30V DC
	4	AGND	Analogue ground
	5	NC	Not connected
	6	NC	Not connected
	7	HZ	Heating supply: Voltage: 24V AC/DC Power: 25W
	8		
*Order-No 4.3151.10.xxx (without heating) contact 7 and 8 is not connected			

## 6 Maintenance

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If properly installed, the instrument requires no maintenance.

The ball bearings of the wind direction transmitter are prone to wear, and with a prolonged use they might change the dynamic behavior of the wind vane. Therefore, we recommend to check the instrument in regular intervals.

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

### Cleaning

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

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### **Remark:**

*For transport of instrument please use original packing.*

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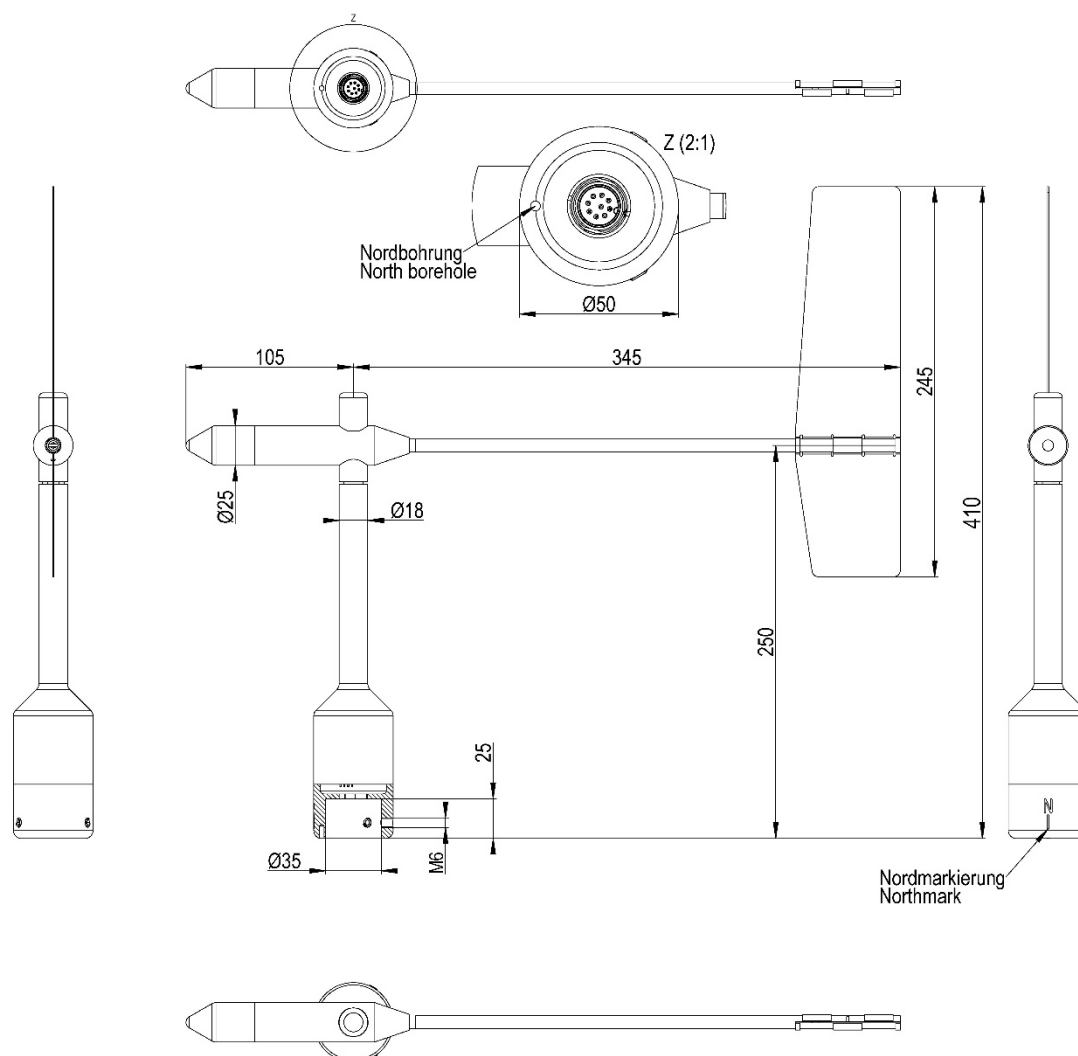
## 7 Technical Data

Characteristic	Description
Measuring Range	0 ... 360°
Measuring Accuracy	±1.5°
Dead Zone	Typ. 1.5°  This called dead zone can be around 0° point in both directions.
Operating speed	up to 75m/s
Survival speed	85m/s up to 0,5 h (without damages)
Permissible ambient conditions for operation	-50 ... +80 °C all occurring situations of rel. humidity incl. dew moistening
Wind load (Wind power)	64,5N
Electrical output 4.3151.x0.312	2KΩ Potentiometer
Linearity	≤ 0.35% (± 1.25°)
Starting threshold	< 0.5m/s at 10° amplitude (acc. to ASTM D 5366-96) < 0.2m/s at 90° amplitude (acc. to VDI 3786 Part 2)
Delay distance	< 1.5m (acc. to ASTM D 536696)
Damping ratio	D ≥ 0.28 (acc. to ASTM D 536696)
Quality factor	K > 1  $K = \frac{4 \cdot D \cdot \omega_0}{\rho \cdot u}$ <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> D           damping ratio,  <math>\omega_0</math>       angular frequency of undamped oscillation,  <math>\rho</math>         air density  u            wind speed </div>
Heating	Surface temperature of housing neck > 0°C at 20m/s up to -10°C air temperature, at 10m/s up to -20°C using the Thies icing standard 012002 on the housing neck heating regulated with temperature sensor.

Electrical supply for Potentiometer at 4.3151.x0.312	<p>Voltage <math>U_s</math>: &gt; 0 ... 30V DC,  <b>Please maintain a supply current of max. 20mA – short circuit at the north point</b>  (galvanic isolation from the housing)</p> <p>Current: <math>\leq</math> supply voltage divided by potentiometer resistance</p>
Electrical supply for heating	<p>voltage: 24V AC/DC, 45 ... 65Hz  (galvanic isolation from the housing)</p> <p>Neutral voltage: max. 32V AC and max. 48V</p> <p>Capacity: 25W</p>
Connection	8-pole plug connection for shielded cable in the shaft (see connecting diagram)
Montage	<p>Mounting on mast</p> <p>Outer diameter <math>\leq</math> 34mm</p> <p>Inner diameter <math>\geq</math> 22mm</p> <p>Remark: mounting on other mast is possible with separate adapter (option).</p>
Dimensions	See dimensional drawing
Weight	ca. 0.7kg
Protection	IP 55 (DIN 40050)



## 8 Dimension Diagram



## 9 Accessories

Traverse 0,6m For mounting the wind speed and wind direction transmitter jointly onto a mast	4.3174.00.000	Horizontal sensor distance: 0.6m Vertical sensor distance: 0.2m Mast receptacle: 48 ... 50mm Material: Aluminum, anodised Dimensions: tube Ø 34 x 4mm, 668mm long, 756mm high
Hanger –FIRST CLASS- 1m For the lateral mounting of a wind speed and wind direction transmitter onto a mast tube..	4.3184.01.000	Sensor distance to mast: 1m Mast clamp: 40 ... 80mm Tube diameter: 34mm Material: Aluminum
Lightning rod For mounting the a/m traverse or hanger.	4.3100.98.000	Dimension: Ø 12mm, 500mm long, 1050mm high Material: Aluminum
Adaptor For isolated mounting of each wind transmitter and wind direction transmitter on the traverse (4.3174.0.000).	509077	Dimension: A:Ø 34mm, outside 25mm high B:Ø 35mm, inside 45mm high Material: POM

Please contact us for other accessories such as cables, power supply units, masts, as well as for additional mast- or system-constructions.

Example: Wind transmitter with traverse and lightning rod.



## 10 EC-Declaration of Conformity

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The indicated products correspond to the essential requirement of the following European Directives and Regulations:

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552/2004/EC	Regulation (EC) No 552/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council of 10 March 2004 on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network (the interoperability Regulation)
2011/65/EU	DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment
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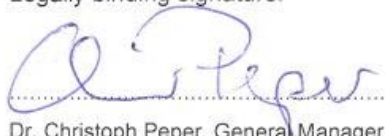
The indicated products comply with the regulations of the directives. This is proved by the compliance with the following standards:

EN 61000-6-2	Electromagnetic compatibility Immunity for industrial environment
EN 61000-6-3	Electromagnetic compatibility Emission standard for residential, commercial and light industrial environments
EN 61010-1	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. Part 1: General requirements
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