

The BA304C is an intrinsically safe field mounting indicator which displays the current flowing in a 4/20mA process loop in meaningful engineering units. The indicator has a 25mm high, easy to read liquid crystal display, and is housed in a robust IP66 enclosure. Modular accessories enable only the required features to be incorporated, thus reducing cost while retaining interchangeability between instruments.

Main application of the BA304C is to display a measured variable or control signal in a hazardous process area. The zero and span of the display are independently adjustable so that the indicator can be calibrated to display any variable represented by a 4/20mA current, such as temperature, pressure, level or actuator position. When used with a differential flow transmitter an optional square root extractor allows the BA304C to display flow in linear engineering units.

Two alternative backlight options are available. The loop powered backlight produces green background illumination enabling the display to be read at night and in poor lighting conditions. It does not require an additional power supply, IS interface or field wiring, but the indicator voltage drop is increased. The separately powered backlight provides a bright orange output to enhance daylight viewing, but requires an additional IS interface and field wiring.

An optional internal calibrator simulates a 4 and 20mA input current so that the indicator may be recalibrated without the need for test equipment or disconnection from the 4/20mA loop. Although not providing independent verification, it is an effective way to quickly check performance or to recalibrate.

ATEX intrinsic safety certification allows installation throughout Europe. The two 4/20mA input terminals comply with the requirements for *simple apparatus* allowing the BA304C to be connected in series with most certified intrinsically safe 4/20mA loops. This, together with the low voltage drop, makes the BA304C very easy to apply. FM certification permits the indicator to be installed in the USA. Selection of Zener barriers and galvanic isolators is described in Application Guide AG300.

Two types of enclosure are available, each has stainless steel fittings and a toughened glass window and is sealed with a neoprene gasket. The sturdy glass reinforced polyester (GRP) enclosure is suitable for most industrial applications including off-shore and water treatment. For installations where solvents may be encountered, the epoxy painted aluminium enclosure provides maximum protection. Both the GRP and aluminium enclosures, which have been tested by ERA, provide IP66 protection as specified in BS5490. To simplify installation, the BA304C is fitted with additional terminals which may be used to link the return 4/20mA conductor and the cable screen. The indicator assembly can be removed from the enclosure without disconnecting the field wiring or disturbing the 4/20mA loop, continuity being maintained by a diode within the terminal assembly.

Reliability is ensured by an ISO9001 approved quality control system supported by a three year guarantee. The indicator is protected from reverse connection and overrange input current, and incorporates extensive radio frequency filtering to comply with the European EMC Directive.

BA304C

2-wire 4/20mA 31/2 digit indicator

Intrinsically safe for use in all gas hazardous areas

- Loop powered only 1V drop
- Intrinsically safe ATEX & FM certification
- ±1999 display25.4mm high
- Optional:

 Loop powered
 backlight
 Separately
 powered backlight
 Root extractor
 Calibrator
- ◆ IP66 & NEMA 4 GRP or aluminium enclosure
- ♦ 3 year guarantee





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SPECIFICATION

Input Current

4 to 20mA Voltage Less than 1V at 20°C

Less than 1.1V at -20°C

Less than 5V when loop-powered backlight

Overrange ±200mA will not cause damage

Display

31/2 digit (-1999 to 1999) Type Liquid crystal 25.4mm high

Span Adjustable between 000 & 1999 for a 4 to

20mA input.

Adjustable between ±1000 with 4mA input. Zero.

Decimal point 1 of 3 positions or absent Polarity Automatic minus sign

Display may increase or decrease with Direction

increasing current. Factory set option.

Reading rate 2.5 per second

3 least significant digits are blanked Overrange

±1 digit

Accuracy

At 20°C

Temperature effect on:

Zero Typ ±0.05 digit ±100ppm/°C Max ±0.1 digit ±200ppm/°C Typ ±50ppm; max ±100ppm/°C Span

Typ 1 digit error for 1mA pk to pk 50Hz signal. Series mode rejection

Intrinsic safety **Europe ATEX**

Code Group II, Category 1G Ex ia IIC T5 ITS02ATEX2027 Cert No

Output parameters

Úο 1.1V dc lo 70mA dc Po 23mW Ceq 20nF Leq

Complies with requirements for 'Simple Apparatus' 10μΗ

Location Zone 0, 1 or 2 Installation

The BA304C may be connected to any certified intrinsically safe circuit whose output

parameters do not exceed:

Uο 30V dc lo 200mA dc Po 0.85W

USA FM

3610 Entity Standard

CL I, II, III: Div 1: GP A, B, C, D, E, F & G Code

Temperature code T4 at 60°C 4B3A7.AX File No

Standard 3611 Nonincendive CL I: Div 2: GP A, B, C & D Code CL II, III: Div 2: GP F & G

File No 4B3A7.AX

Environmental

-20 to +60°C (Certified for use at -40°C) Operating temp

Storage temp -40 to +85°C Humidity To 95% at 40°C

Enclosure

IP66 see ERA test report 5046/228, NEMA 4 see OQ2A9.AX

EMC In accordance with EU Directive 2004/108/EC, full report available.

Immunity Less than 2% of span error for 10V/m field strength between 27MHz & 1 GHz. Emissions Undetectable above background noise.

Class B equipment

Mechanical

Terminals Screw clamp for 0.5 to 2.5mm2 cables

Weight GRP enclosure Aluminium enclosure 1.3kg

Accessories

Green; powered from 4/20mA current. Voltage Loop powered backlight

drop of indicator plus backlight less than 5V.

Orange; powered from 28V 300Ω Separately powered backlight Zener barrier or galvanic isolator.

Not available with calibrator Root extractor

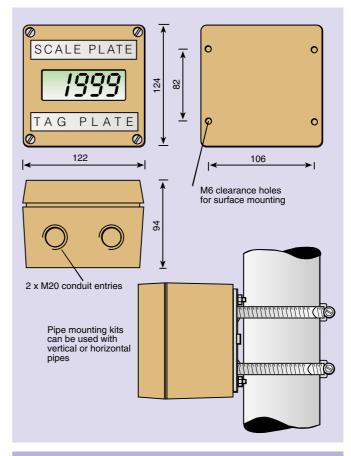
Accuracy ±16µA at input ±1 digit for inputs between

4.16 and 20mA (10 to 100% of flow)

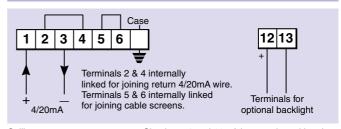
Clip-off Selectable by internal plug-in link, operates at

4.04mA input (5% of flow)

DIMENSIONS (mm)



TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Calibrator Simulates 4 and 20mA input, selected by plug-

in link accessible when enclosure cover is

removed.

Not available with root extractor Etched scale plate

Removable blank stainless steel plate fitted to each indicator, can be supplied etched with units of measurement. See accessory

datasheet for details of legend size. Etched tag plate Removable blank stainless steel plate fitted to

each indicator, can be supplied etched with tagging information. See accessory datasheet

for details of legend size.

Pipe mounting kit 2 kits are available BA392C and BA393, see accessory datasheet for details.

Panel mounting kit BA394 mounts BA304C into a panel aperture.

See accessory datasheet.

HOW TO ORDER

Please specify Model number BA304C Enclosure GRP or aluminium Include position of decimal Display at 4mA XXXX point & sign if display XXXX at 20mA is negative Please specify if required Accessories

Backlight Loop powered backlight or

Separately powered backlight.

Root extractor Root extractor Only one can Calibrator Calibrator be fitted

Scale plate Legend Tag plate Legend

Pipe mounting kit BA392C or BA393 Panel mounting kit BA394

*Will be set to display 00.0 at 4mA and 100.0 at 20mA if calibration information is not supplied.