Compact FullRange™ Gauge
FPM sealed
PKR 251
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For cross references within this document, the symbol (→ XY) is used, for references to other documents, the symbol (→ Z).
In all communications with Pfeiffer Vacuum, please specify the information given on the product nameplate.

This document applies to products with part number

PT R26 000  (DN 25 ISO-KF flange)
PT R26 001  (DN 40 ISO-KF flange)
PT R26 002  (DN 40 CF-F flange)

The part number can be taken from the product nameplate.

We reserve the right to make technical changes without prior notice.

The PKR 251 Compact FullRange™ Gauge has been designed for vacuum measurement in the pressure range of $5 \times 10^{-9}$ … 1000 mbar.

The PKR 251 can be used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges or with another evaluation unit.

Over the whole measurement range, the measuring signal is output as a logarithm of the pressure.

The PKR 251 gauge consists of two separate measurement systems (the Pirani and the cold cathode system according to the inverted magnetron principle). They are combined in such a way that for the user, they behave as one single measurement system.
1 Safety

1.1 Symbols Used

- **DANGER**
  Information on preventing any kind of physical injury.

- **WARNING**
  Information on preventing extensive equipment and environmental damage.

- **Caution**
  Information on correct handling or use. Disregard can lead to malfunctions or minor equipment damage.

1.2 Personnel Qualifications

- **Skilled personnel**
  All work described in this document may only be carried out by persons who have suitable technical training and the necessary experience or who have been instructed by the custodian of the product.

1.3 Safety Information

- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for the process media used.
  Consider possible reactions between the materials (→ 8) and the process media.
  Consider possible reactions of the process media due to the heat generated by the product.
- Adhere to the applicable regulations and take the necessary precautions for all work you are going to do and consider the safety information in this document.
- Before you begin to work, find out whether any vacuum components are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

- **DANGER**
  DANGER: magnetic fields
  Strong magnetic fields can disturb electronic devices like heart pacemakers or impair their function.
  Maintain a safety distance of ≥10 cm between the magnet and the heart pacemaker or prevent the influence of strong magnetic fields by antimagnetic shielding.

Pass on the safety information to other users.
1.4 Liability and Warranty

Pfeiffer Vacuum assumes no liability and the warranty becomes null and void if the custodian or third parties

• disregard the information in this document
• use the product in a non-conforming manner
• make any kind of changes (modifications, alterations etc.) to the product
• use the product with accessories not listed in the corresponding product documentation.

The custodian assumes the responsibility in conjunction with the process media used.

Gauge failures due to contamination, as well as expendable parts (filament), are not covered by the warranty.
## 2 Technical Data

### Admissible temperatures

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Temperature Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>Storage</td>
<td>-40 °C … +65 °C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operation</td>
<td>+5 °C … +65 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bakeout</td>
<td>+150 °C (without electronics unit and magnetic shielding)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Relative humidity

- Max. 80% at temperatures ≤ +31 °C
- Decreasing to 50% at +40 °C

### Use

- Indoors only
- Altitude up to 2000 m (6600 ft)

### Measurement range (air, N₂)

- 5×10⁻⁹ … 1000 mbar

### Accuracy

- ±30% in the range 1×10⁻⁸ … 100 mbar

### Reproducibility

- ±5% in the range 1×10⁻⁸ … 100 mbar

### Gas type dependence

- → Appendix B

### Adjustment

- Pirani measurement circuit: (→ 15)
  - <HV> trimmer potentiometer: at <1×10⁻⁴ mbar (while depressing the pin)
  - <ATM> trimmer potentiometer: at atmospheric pressure
- Cold cathode measurement circuit: no adjustment (the gauge is adjusted at the factory and requires no maintenance)

### Type of protection

- IP 40

### Maximum pressure (absolute)

- 10 bar
- Only for inert gases <55 °C

### Supply

- **DANGER**
  - The gauge may only be connected to supply or measurement units that conform to the requirements of a grounded protective extra-low voltage (SELV-E according to EN 61010). The connection to the gauge has to be fused.¹)

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Voltage at the gauge</td>
<td>15.0 … 30.0 VDC (max. ripple 1 V_{pp})</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power consumption</td>
<td>≤ 2 W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fuse¹)</td>
<td>≤ 1 AT</td>
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The minimum voltage of the power supply must be increased proportionally to the length of the measuring cable.

- Voltage at the supply unit with maximum cable length: 16.0 … 30.0 VDC (max. ripple 1 V_{pp})

### Electrical connection

- Hirschmann compact connector type GO 6, 6 pins, male

### Cable

- 5 poles plus screening
- Maximum cable length:
  - 75 m (0.25 mm² conductor)
  - 100 m (0.34 mm² conductor)
  - 300 m (1.0 mm² conductor)

¹) Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement and control units for Compact Gauges fulfill these requirements.
### Operating voltage
- Operating voltage (in the measuring chamber) \( \leq 3.3 \text{ kV} \)

### Operating current
- Operating current (in the measuring chamber) \( \leq 500 \mu\text{A} \)

### Output signal (measuring signal)
- **Voltage range** \( \approx 0 \text{ V} \ldots \approx +10.5 \text{ V} \)
- **Relationship voltage-pressure** logarithmic, increase 0.6 V / decade (→ Appendix A)
- **Error signals**
  - \(<0.5 \text{ V} \) (no supply)
  - \(>9.5 \text{ V} \) (Pirani measurement element defective; filament rupture)

### Output impedance
- \(2 \times 10^{\Omega} \)

### Minimum load
- \(10 \text{ k}\Omega\), short-circuit proof

### Response time
- Pressure dependent
- \(p > 10^{-6} \text{ mbar}\) \(\approx 10 \text{ ms}\)
- \(p = 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}\) \(\approx 1 \text{ s}\)

### Gauge identification
- Pirani-only mode
  - \(11.1 \text{ k}\Omega\) resistor referenced to supply common
- Combined Pirani / cold cathode mode
  - \(9.1 \text{ k}\Omega\) resistor referenced to supply common

### The following conditions must be fulfilled:
- **Polarity**
  - The polarity of pin 1 referenced to supply common is always positive.
- **Measurement**
  - with constant current
    - Measurement current within range \(0.2 \ldots 0.3 \text{ mA}\)
  - with constant voltage
    - Measurement voltage within range \(2 \ldots 3 \text{ V}\)

### Grounding concept
- Vacuum flange-measurement common connected via \(10 \text{ k}\Omega\) (max. voltage differential with respect to safety \(\pm 50 \text{ V}\) with respect to accuracy \(\pm 10 \text{ V}\))
- Supply common-signal common conducted separately; differential measurement recommended for cable lengths \(\geq 6 \text{ m}\)
PT R26 000 (DN 25 ISO-KF) Materials exposed to the vacuum

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Internal volume ≈ 20 cm$^3$

Dimensions [mm]

Weight 700 g

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PT R26 001 (DN 40 ISO-KF) PT R26 002 (DN 40 CF-F) Materials exposed to the vacuum

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Internal volume ≈ 20 cm$^3$

Dimensions [mm]

Weight 700 g (DN 40 ISO-KF flange) 950 g (DN 40 CF-F flange)
3 Installation

3.1 Installation

Caution

Caution: vacuum component
Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component. When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

The gauge can be mounted in any orientation. However, it should be mounted so that any particles present cannot penetrate into the measuring chamber (→ § 14). See "Technical data" (→ § 8) for space requirements.

Procedure

1. Remove the protective cap.

   The protective cap will be needed for maintenance work.

2. Make the flange connection.

   When making a CF flange connection, it can be advantageous to temporarily remove the magnet unit (→ section 3.1.1).

   If it should be possible to adjust the gauge while it is connected to the vacuum system, make sure the two <HV> and <ATM> trimmer potentiometers are accessible for a screw driver.

DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >2.5 bar
KF flange connections with elastomer sealing rings (e.g. O-rings) cannot withstand such pressures. Process media can thus leak and possibly damage your health.
Use sealing rings provided with an outer centering ring.

DANGER

DANGER: overpressure in the vacuum system >1 bar
If clamps are opened unintentionally injury can be caused by catapulted parts.
Use the type of clamps which can only be opened and closed by means of a tool (e.g. hose clip clamping ring).

DANGER

The gauge must be electrically connected to the grounded vacuum chamber. The connection must conform to the requirements of a protective connection according to EN 61010:
- CF flanges fulfill this requirement
- For gauges with KF flanges, use a conductive metallic clamping ring.
3.1.1 Removing the Magnet Unit (Only for Gauges With CF Flanges)

Tools required

- Allen wrench 1.5 mm
- Open-end wrench 7.0 mm

Procedure

1. Unfasten the socket head set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2).
2. Remove the electronics unit without twisting it.
3. Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.
4. The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).
5. Make the flange connection between the gauge and the vacuum system.
6. Remount the magnet unit and lock it with the hexagon head screw (3).
7. Carefully mount the electronics unit (2). (Make sure the pin of the Pirani element is properly plugged into the corresponding hole of the electronics unit.)
8. Push the electronics unit up to the mechanical stop and lock it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).
3.2 Electrical Connection

3.2.1 Use With a Pfeiffer Vacuum Measurement Unit

If the gauge is used with a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges, a corresponding connection cable is required (→ 11 22).

- Secure the connector on the gauge with the screw.

3.2.2 Use With Another Evaluation Unit

The gauge can also be operated with other evaluation units. In this case, an individual connection cable must be made.

For cable lengths up to 6 m (with a conductor cross-section of 0.34 mm²), the measuring signal can be read directly between the positive signal output (pin 2) and the supply common (pin 5) without the degree of accuracy being lowered. For longer measurement cable lengths, we recommend a differential measurement between the signal output and the signal common (pin 3) (as a result of the voltage drop along the supply cable ground lead, the common mode signal is approx. 1.0 V at the maximum admissible cable length).

Procedure

1. Prepare the connector (ordering number → 11 22).

2. Solder the connection cable according to the diagram.

Figure 1: Electrical connection

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Identification</th>
<th>Pin 2</th>
<th>Signal output (measuring signal)</th>
<th>Pin 3</th>
<th>Signal common</th>
<th>Pin 4</th>
<th>Supply</th>
<th>Pin 5</th>
<th>Supply common</th>
<th>Pin 6</th>
<th>Screen</th>
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Connector, soldering side
WARNING

The supply common (pin 5) and the screen (pin 6) must be connected to the supply unit with protective ground. Incorrect connection, incorrect polarity, or inadmissible supply voltages can damage the gauge.

3 Reassemble the connector.

4 Plug in the connector.
   Secure the connector on the gauge with the screw.
# 4 Operation

As soon as the required voltage is applied, the measuring signal is available between pins 2 and 3. (→ Appendix A for the relationship between the measuring signal and the pressure).

Allow for a stabilizing time of approx. 10 min. Once the gauge has been switched on, permanently leave it on irrespective of the pressure.

## 4.1 Measurement Principle, Measuring Behavior

The PKR 251 consists of tow separate measurement systems (Pirani and cold cathode system according to the inverted magnetron principle). They are combined in such a way that for the user, they behave as one single measurement system.

The optimum measurement configuration for the particular pressure range, in which measurement is performed, is used:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Pressure (mbar)</th>
<th>Cold cathode</th>
<th>Pirani</th>
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<tr>
<td>$5 \times 10^4 \text{ mbar}$</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>$10^{-2} \text{ mbar}$</td>
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<td>$10^3 \text{ mbar}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mbar}$</td>
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- The Pirani measurement circuit is always on.
- The cold cathode measurement circuit is controlled by the Pirani circuit and is activated only at pressures $< 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mbar}$.

The identification output (pin 1) indicates the current status of the gauge:

<table>
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<th>Pressure (mbar)</th>
<th>Green lamp on the gauge</th>
<th>Operating mode</th>
<th>Identification</th>
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<td>$p &gt; 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mbar}$</td>
<td></td>
<td>Pirani-only mode</td>
<td>11.1 kΩ (Pirani)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$p &lt; 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mbar}$</td>
<td></td>
<td>Pirani-only mode (cold cathode measurement circuit not ignited)</td>
<td>11.1 kΩ (Pirani)</td>
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</table>

As long as the cold cathode measurement circuit has not ignited, the measurement value of the Pirani is output as measuring signal (if $p < 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mbar}$, "Pirani underrange" is displayed).

### Gas type dependence

The measuring signal depends on the type of gas being measured. The curves are accurate for $\text{N}_2$, $\text{O}_2$, dry air and $\text{CO}$. They can be mathematically converted for other gases (→ Appendix B).

If you are using a Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges, you can enter a calibration factor to correct the measurement value displayed (→ of that measurement unit).

### Ignition delay

When cold cathode measurement systems are activated, an ignition delay occurs. The delay time increases at low pressures and is typically:

- $10^4 \text{ mbar} \approx 1 \text{ second}$
- $10^7 \text{ mbar} \approx 20 \text{ seconds}$
- $5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mbar} \approx 2 \text{ minutes}$
As long as the cold cathode measurement circuit has not yet ignited, the measurement value of the Pirani is output as measuring signal ("Pirani underrange" is displayed for pressures <5×10⁻⁴ mbar). The identification output (pin 1) indicates the Pirani-only mode.

**Caution**

If the gauge is activated at a pressure \( p < 3\times10^{-9} \), the gauge cannot recognize whether the cold cathode system has ignited. It indicates "Pirani-Underrange".

**Caution**

Once flanged on, permanently leave the PKR 251 gauge in the operating mode irrespective of the pressure range. Like this, the ignition delay of the cold cathode measurement circuit is always negligible (<1 s), and thermal stabilizing effects are minimized.

### Contamination

Gauge failures due to contamination, as well as expendable parts (filament), are not covered by the warranty.

Gauge contamination is influenced by the process media used as well as any present or new contaminants and their respective partial pressures. Continuous operation in the range of 10⁻⁴ mbar ... 10⁻² mbar can cause severe contamination as well as reduced up-time and maintenance cycles. With constantly low pressures \( p < 1\times10^{-6} \) mbar, the gauge can be operated for more than one year without cleaning (cleaning the gauge → 18).

Contamination of the gauge generally causes a deviation of the measured values:

- In the high pressure range \((1\times10^{-3} \text{ mbar} ... 0.1 \text{ mbar})\), the pressure indication is too high (contamination of the Pirani element). Readjustment of the Pirani measurement system → 15.
- In the low pressure range \((p < 1\times10^{-3} \text{ mbar})\), the pressure indication is usually too low (contamination of the cold cathode system). In case of severe contamination, instabilities can occur (layers of the measuring chamber peel off). Contamination due to insulation layers can even lead to a complete failure of the discharge ("Underrange" is displayed).

Contamination can to a certain extent be reduced by:

- geometric protection measures (e.g. screenings, elbows) for particles that spread rectilinearly
- mounting the flange of the gauge at a place where the partial pressure of the pollutants is particularly low.

Special precautions are required for vapors deposited under plasma (of the cold cathode measurement system). It may even be necessary to temporarily switch of the gauge while vapors occur.
5 Maintenance

Gauge failures due to contamination, as well as expendable parts (filament), are not covered by the warranty.

DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts
Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment.
Before you begin to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

5.1 Adjusting the Gauge

The gauge is factory-calibrated. Readjusting the gauge can become necessary due to use under different climatic conditions, aging, or contamination (→ § 14).

The cold cathode measurement circuit, which is dominant for low pressures (<1×10⁻³ mbar), is factory-calibrated and cannot be adjusted. By way of contrast, the Pirani measurement circuit can be adjusted. Any adjustment has a negligible effect on the pressure range between approx. 10⁻² mbar and 10² mbar.

Tools required

- Screw driver No. 0
- Cylindrical pin ø ≈ 3 mm

Procedure

1. Put the gauge into operation (if possible, in the position, in which it will be used later on).

2. Evacuate the vacuum system to p << 10⁻⁴ mbar, and then wait 10 minutes.

3. Turn the nameplate counter-clockwise until the mechanical stop is reached.

4. While depressing the pin with the cylindrical pin, adjust the <HV> potentiometer
   ... to 5×10⁻⁴ mbar
   or ... to 4.2 V.

   Then turn the potentiometer counter-clockwise by 1/3.
5 Vent with air or nitrogen to atmospheric pressure and then wait 10 minutes.

6 Turn the nameplate clockwise until the mechanical stop is reached.

7 Adjust the <ATM> potentiometer ...
   ... to $1 \times 10^3$ mbar or ...
   ... to 8.6 V

8 Turn the nameplate back to its original position (it will catch).

5.2 Cleaning the Gauge / Replacing Parts

STOP DANGER
DANGER: cleaning agents
Cleaning agents can be detrimental to health and environment.
Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling and disposing of cleaning agents. Consider possible reactions with the product materials (→ 8).

Caution
We recommend to replace the Pirani element when cleaning the gauge.

Tools / material required

- Allen wrench 1.5 mm
- Allen wrench 3.0 mm
- Open-end wrench 7.0 mm
- Pliers for circlip
- Polishing cloth (400 grain) or Scotch-Brite
- Tweezers
- Cleaning alcohol
- Mounting tool for ignition aid
- Ignition aid
- Pirani element (13) incl. FPM seal (13a)
- FPM seal (11) for anode feedthrough
5.2.1 Disassembling the Gauge

Procedure

1. Remove the gauge from the vacuum system (→ Fehler! Textmarke nicht definiert.).

2. Unfasten the socket head set screw (1) on the side of the electronics unit (2) (→ Figure Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.).

3. Remove the electronics unit without twisting it.

   **Caution**
   
   The cover of the electronics unit cannot be removed.

4. Unfasten the hexagon head screw (3) on the magnet unit (4) and remove the magnet unit.

   **Caution**
   
   The magnetic force and the tendency to tilt make it more difficult to separate the magnet unit and the measuring chamber (7).

5. Remove the circlip (5) and the polarity insert (6) from the measuring chamber.

6. Remove the three hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) on the back of the measuring chamber.
Carefully remove the following parts in this order (without exerting stress on the Pirani element (13)): pressure piece (9), complete anode (10), FPM seal (11) incl. support ring (12), Pirani element (13) incl. FPM seal (13a).

The parts can now be cleaned or replaced individually.

5.2.2 Cleaning the Gauge

Procedure

Cleaning the measuring chamber and the polarity insert:

1. Using a polishing cloth rub the inside walls of the measuring chamber and the polarity insert to a bright finish.

   ![Caution]
   The sealing surfaces must only be worked concentrically.

2. Rinse the measuring chamber and the polarity insert with cleaning alcohol.

3. Allow both to dry.

Cleaning or replacing the anode:

1. Remove the old ignition aid (10a), for example with tweezers (→ Figure 2).

2. Using a polishing cloth rub the anode pin to a bright finish.

   ![Caution]
   Do not bend the anode. Do not carry out mechanical work on the ceramic part.

3. Rinse the anode with cleaning alcohol.

4. Allow the anode to dry.

5. Insert a new ignition aid (10a) into the mounting tool.

6. Carefully press the anode (clean or new) centered and parallel to the tool axis into the ignition aid and insert it to a depth of approx. 15 mm. The final positioning is established after the anode is installed.

Cleaning the Pirani element:

1. Remove the FPM seal (13a) from the Pirani element (13).

2. Fill the Pirani measuring tube with cleaning alcohol and let it work.

3. Pour the alcohol out of the tube.
Dry the tube (e.g. with a blow dryer <150°C).

Slide a new FPM seal over the Pirani element and insert it into the corresponding groove.

Remount the Pirani element (→ section 5.2.3).

Replacing the Pirani measurement element:
(If it is severely contaminated or defective)

Slide a new FPM seal (13a) over the Pirani element (13) and insert it into the corresponding groove.

Mount the Pirani element (→ section 5.2.3).

Insert the FPM seal (11) with the support ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber (7). The sealing surface, seal, and ceramic part must be clean (→ Figure 2).

Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring chamber.

Insert the Pirani element (13) with the FPM seal (13a) slid over it into the corresponding bore hole.

Carefully place the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them with the three hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) uniformly until the stop position is reached.

Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.

Blow the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen (be careful to hold the measuring chamber with the flange pointing downwards).

Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber until the mechanical stop is reached.

Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.

**Caution**

Visually check that the anode pin is centered over the middle hole of the polarity insert (max. eccentricity = 0.5 mm).

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5.2.3 Reassembling the Gauge

**Procedure**

1. Insert the FPM seal (11) with the support ring (12) centered into the measuring chamber (7). The sealing surface, seal, and ceramic part must be clean (→ Figure 2).
2. Carefully insert the anode (10) incl. ignition aid (10a) into the measuring chamber.
3. Insert the Pirani element (13) with the FPM seal (13a) slid over it into the corresponding bore hole.
4. Carefully place the pressure piece (9) on the measuring chamber and tighten them with the three hexagon socket screws (8) incl. lock washers (8a) uniformly until the stop position is reached.
5. Position the ignition aid (10a) by pushing the mounting tool over the anode pin until the mechanical stop is reached.
6. Blow the particles in the measuring chamber with dry nitrogen (be careful to hold the measuring chamber with the flange pointing downwards).
7. Slide the polarity insert (6) into the measuring chamber until the mechanical stop is reached.
8. Place the circlip (5) snugly fitting on the polarity insert.
9 If possible perform a leak test (leak rate < $10^{-9}$ mbar l/s).

**WARNING**

WARNING: electric arcing
Helium may cause electric arcing with detrimental effects on the electronics of the product.
Before performing any tightness tests put the product out of operation and remove the electronics unit.

10 Mount the magnet unit (4) and lock it with the screw (3).

11 Carefully mount the electronics unit (2). (Make sure the pin of the Pirani element is properly plugged into the corresponding hole of the electronics unit.)

12 Push the electronics unit up to the mechanical stop and lock it with the hexagon socket set screw (1).

13 Adjust the gauge ($\rightarrow 15$).

### 5.3 What to Do in Case of Problems

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible cause</th>
<th>Remedy</th>
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<td>Measuring signal continually &lt; 0.5 V “Error low”.</td>
<td>No supply voltage.</td>
<td>Turn on the power supply.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measuring signal continually &gt; 9.5 V “Error high”.</td>
<td>Pirani measurement element defective (filament rupture).</td>
<td>Replace the Pirani element ($\rightarrow 18$).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Measuring signal continually &gt; 9.5 V “Error high”.</td>
<td>Electronics unit not correctly mounted.</td>
<td>Mount the electronics unit correctly ($\rightarrow 19$).</td>
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<td>The green lamp is ON and the identification indicates Pirani-only mode (measuring signal continually &gt; 4.0 V) “Pirani underrange”.</td>
<td>The cold cathode discharge has not ignited.</td>
<td>Wait until the gas discharge ignites (in case of contamination with insulation layers, the cold cathode may completely fail to ignite). (Cleaning $\rightarrow 18$).</td>
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<tr>
<td>The PKR has only been activated with $p &lt; 3 \times 10^{-9}$ mbar</td>
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<td>Slightly increase the pressure.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measuring signal continually &gt; 5 V or display &gt; $10^{-3}$ mbar although vacuum pressure is OK.</td>
<td>Pirani measurement circuit not adjusted, e.g. due to severe contamination.</td>
<td>Readjust the Pirani measurement circuit ($\rightarrow 15$). If adjustment is impossible, replace the Pirani element.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measurement of heavy gases.</td>
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<td>Convert with the corresponding formula ($\rightarrow 27$).</td>
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<td>Severe outgassing in the measuring chamber.</td>
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<td>Clean the measuring chamber.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measuring signal unstable.</td>
<td>Gauge contaminated.</td>
<td>Clean the gauge ($\rightarrow 18$).</td>
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6 Removing the Gauge From the Vacuum System

DANGER

DANGER: contaminated parts
Contaminated parts can be detrimental to health and environment. Before you begin to work, find out whether any parts are contaminated. Adhere to the relevant regulations and take the necessary precautions when handling contaminated parts.

Caution

Caution: vacuum component
Dirt and damages impair the function of the vacuum component. When handling vacuum components, take appropriate measures to ensure cleanliness and prevent damages.

Procedure

1. Deactivate the gauge.

2. Unplug the connector.

3. Remove the gauge from the vacuum system.

4. Place the protective cap.
7 Returning the Product

**WARNING**

WARNING: forwarding contaminated products

Products returned to Pfeiffer Vacuum for service or repair should, if possible, be free of harmful substances (e.g. radioactive, toxic, caustic or microbiological). Otherwise, the type of contamination must be declared.

Adhere to the forwarding regulations of all involved countries and forwarding companies and enclose a completed contamination declaration.

Products that are not clearly declared as "free of harmful substances" are decontaminated at the expense of the customer.

8 Accessories

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<th>Connection cable for Pfeiffer Vacuum measurement unit for Compact Gauges</th>
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<td>3 m</td>
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<td>PT 448 251-T</td>
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<td>10 m</td>
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<td>Connection socket Hirschmann GO 6 WF 6 contacts, angled, female</td>
<td>B 4707 283 MA</td>
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<td>Magnetic shielding</td>
<td>PT 443 155-X</td>
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9 Spare Parts

When ordering spare parts, always indicate:
- the type of product
- the manufacturing number given on the product nameplate
- the position, description, and ordering number according to the spare parts list

The following parts are available as spare parts sets:

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<td>1× support ring</td>
<td>BN 846 239-T</td>
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<td>11a</td>
<td>1× O-ring FPM 3.69 × 1.78</td>
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<td>3× ignition aid</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Repair set, consisting of:</td>
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<td>1× Pirani measurement element, cpl.</td>
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<td>3× ignition aid</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>1× anode, complete</td>
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<tr>
<td>10a</td>
<td>Set of ignition aids, consisting of:</td>
<td>BN 845 995-T</td>
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<td>10× ignition aid</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Mounting tool for ignition aid</td>
<td>BG 510 600</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Electronics unit PKR 251</td>
<td>PT 120 140-T</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Measuring system, complete</td>
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<td>DN 25 ISO-KF flange</td>
<td>BN 846 469-T</td>
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<td>DN 40 ISO-KF flange</td>
<td>BN 846 470-T</td>
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<td></td>
<td>DN 40 CF-F flange</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Exchange gauge</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(return defective gauge to Pfeiffer Vacuum)</td>
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WARNING

WARNING: substances detrimental to the environment
Products, operating materials etc. may have to be specially disposed of.
For environmentally compatible disposal, please contact your nearest Pfeiffer Vacuum Service Center.
Appendix

A: Measuring Signal vs. Pressure

Conversion formulae

\[ p = 10^{1.667\times U-d} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad U = c + 0.6 \times \log_{10} p \]

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<th>( p )</th>
<th>( U )</th>
<th>( c )</th>
<th>( d )</th>
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<tr>
<td>mbar</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>11.33</td>
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<tr>
<td>µbar</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>8.333</td>
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<tr>
<td>Torr</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>6.875</td>
<td>11.46</td>
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<tr>
<td>mTorr</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>micron</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>5.075</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pa</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>5.6</td>
<td>9.333</td>
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<tr>
<td>kPa</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>12.33</td>
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where \( U \) measuring signal \( p \) pressure \( c, d \) constant (pressure unit dependent)

valid in the range \( 5\times10^{-9} \text{ mbar} < p < 1000 \text{ mbar} \)
\( 3.8\times10^{-6} \text{ Torr} < p < 750 \text{ Torr} \)
\( 5\times10^{-5} \text{ Pa} < p < 1\times10^{5} \text{ Pa} \)

Conversion curves

Pressure \( p \)

Measuring signal \( U \) [V]
## Conversion table

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<td>&lt; 0.5</td>
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<td>0.5 ... 1.82</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.82</td>
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<td>9.5 ... 10.5</td>
<td>Sensor error (Pirani defective)</td>
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B: Gas Type Dependence

Indication range above $10^{-2}$ mbar
(Pirani only mode)

Pressure indicated (gauge calibrated for air)

Indication range $10^{-6} \ldots 0.1$ mbar

Pressure indicated (gauge calibrated for air)
In the range below $10^{-5}$ mbar, the pressure indication is linear. For gases other than air, the pressure can be determined by means of a simple conversion formula:

$$p_{\text{eff}} = K \times \text{pressure indicated}$$

where gas type $K$

- air (N₂, O₂, CO) 1.0
- Xe 0.4
- Kr 0.5
- Ar 0.8
- H₂ 2.4
- Ne 4.1
- He 5.9

These conversion factors are average values.

**Caution**

A mixture of gases and vapors is often involved. In this case, accurate determination is only possible with a partial pressure measurement instrument, e.g. a quadrupole mass spectrometer.
Declaration of Contamination

The service, repair, and/or disposal of vacuum equipment and components will only be carried out if a correctly completed declaration has been submitted. Non-completion will result in delay.

This declaration may only be completed (in block letters) and signed by authorized and qualified staff.

1. Description of product
   Type ____________________________
   Part number ______________________
   Serial number _____________________

2. Reason for return
   _________________________________
   _________________________________
   _________________________________
   _________________________________

3. Operating fluid(s) used (Must be drained before shipping.)
   _________________________________

4. Used in copper process
   no ❑ yes ❑
   Seal product in plastic bag and mark it with a corresponding label.

5. Process related contamination of product:
   toxic no ❑ 1) yes ❑
   caustic no ❑ 1) yes ❑
   biological hazard no ❑ yes ❑ 2)
   explosive no ❑ yes ❑ 2)
   radioactive no ❑ yes ❑ 2)
   other harmful substances no ❑ 1) yes ❑

   The product is free of any substances which are damaging to health. yes ❑

   1) or not containing any amount of hazardous residues that exceed the permissible exposure limits

6. Harmful substances, gases and/or by-products

   Please list all substances, gases, and by-products which the product may have come into contact with:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Trade/product name</th>
<th>Chemical name (or symbol)</th>
<th>Precautions associated with substance</th>
<th>Action if human contact</th>
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   2) Products thus contaminated will not be accepted without written evidence of decontamination.

7. Legally binding declaration:

   We hereby declare that the information on this form is complete and accurate and that we will assume any further costs that may arise. The contaminated product will be dispatched in accordance with the applicable regulations.

   Organization/company ____________________________
   Address ________________________________________
   Post code, place ________________________________
   Phone ____________________________
   Fax ________________________________
   Email ________________________________
   Name ________________________________
   Date and legally binding signature ________________________________
   Company stamp ________________________________

   This form can be downloaded from our website.
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