

The new BA324D is a third generation intrinsically safe field mounting indicator housed in a robust IP66 GRP enclosure incorporating a separate terminal compartment and dedicated access to the instrument controls. Retaining all the features of the popular BA324C, this new indicator provides improved display visibility, plus simplified installation, calibration and routine inspection facilities.

Like its predecessor, the BA324D displays the current flowing in a 4/20mA loop in accurate engineering units. The instrument is loop powered but only introduces a 1V drop allowing it to be installed in series with almost any 4/20mA loop.

Main application of the BA324D 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 may be calibrated to display any variable represented by a 4/20mA current, such as temperature, pressure, or level. When used with a differential flow transmitter a square root extractor enables the BA324D to display flow in linear engineering units.

The enclosure, which is moulded in glass reinforced polyester (GRP), has stainless steel fittings, silicone gaskets and an armoured glass window. Its robust construction provides IP66 protection which has been independently assessed by ITS - report available. A separate terminal compartment allows the instrument to be installed and terminated without exposing the display electronics. To further simplify field wiring and subsequent inspection, the terminal cable entries and the clamping screws are both forward facing. Additional terminals are provided which may be used to link the return 4/20mA conductor and the cable screen.

Calibration and programming of the instrument is performed via four push-buttons protected from damage and tampering behind a sealed cover. For applications requiring frequent adjustment, the indicator can be supplied with external membrane pushbuttons. All the calibration functions are contained in easy to understand menus which may be protected by a user definable security code.

An internal calibrator simulates 4 and 20mA input currents so that the instrument may be calibrated 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.

International intrinsic safety certification allows the BA324D to be installed throughout the world. The 4/20mA input terminals comply with the requirements for *simple apparatus* enabling the indicator to be connected in series with most certified intrinsically safe circuits; together with the low voltage drop, this makes the instrument very easy to apply. ATEX, FM and cFM approvals permit installation in Europe, USA and Canada and the IECEx certification allows installation in a growing number of countries including Australia and New Zealand.

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 it requires an additional IS interface and field wiring.

**Optional alarms** provide two galvanically isolated solid state outputs which may be independently programmed as high or low trips with normally open or closed contacts.

Units of measurement and the instrument application or tag number can be economically marked onto the display escutcheon prior to despatch or after installation on-site. Alternatively, for customers who prefer an etched stainless steel label, the indicator can be supplied with a removable blank or custom etched stainless steel legend plate mounted on the front of the enclosure.

Reliability is ensured by an ISO9001 approved quality control system supported by a three year guarantee. The BA324D is protected from reverse connection and overrange input currents and incorporates extensive radio frequency filtering to comply with the European EMC Directive. 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.

## **BA324D**

# 2-wire 4/20mA 41/2 digit indicator

Intrinsically safe for use in gas and dust hazardous areas

- Loop powered only 1V drop
- Intrinsically safe
   ATEX gas
   or ATEX gas & dust
   or FM, cFM &
   ATEX gas

All models have IECEx certification

- ±19999 display20mm high
- IP66 GRP enclosure with separate terminal compartment
- Optional:

Backlight:
loop or separately
powered
Alarms
Lineariser
Tare function
External pushbuttons

3 year guarantee



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#### **SPECIFICATION**

Input Current

4 to 20mA

Less than 1V at 20°C Voltage Less than 1.1V at -20°C Overrange ±200mA will not cause damage

Display

Liquid crystal 20mm high Type

4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> digit (-19999 to 19999)

Adjustable between ±19999 with 4mA input. Zero Adjustable between ±19999 for a 4 to 20mA input. Span

Decimal point 1 of 4 positions or absent Polarity Automatic minus sign

Display may increase or decrease with increasing Direction

current. Factory set option.

Reading rate 2 per second

4 least significant digits are blanked Over &

underrange

**Push-buttons** (In operating mode)

Shows display with 4mA input ▼ button Shows display with 20mA input ▲ button

'P' button Displays input current in mA, or as a percentage of span. Has modified function when optional alarms or

tare function are fitted.

Accuracy

Linear: ±0.02% of span ±1 digit At 20°C Root extracting: ±16µA at input ±1 digit

Temp. effect Zero

Less than 25ppm/°C Span Less than 50ppm/°C

Series mode Less than 0.05% of span error for 1mA pk to pk 50Hz

or 60Hz signal.

Intrinsic safety **Europe ATÉX** 

Group II Category 1G, Ex ia IIC T5 Code

 $(Tamb = -40 \text{ to } 60^{\circ}C)$ 

Group II Category 1GD, T80°C IP66\_Dust option, see

EEx ia IIC T5 (Tamb = -20 to  $60^{\circ}$ C) How to order

Cert No ITS99ATFX2002

Output parameters Üο

1.1V dc 70mA dc Complies with lo Ро 23mW requirements for Ceq 20nF Simple Apparatus Leq 10<sub>u</sub>H

Gas Zone 0. 1 or 2: Dust Zone 20. 21 or 22 Location The BA324D may be connected to any certified Installation intrinsically safe circuit whose output parameters

do not exceed:

Uc 30V lo 200mA 0.85W Po

**USA FM** Option, see How to order

Standard 3610 Entity

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

T4 @ 60°C 3008809 File

Standard 3611 Nonincendive

CL I: Div 2: GP A, B, C & D, T4 @ 60°C Code CL II, III: Div 2: GP F & G, T4 @ 60°C

File 3008809

Canada cFM

Code

3032631C File

International IECE

Standard IEC60079-11:1999 Code

Ex ia IIC T5 Ta = -40 to 60°C

Ex ia IIC T5 DIP A21 TA 80°C Dust option, see How to order

IP66 Ta = -20 to 60°C IECEx ITS 05.0005

Cert. No Environmental

Operating temp -20 to 60°C (ATEX gas certification -40 to 60°C)

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

IP66 (see ITS test report C87IV0383) Enclosure

**EMC** In accordance with EU Directive 2004/108/EC,

full report available.

Immunity Less than 1% of span error for 10V/m field strength

between 27MHz and 1GHz.

**Emissions** Undetectable above background noise Class B

equipment

Mechanical

Screw clamps for 0.5 to 1.5mm<sup>2</sup> cables Terminals

Weight

Accessories Loop powered

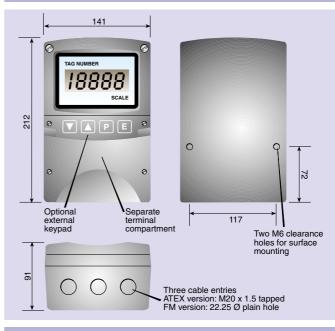
Green; powered from 4/20mA current. Voltage drop of

indicator plus backlight less than 5V. backlight.

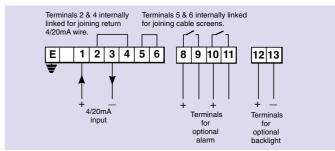
Orange; powered from 28V 300Ω Zener barrier or Separately powered

galvanic isolator. backlight.

### DIMENSIONS (mm



#### TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Two independent alarms each of which may be Alarms

programmed for high or low operation with NC or NO

output

Isolated single pole solid state switch certified as Outputs

Simple Apparatus. Ron less than  $5\Omega + 0.6V$ 

Roff greater than 180k

Lineariser Provides 16 fully adjustable straight lines which may be

positioned to compensate for almost any non-linear

variable.

Primarily intended for weighing applications. Sets indicator display to zero when 'P' push-button is operated. Tare function

External keypad Membrane keypad enables indicator to be controlled

without removing cover.

Scale legend Units of measurement marked onto display escutcheon. Tag legend

Tag number or applicational information marked onto

display escutcheon.

Stainless legend plate Stainless steel plate secured to front of enclosure, etched with tagging or applicational information. #

Pipe mounting kit 2 kits are available BA392D and BA393#

#See accessory datasheet for details

### **IOW TO ORDER**

Please specify Model number Certification

Display at 4mA

Display at 20mA

BA324D ATEX gas ATEX gas & dust

All models have IECEx certification. Note: Cable entries differ for

FM, cFM & ATEX gas & ATEX gas FM & ATEX models Include position of decimal XXXX

point & sign if negative

Accessories Please specify if required

Loop powered backlight or Display backlight Separately powered backlight Alarms

Alarms Tare function Tare Lineariser Lineariser External push-buttons External push-buttons

Escutcheon marking Scale Scale legend Tag Tag legend Stainless legend plate Legend Pipe mounting kit BA392D or BA393

\* Will be set to display 0.00 at 4mA and 100.00 with linear display and resolution of 1 digit if calibration information is not supplied.