

The BA326C is an intrinsically safe loop powered indicator that displays the 4/20mA input current on both a 100 segment analogue bargraph and in accurate engineering units on a digital display.

Main application of the BA326C is to display a measured variable or control signal in a hazardous process area. For level and similar measurements the combination of an analogue and digital display provides magnitude and trend information from the bargraph, plus accurate readings in engineering units from the digital display. The relative magnitude of variables can be effectively presented by mounting BA326C indicators side by side. An optional 16 point lineariser enables the BA326C to display non linear variables in linear engineering units.

Control and calibration of the combined indicator is performed via the front panel tactile push-buttons. Using these buttons the operator can temporarily display the measured variable as a percentage of span, the input current in mA and the numerical display at 4 and 20mA input. All the calibration functions are contained in easy to understand menus which may be protected by a four digit user selectable security code.

Intrinsic safety certification to the ATEX Directive allows installation throughout Europe. The 4/20mA input terminals comply with the requirements for *simple apparatus* allowing the BA326C to be connected in series with most certified intrinsically safe circuits without the need for an additional system certificate. This, together with the low voltage drop, makes the BA326C very easy to apply. The optional backlight is electrically segregated from the indicator and has been certified as a separate intrinsically safe circuit which may be powered from

a Zener barrier or galvanic isolator. Similarly, the two optional alarms are galvanically isolated and each is certified as a separate intrinsically safe circuit complying with the requirements for *simple apparatus*. FM Approval and IECEx certification permit installation in the USA and in a growing number of countries including Australia and New Zealand.

The analogue bargraph which contains 100 segments, provides a rapid indication of the input current, enabling an operator to quickly assess the magnitude and trend of a process variable. The bargraph displays zero to full scale for a 4 to 20mA input, but may be calibrated to show deviation from any input current. Either a column or a single segment display may be selected and if only the analogue display is required, the digital display may be disabled.

Separately powered backlighting is available as an option. The orange output enhances daylight contrast and enables the display to be read when the instrument is installed in a poorly illuminated area.

Optional alarms provide two galvanically isolated solid state outputs which may be independently programmed. For easy comparison with the 4/20mA input, both setpoints are displayed on a second bargraph with annunciators showing the alarm status. Each alarm can control a certified hazardous area load or the output may be transferred to the safe area via a Zener barrier or galvanic isolator.

The IP65 front panel is a robust, easy to clean Noryl moulding surrounding an armoured glass window. A captive neoprene gasket provides a seal between the instrument enclosure and the panel.

BA326C

2-wire 4/20mA analogue & digital indicator

Intrinsically safe for use in all gas hazardous areas

- ◆ Loop powered only
1V drop
- ◆ Optimum visibility
- ◆ Intrinsically safe
ATEX, FM & IECEx certification
- ◆ 100 segment bargraph plus digital display
- ◆ Optional:
Display backlight
Alarms
Lineariser
- ◆ 144 x 48mm DIN enclosure with IP65 front
- ◆ 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
Overrange	±200mA will not cause damage

Display

Type	Liquid crystal
Reading rate	
Analogue	4 per second
Digital	2 per second
Analogue	95mm long 100 segment column or single segment.
Range	0 to 100% for 4 to 20mA input
Digital	4 1/2 digit (-19999 to 19999) 5.5mm high; selectable dummy trailing zero extends display range to (-19990 to 99990).
Span	Adjustable between 0 & ±19999
Zero	Adjustable between ±19999 with 4mA input
Decimal point	1 of 5 positions or absent
Polarity	Automatic minus sign
Direction	Display may increase or decrease with increasing current.
Over & underrange	4 least significant digits are blanked

Push-buttons

(Function in operating mode)	
▲ button	Shows display with 4mA input
▼ button	Shows display with 20mA input
'P' button	Displays input current in mA, or as a percentage of span.

Accuracy at 20°C

Analogue	±0.5%
Digital	Linear ±0.02% ±1 digit Root extracting 16µA at input ±1 digit

Temp. effect

Analogue	±0.5% between -20 & 60°C
Digital	
Zero	Less than 25ppm/°C
Span	Less than 50ppm/°C
Series mode	Less than 0.5% error for 1mA pk to pk 50Hz or 60Hz signal.

Intrinsic safety

Europe ATEX

Code	Group II Category 1 G Ex ia IIC T5
Cert. No	ITS99ATEX2009
Output parameters	
U _o	1.1V dc
I _o	70mA dc
P _o	23mW
Location	Zone 0, 1 or 2
Installation	The BA326C may be connected to any certified intrinsically safe circuit whose output parameters do not exceed:

U _o	30V
I _o	200mA
P _o	0.85W

USA FM

Standard	3610 Entity
Code	CL I: Div 1: GP A, B, C & D, T4 @ 60°C
Standard	3611 Nonincendive
Code	CL I: Div 2: GP A, B, C & D, T4 @ 60°C
File	3008833-1

International IECEx

Standard	IEC 60079-0:2004; IEC 60079-11:2006
Code	Ex ib IIC T5 Ta = -40 to +60°C
Cert. No.	IECEx ITS 08.0003

Environmental

Operating temp	-20 to +60°C (Certified for use at -40°C)
Storage temp	-40 to +85°C
Humidity	To 95% at 40°C non-condensing
Enclosure	Front IP65 rear IP20
EMC	In accordance with EU Directive 2004/108/EC, full report available.

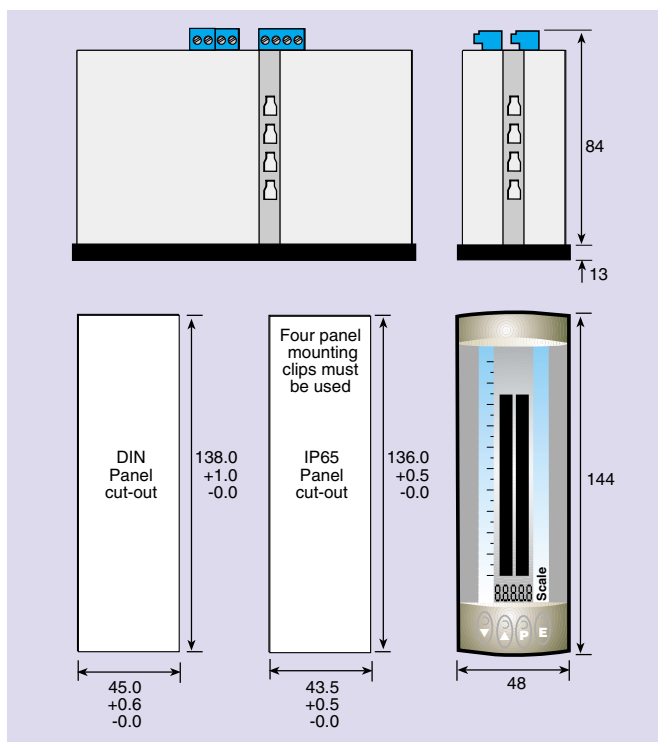
Mechanical

Terminals	Blue removable terminal block for 0.5 to 1.5mm ² cables
Weight	0.5kg

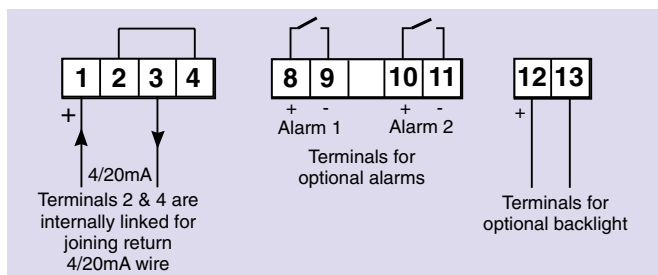
Accessories

Separately powered backlight	LED backlight powered from 28V 300Ω Zener barrier or galvanic isolator.
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DIMENSIONS (mm)



TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Alarms	Two independent alarms each of which may be programmed for high or low operation with a NC or NO output.
Outputs	Isolated single pole solid state switch: Ron less than 5Ω +0.6V Roff greater than 180k
Certification	Both outputs comply with the requirements for Simple Apparatus.
Lineariser	Provides 16 fully adjustable straight lines which may be positioned to compensate for almost any non-linear variable.
Typeset scale card	Blank scale card fitted to each indicator can be supplied typeset with units of measurement.
Bargraph scale	Blank scale fitted to each indicator can be supplied typeset with analogue scale.
Tag number	Thermally printed number on rear of the instrument.

HOW TO ORDER

Model number	BA326C
Display mode	Linear or root extracting*
Digital display	XXXX*] Include position of decimal point, dummy zero if required & sign if negative
at 4mA	
at 20mA	
Accessories	Please specify if required
Display backlight	Separately powered backlight
Alarms	Alarms#
Lineariser	Lineariser#
Scale card	Legend
Bargraph scale	Required scale graduations
Tag number	Legend

*Will be set to display 0.00 at 4mA and 100.00 at 20mA with a linear display if calibration information is not supplied.

#Contact BEKA if calibration of accessories is required.