

The BA324E loop powered 4/20mA indicator is a fourth generation field mounting instrument that is electrically and mechanically compatible with the earlier BA324D. It has a much larger full 5 digit display and guaranteed performance between -40 and 70°C. Like it's predecessor, the BA324E is housed in a robust IP66 enclosure with a separate terminal compartment.

Main application of the BA324E is to display a measured variable in meaningful engineering units within a hazardous area. The zero and span of the display are independently adjustable allowing the indicator to be calibrated to display any linear variable represented by the 4/20mA signal. A root extractor and an adjustable sixteen segment lineariser enable the indicator to display flow and non linear variables such as tank level in linear engineering units. For weighing applications a tare function is included.

The bold 29mm high 5 digit display and 31 segment bargraph provide maximum contrast and have a very wide viewing angle, allowing the BA324E indicator to be easily read in most lighting conditions over a wide temperature range. An optional factory fitted backlight is available for installations in poorly illuminated areas. The five digits, with four decimal points and a negative sign, may be configured to display any variable between -99999 and 99999.

The robust GRP enclosure has stainless steel fittings, silicone gaskets and an armoured glass window providing IP66 protection between -40 and 70°C. Ingress and impact protection have been independently assessed by Intertek. 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 clamping screws are forward facing. Additional terminals are provided which may be used for linking the return 4/20mA conductor and the cable screens.

International intrinsic safety certification permits the BA324E to be installed throughout the world. The 4/20mA input terminals comply with the requirements for simple apparatus which, together with the low voltage drop, allow the indicator to be connected in series with most intrinsically safe 4/20mA loops. The BA324E may also be installed in dust hazardous areas. All input safety parameters are the same or greater than those for the preceding BA324D, thus allowing the BA324E to safely replace the earlier model.

A backlight which may be loop or separately powered is available as a factory fitted option. It provides green background illumination allowing the display to be read at night or in poorly illuminated areas. When powered from the 4/20mA loop no additional intrinsically safe interface or wiring is required and the indicator input remain compliant with the requirements for *simple apparatus*. Powering from a separate supply produces a brighter backlight but requires an additional intrinsically safe interface and field wiring.

**Optional dual alarm outputs** which can switch hazardous or safe area loads, such as sounders, beacons or solenoid valves, are available as a factory fitted option. The two galvanically isolated solid state outputs may be independently conditioned as high or low alarms with normally open or closed outputs. Annunciators on the display show the status of both alarm outputs.

Reliability is ensured by component conformal coating, protection from incorrect connection and radio frequency interference. The indicator has been subjected to extensive vibration testing and is supported by a three year guarantee.

Other field mounting models in this range include the BA304E which has a similar specification and an even larger four digit 34mm high display.

# BA324E 2-wire 4/20mA 5 digit indicator

Intrinsically safe for use in all gas & dust hazardous areas

- Loop powered only 1.2V drop.
- 5 digit 29mm high display & 31 segment bargraph.
- Intrinsically safe
- ◆ IP66 GRP enclosure with separate terminal compartment.
- Root extractor and
   16 segment lineariser.
- Optional backlight, alarms & external keypad.
- ◆ 3 year guarantee

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### **SPECIFICATION**

Input

Voltage

4 to 20mA Current

Less than 1.2V at 20°C

Less than 1.3V at -40°C

Less than 5V with optional loop powered backlight ±200mA or ±30V will not damage the indicator Overrange

Display

Liquid crystal, non-multiplexed 5 digits 29mm Type

high & 31 segment bargraph.

Adjustable between 0 & ±99999 for a 4/20mA input Span Adjustable between 0 & ±99999 with 4mA input . Zero

Decimal point 1 of 4 positions or absent Polarity

Automatic minus sign
Blanked apart from 0 in front of decimal point Zero blanking Display may increase or decrease with increasing Direction

4/20mA input.

Reading rate 2 per second

31 segment 80mm long Bargraph 99999 or -99999 with all decimal points flashing Overange

**Push buttons** 

'E'

(Function in display mode) Shows display with 4mA input Shows display with 20mA input P

Displays input in mA or a % of span, has a modified function when alarms are fitted.

±0.02% of span ±1digit

±16µA at input ±1 digit

Used for tare function

Accuracy at 20°C

Linear Root extracting

Temperature effect on: Zero

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

Less than 0.05% of span error for 1mA pk to pk Series mode rejection.

50 or 60Hz interference.

Intrinsic safety Europe ATEX & UK UKCA

Code

Group II Category 1GD Ex ia IIC T5 Ga

Ex ia IIIC T80°C Da IP66-

Dust option, see How to order  $Ta = -40 \text{ to } 70^{\circ}C$ 

Input parameters

Ui 30V dc 200mA Pi 0.84W

Complies with requirements for simple apparatus Output parameters

Cert. No. <u>ITS11ATEX27253X</u> & <u>ITS21UKEX0087X</u>

USA FM

Standard 3610 Entity CL I, II, III. Div 1 Code

GP A, B, C, D, E, F & G T5 @ 70°C

Standard 3611 Nonincendive Code

CL I, II, III: Div 2 GP A, B, C, D, E, F & G T5 @ 70°C File

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Canada cFM File

International IECEx Code

Ex ia IIC T5 Ga

Dust option, see Ex ia IIIC 20 T80°C Da IP66-How to order Tamb = -40 to 70°C

Cert. No IECEx ITS11.0014X

China CCC As IECEx - see certificate As ATEX - see certificate

India CCOE/PESO

Environmental Operating temp -40 to 70°C

Storage temp -40 to 85°C

Humidity

to 95% at 40°C noncondensing Vibration Report available

Enclosure

**EMC** 

Complies with EU & UK EMC Directives

Mechanical Terminals

Accessories

Screw clamp for 0.5 to 1.5mm<sup>2</sup> cable Weight 1.7kg

Backlight Green, may be loop or separately powered

Indicator input voltage 5V Loop powered 11V at 35mA from IS interface Separately powered

Alarms Two alarm outputs each of which may be independently configured as a high or low alarm

contact with a NO or NC output. Output Isolated solid state switch complying with require-

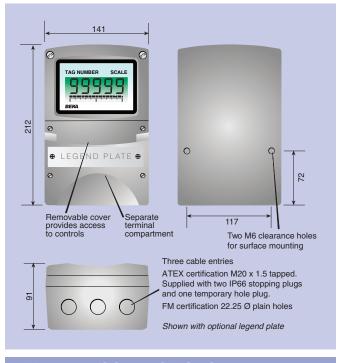
ments for simple apparatus.

 $5\Omega + 0.7V \text{ max}$ Roff  $1M\Omega$  min

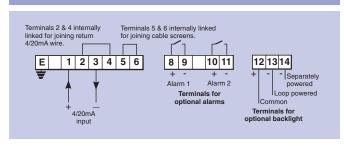
External keypad Membrane keypad enables indicator to be

controlled without removing cover.

## **DIMENSIONS** (mm



### TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Scale legend Units of measurement marked onto display

escutcheon. #

Tag legend Tag number or application marked onto display escutcheon. #

Stainless steel legend plate Etched legend plate with tag number or application attached to front of the

instrument. #

Pipe mounting kit BA392D or BA393 #

# See accessory datasheet for details

## HOW TO ORDER

Model number Certification

or

BA324E ATEX & UKCA gas ATEX & UKCA gas & dust FM, cFM, ATEX & UKCA gas

Please specify

All versions have IECEx certification.

Display mode

Display at: 4.000mA 20.000mA

Accessories

External keypad Display backlight Dual alarms Escutcheon marking Scale

Tag Stainless legend plate Pipe mounting kit

Linear, root or lineariser\*

Include position of decimal point & XXXXX XXXXX sign if negative, plus intermediate points if linearisation is required.\*

Please specify if required External keypad

Backlight Alarms

Legend required Legend required Legend required BA392D or BA393

Will be set to display 0.00 at 4mA and 100.00 at 20mA with a linear display if calibration information is not supplied. Can easily be recalibrated on-site.