

The **BA324NE loop powered 4/20mA indicator** is a fourth generation field mounting instrument that is mechanically compatible and electrically similar to the earlier BA324ND. It has a much larger full 5 digit display and guaranteed performance between -40 and 70°C. Like its predecessor, the BA324NE is housed in a robust IP66 enclosure with a separate terminal compartment.

Main application of the BA324NE is to display a measured variable in meaningful engineering units within a Zone 2 or 22 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 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 has a very wide viewing angle, allowing the BA324NE 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 four digits, with three decimal points and a negative sign, may be configured to display any variable between -99999 and 9999.

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.

ATEX and IECEx non sparking Ex nA certification allows the BA324NE to be installed in a Zone 2 gas hazardous areas without the need for Zener barriers, galvanic isolators or a flameproof enclosure. For European and international Zone 2 applications the BA324NE offers a less expensive alternative to intrinsic safety and flameproof instrumentation.

Ex tc dust certification also allows the BA324NE to be installed in Zone 22 dust hazardous areas, again without the need for Zener barriers, galvanic isolators or a flameproof enclosure.

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 field wiring is required but the indicator's voltage drop is increased. Powering from a separate supply produces a brighter backlight but requires additional 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 BA304NE which has a similar specification but has a four digit 34mm high display.

BA324NE

2-wire 4/20mA

5 digit indicator

Type nA & tc certified for use in Zones 2 & 22 hazardous areas

- ◆ Loop powered only
1.2V drop.
- ◆ 5 digit 29mm high display & 31 segment bargraph.
- ◆ Ex nA gas and Ex tc dust ATEX & IECEx certification.
- ◆ 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	
Current	4 to 20mA
Voltage	Less than 1.2V at 20°C Less than 1.3V at -40°C Less than 5V with optional loop powered backlight.
Overrange	±200mA or ±30V will not damage the indicator.
Display	
Type	Liquid crystal, non-multiplexed
Span	5 digits 29mm high and 31 segment bargraph. Adjustable between 0 & ±99999 for a 4/20mA input.
Zero	Adjustable between 0 & ±99999 with 4mA input.
Decimal point	1 of 3 positions or absent
Polarity	Automatic minus sign
Zero blanking	Blanked apart from 0 in front of decimal point.
Direction	Display may increase or decrease with increasing 4/20mA input.
Root extractor	Selectable
Lineariser	16 adjustable segments
Reading rate	2 per second
Bargraph	31 segments 80mm long
Overrange	99999 or -99999 with all decimal points flashing.
Push buttons	<i>(Function in display mode)</i>
▼	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.
'E'	Used for tare function

Accuracy at 20°C	
Linear	±0.02% of span ±1digit
Root extracting	±16µA at input ±1 digit.
Temperature effect on:	
Zero	Less than 25ppm of span/°C
Span	Less than 50ppm of span/°C
Series mode rejection	Less than 0.05% of span error for 1mA pk to pk 50 or 60Hz interference.

Certification	
Europe ATEX	
Code	Group II Category 3G Ex nA ic IIC T5 Gc Group II Category 3D Ex tc IIIC 80°C Dc IP66 Ta = -40 to 70°C
Input parameters	
li	100mA
Cert. No.	ITS11ATEX47255

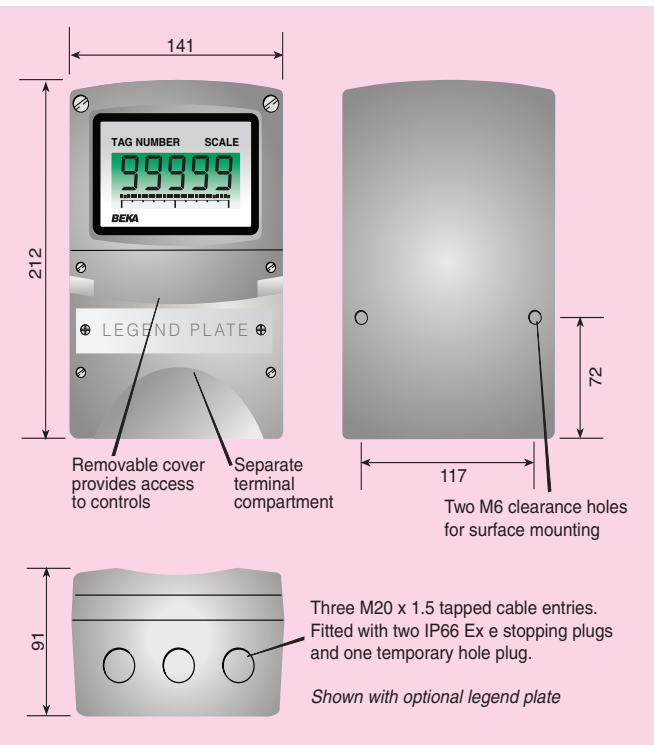
International IECEx	
Code	Ex nA IIC T5 Gc Ex tc IIIC T80°C Dc IP66 Tamb = -40 to 70°C IECEx ITS11.0016
Cert. No	

Environmental	
Operating temp	-40 to 70°C
Storage temp	-40 to 85°C
Humidity	to 95% at 40°C noncondensing
Vibration	Report available
Enclosure	IP66
EMC	Complies with EMC Directive 2014/30/EU

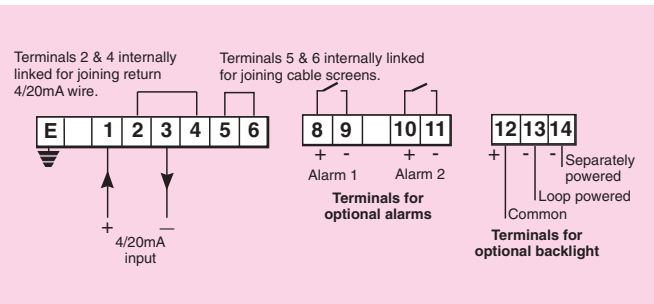
Mechanical	
Terminals	Screw clamp for 0.5 to 1.5mm ² cable
Weight	1.7kg

Accessories	
Backlight	Green, may be loop or separately powered.
Loop powered	Input voltage increased to 5V
Separately powered	11V min at 35mA
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
Ron	5Ω + 0.7V max
Roff	1MΩ min
External keypad	Membrane keypad enables indicator to be controlled without removing cover.
Scale legend	Units of measurement marked onto display escutcheon.#

DIMENSIONS (mm)



TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Tag legend	Tag number or application marked onto display escutcheon.#
Stainless steel legend plate.	Stainless steel plate etched 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	Please specify BA324NE
Display mode	Linear, root or lineariser*
Display at:	XXXXX } Include position of decimal point & sign if negative, plus intermediate points if linearisation is required. *
4.000mA	
20.000mA	
Accessories	Please specify if required
External keypad	External keypad
Display backlight	Backlight
Dual alarms	Alarms
Escutcheon marking	
Scale	Legend required
Tag	Legend required
Stainless legend plate	Legend required
Pipe mounting kit	BA393D 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.