

The BA308C is an intrinsically safe panel mounting indicator which displays the current flowing in a 4/20mA process loop in meaningful 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 BA308C 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 can be calibrated to display any linear variable represented by a 4/20mA signal, such as temperature, pressure, level or actuator position. For flow applications an optional square root extractor enables the output from a differential flow transmitter to be displayed in linear engineering units.

Two 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. No additional power supply, IS interface or field wiring are required, but the indicator voltage drop is increased. Alternatively, the separately powered backlight has a bright orange output which enhances daylight viewing, but an additional IS interface and field wiring are required.

An optional internal calibrator simulates 4 and 20mA input currents and enables the indicator to 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 BA308C 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 which, together with the low voltage drop, make the instrument very easy to apply. ATEX, FM and cFM Approvals permit installation in Europe, USA & Canada and the IECEx certification allows installation in a growing number of countries including Australia and New Zealand. Selection of Zener barriers and galvanic isolators is described in Application Guide AG300.

The front panel is a robust, easy to clean Noryl moulding sealed with a non-reflective, scratch resistant polyester membrane. A captive neoprene gasket provides an IP65 seal between the enclosure and the panel.

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

Complementary indicators for use in safe areas are available, see datasheet for BA508C.

BA308C

2-wire 4/20mA 31/2 digit indicator

Intrinsically safe for use in all gas hazardous areas

- Loop powered only 1V drop
- ◆ Intrinsically safe ATEX, FM, cFM & IECEx certification
- ◆ ±1999 display 25.4mm high
- Optional:

Loop powered backlight
Separately powered backlight
Root extractor
Calibrator

- ♦ IP65 front
- 144 x 72mm DIN enclosure
- 3 year guarantee



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SPECIFICATION

Input

4 to 20mA

. Current Less than 1V at 20°C Voltage

Less than 1.1V at -20°C

Less than 5V when loop-powered backlight is

±200mA will not cause damage Overrange

Display

 $3^{1/2}$ digit (-1999 to 1999) Liquid crystal 25.4mm high Type

Adjustable between 000 & 1999 for a

Span 4 to 20mA input.

Adjustable between ±1000 with 4mA input. Zero

Decimal point 1 of 3 positions or absent Automatic minus sign Polarity

Display may increase or decrease Direction

with increasing current. Factory set option.

Reading rate 2.5 per second

3 least significant digits are blanked Overrange

Accuracy

At 20°C ±1 digit

Temperature effect on:

Typ ±0.05 digit ±100ppm/°C Zero Max ±0.1 digit ±200ppm/°C Typ ±50ppm; max ±100ppm/°C Span

Series mode rejection Typ 1 digit error for 1mA pk to pk 50Hz signal

Intrinsic safety **Europe ATEX**

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Group II, Category 1G Ex ia IIC T5 ITS02ATEX2027 Code

Certificate No.

Output parameters Úο

1.1V dc 70mA dc Complies with 23mV Wo requirements for Cea 20nF 'Simple Apparatus'

Lea 10_uH Location Zone 0, 1 or 2

Installation The BA308C may be connected to any certified

intrinsically safe circuit whose output parameters

do not exceed: 30V dc Uo lo 200mA do 0.85W Wο

USA FM

Standard

3610 Entity CL I: Div 1: GP A, B, C, D Code T4 at 60°C

Temperature code 4B3A7 AX File No

3611 Nonincendive CL I: Div 2: GP A, B, C & D Standard Code

File No 4B3A7.AX

Canada cFM

3032632 File No.

International IECEx

Standard IEC60079-11:1999

Ex ia IIC T5 Ta = -40 to 60° C IECEx ITS 05.0002 Code

Cert No.

Environmental

Operating temp -20 to +60°C (certified for use at -40°C) Storage temp

Humidity

-40 to +85°C To 95% at 40°C non-condensing Front IP65; Rear IP20 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 & 1GHz. Emissions Undetectable above background noise.

Class B equipment.

Mechanical

Screw clamp for 0.5 to 1.5mm² cables in blue **Terminals**

removable terminal block.

Weight 0.5kg

Accessories

Loop powered backlight

Separately powered

backlight

Green; powered from 4/20mA current. Voltage drop of indicator plus backlight less than 5V. Orange; powered from 28V 300Ω Zener barrier or galvanic isolator.

Root extractor Not available with calibrator

 ± 16 uA at input ± 1 digit for inputs between 4.16 and 20mA (10 to 100% of flow) Accuracy

Clip-off Selectable by internal plug-in link, operates at

4.04mA input (5% of flow)

Simulates 4 and 20mA input, selected by plug-in Calibrator

link accessible through rear panel. Not available with root extractor

DIMENSIONS (mm)

Panel cut-out

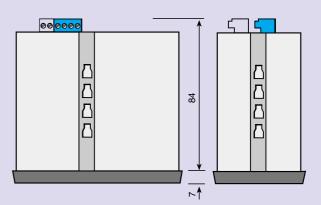
Recommended panel cut-out

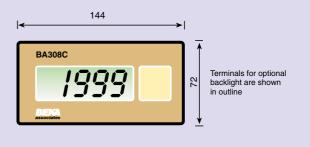
DIN 43 700

138.0 +1.0/ -0.0 x 68.0 +0.7/ -0.0

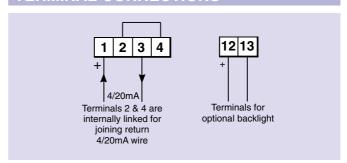
To achieve an IP65 seal between the instrument and the panel 136.0 +0.5/-0.0 x 66.2 +0.5/-0.0

Four panel mounting clips





TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



Typeset scale card

Tag strip

Blank scale card fitted to each indicator can be supplied typeset with units of measurement. Thermally printed number on rear of the instru-

BA398 provides additional mechanical protection Front cover

HOW TO ORDER

Model number Display at 4mA at 20mA

Accessories

Display backlight

Root extractor Calibrator Scale card Tag number Front cover

Please specify: BA308C

XXXX Include position of decimal XXXX point & sign if negative*

Please specify if required:

Loop powered backlight or Separately powered backlight Root extractor only one Calibrator can be fitted

Legend Legend **BA398**

*Will be set to display 00.0 at 4mA and 100.0 at 20mA with linear display if calibration information is not supplied.