

## Vaisala DRYCAP® Dewpoint Transmitter DMT242 USER'S GUIDE

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#### INTRODUCTION

DMT242 is a dewpoint transmitter for wide range of OEM applications. DMT242 measures dewpoint with excellent long term stability which is maintained automatically with the patented auto-calibration procedure. The Vaisala DRYCAP® polymer sensor technology used in DMT242 is also durable against dew in case condenced water exists in the process during system malfunction. The product mechanics have been designed for harsh environments requiring protection against dust, dirt and splashed water.

The disconnection and reconnection of the transmitter is easy with the connector where the output signal and supply voltage wires are connected. The unit also has a serial line for rescaling the analog output.

#### PRESSURE SETTING PROCEDURE FOR PRESSURIZED PROCESSES

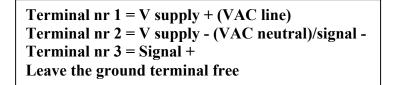
For achieving the most accurate measurements in pressurized processes, set the process pressure to DMT242 according to Figure 1 by using the pressure switches (see Figure 3, item 8). As shipped from factory, the pressure switch setting is 1 bar, as in switch number 4 in the ON position.

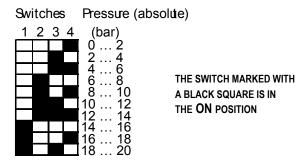
#### **MOUNTING**

- 1. Insert the sealing washer (see Figure 1) on the probe and set the probe through the fitting of the process pipe. The probe has G½" ISO 228/1 parallel thread.
- 2. Fasten the transmitter to the fitting of the process pipe by tightening from the nut of the probe (24 mm).

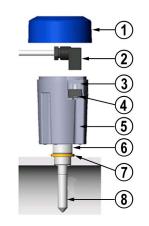
#### **WIRING**

- 1. Remove the cover.
- 2. Take out the connector.
- 3. Take out the screw terminal from the connector by pushing it out, for example, with the fixing screw.
- 4. Use a three-wire cable. Connect the wires to the connector terminals as follows:





**Figure 1 Pressure Setting Table** 



1 = Cover 2 = Connector

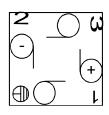
3 = Flat gasket 4 = Counter connector

5 = Transmitter body 6 = Nut

7 = Sealing washer

8 = Probe

Figure 2 DMT242





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5. Insert the wired screw terminal back into the connector excatly in the position indicated in Figure 3. Push the fixing screw through the connector. Fasten the cable clamp. Insert the wired connector into the counter connector.

#### NOTE

The connection is incompatible if the positioning of the screw terminal is NOT as indicated in Figure 3. Fasten the fixing screw.

6. Install the back cover allowing the cable to run through the hole in the cover. The transmitter is ready for use.

#### **NOTE**

When the power is switched on, wait about 7 minutes before taking measurements. Start-up self-diagnostics freeze the output during the first operation minutes.

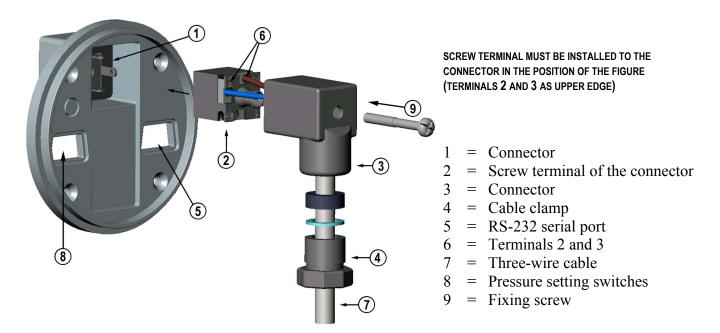


Figure 3 Wiring and Installation of Connector

#### **CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Replacing the sintered filter

If the sintered filter is dirty it can prolong the response time of the measurement. If the filter needs to be changed unscrew the filter and replace the old filter with a new one.

#### Calibration

It is recommended to perform a calibration check every other year. A field check can be carried out by using a calibrated reference probe and comparing the readings measured with the transmitter and the reference probe. The Vaisala DRYCAP® Hand-Held Dewpoint Meter DM70 is ideal for confirming the performance of the transmitter in the field. By using a connection cable the readings of DMT242 and DM70 can be viewed simultaneously on the display of DM70. If there is need for adjustement contact Vaisala Instruments Service Centers or local Vaisala representative.



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#### SCALING THE ANALOG OUTPUT VIA THE SERIAL BUS

#### Serial communication settings

The analog output scaling can be done using the serial bus and computer with suitable terminal software. Connect the DMT242 to a serial bus via the RS-232 interface by using the following settings: *Baud rate:* 2400, *Parity: none, Data bits:* 8, *Stop bits:* 1. The serial cable (DMT242RS) can be ordered from Vaisala.

#### Scaling of the dewpoint output

Scale the dewpoint parameter by giving the command **ascl xx yy<ENTER>** where xx = the low limit (°C or °F) and yy = the high limit (°C or °F). The factory setting for serial measurement unit is Centigrade (°C). To change the unit for Fahrenheit (°F) use command **unit xx <ENTER>** where xx = **n** for non-metric (°F) and xx = **m** for metric (°C) units.

#### **ACCESSORIES**

Order Code	Description
HM47280	Stainless steel sintered filter
DMT242RS	RS-232 serial line cable for PC (with female D connector)
210662	1/2" NPT adapter

#### **GUARANTEE**

Vaisala issues a guarantee for the material and workmanship of this product under normal operating conditions for one (1) year from the date of delivery. Exceptional operating conditions, damage due to careless handling and misapplication will void the guarantee.



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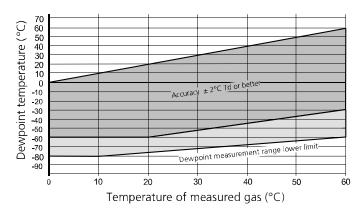
## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Dewpoint Temperature**

Measurement range	-80 +60 °C
	(-112 +140 °F)
DMT242A	-80 +20 °C
	(-112 +68 °F)
DMT242B	-60 +60 °C
	(-76 +140 °F)
DMT242X	free scaling

When the dewpoint is below 0 C, the transmitter outputs frost point.

Dewpoint accuracy with DRYCAP® 180M  $\pm 2$  °C ( $\pm 3.6$  °F) (See figure below)



Response time 63 % [90 %] at 20 °C gas temperature at flow rate > 1 l/min and 1 bar pressure:

$-60 \rightarrow -20$ °C T <sub>d</sub> (-76 $\rightarrow$ -4 °F T <sub>d</sub> )	5 s [10 s]
$-20 \rightarrow -60$ °C T <sub>d</sub> ( $-4 \rightarrow -76$ °F T <sub>d</sub> )	45 s [10 min]

## **Operating Environment**

0 +60 °C (32 +140 °F)
Short term OK
0 100 %RH
0 20 bar <sub>a</sub> (0 290 psi <sub>a</sub> )
no effect

#### Output

Analog output	4 20 mA
Resolution for analog output	±0.002 mA
Typical temperature dependence	0.0008 mA/°C
Serial line for service use	RS-232

General	
Sensor	DRYCAP®180M
Operation voltage	17 35 VDC
	20 28 VAC
Power consumption 24 VDC	max 220 mA
External load for current	$\max 500 \Omega$
output	
Connector for supply voltage	
and signal output	2 2
Max wire size	$0.75 \text{ mm}^2$
Max wire diameter	6.5 mm/PG7
Service cable for serial line	DMT242RS
Probe material	stainless steel
	(AISI 316L)
Sensor protection	stainless steel sintered
	filter (HM47280)
Mechanical connection	G1/2" ISO228-1 thread
	with bonded seal ring
	(U-seal)
Electronics housing	plastic (ABS/PC)
Housing classification	IP 65 (NEMA 4)
Storage temperature range	-40 +70 °C

Complies with EMC standard EN61326-1:1997 + Am1:1998 + Am2:2001; Industrial Environment.

(-40 ... +158 °F)



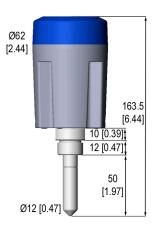


Figure 4 Dimensions in mm [inches]