

# **Operating Instructions for Capacitive Level Switch**

**Model: LNZ**



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## 2. Note

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Please read these operating instructions before unpacking and putting the unit into operation. Follow the instructions precisely as described herein.

The instruction manuals on our website [www.kobold.com](http://www.kobold.com) are always for currently manufactured version of our products. Due to technical changes, the instruction manuals available online may not always correspond to the product version you have purchased. If you need an instruction manual that corresponds to the purchased product version, you can request it from us free of charge by email ([info.de@kobold.com](mailto:info.de@kobold.com)) in PDF format, specifying the relevant invoice number and serial number. If you wish, the operating instructions can also be sent to you by post in paper form against an applicable postage fee.

Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via [www.kobold.com](http://www.kobold.com)

The devices are only to be used, maintained and serviced by persons familiar with these operating instructions and in accordance with local regulations applying to Health & Safety and prevention of accidents.

When used in machines, the measuring unit should be used only when the machines fulfil the EC-machine guidelines.

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## 3. Instrument Inspection

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Instruments are inspected before shipping and sent out in perfect condition.

Should damage to a device be visible, we recommend a thorough inspection of the delivery packaging. In case of damage, please inform your parcel service / forwarding agent immediately, since they are responsible for damages during transit.

### **Scope of delivery:**

The standard delivery includes:

- Capacitive Level Switch    model: LNZ

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## 4. Regulation Use

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Any use of the Capacitive Level Switch, model: LNZ-N, which exceeds the manufacturer's specification, may invalidate its warranty. Therefore, any resulting damage is not the responsibility of the manufacturer. The user assumes all risk for such usage.

## 5. Operating Principle

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The LNZ capacitive level switch is used for detecting levels of fill. The electric field penetrates several millimetres into the medium. The change in capacity caused by contact with the medium is measured and evaluated.

By using this principle of measurement, it is also possible to detect non-conductive media. Installation in tanks is very straightforward regardless of position.

In combination with the KOBOLD LZE or LZE-R weld-in sleeves, the probe provides a measuring point that has no dead space and meets hygiene standards and (EHEDG approval certificate). Installation is virtually front-flush. This level switch is therefore very well suited for CIP/SIP cleaning. Adapter sleeves are also available for different process connections so that the device can also be used in existing systems.

Because the electronics are already integrated no other evaluating instrument is necessary. The output signal (24 V<sub>DC</sub>) can therefore be transmitted directly to an SPS for further processing.

## 6. Mechanical Connection

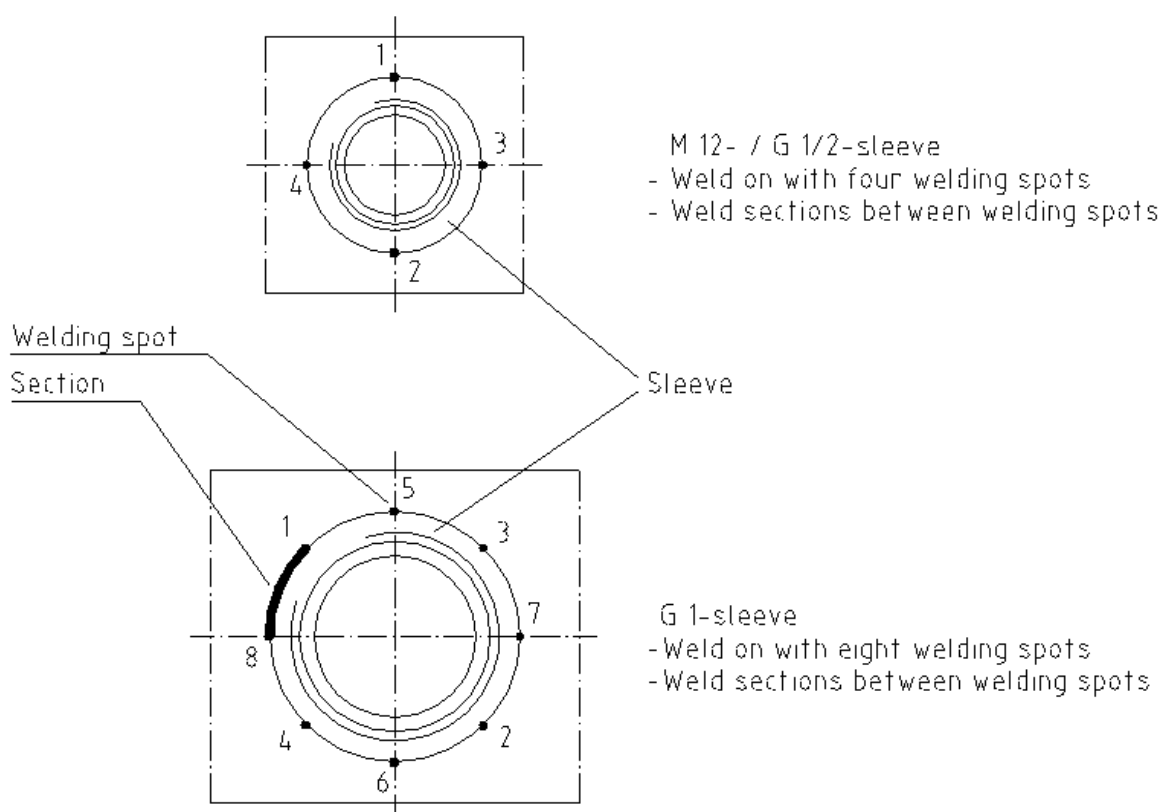
**Installation:** Pipe or vessel  
**Installation position:** independent, for switching, the sensor needs to be completely wetted

### 6.1. Installation with hygienic installation system LZE

#### Welding and mounting details:

##### Welding in tanks and pipes:

1. Drill a hole with diameter equivalent to outer diameter of the sleeve; max. tolerance +0,2 mm
2. Weld the sleeve at 4 points
3. Screw in the blind socket
4. Weld the sleeve segments between already welded 4 points.  
 4 sleeve segments for M12 and G 1/2"; 8 sleeve parts for G1"



**Attention!** In order to avoid deforming or red-hot turning of the sleeve, pauses between individual sleeve segments should be sufficient enough to allow cooling down of the sleeve.

- Pay attention to the maximum allowable torque of 10 – 15 Nm when you screw in the sensor (instrument connection G1/2).
- Please avoid frequent screwing in and unscrewing of the sensor from the sleeve, because on high stress, the sealing edge can distort and the process connection can get leaky.  
The sealing system is designed for CIP- and SIP-cleaning.

## **6.2. Installation in G1/2 thread**

If the sleeve LZE is not used for the installation of the level switch LNZ, it is possible to seal the screw thread with an adequate sealing material. Thus, an installation is possible in a pipe as well as in a vessel.

No conductive connection needs to be established to the vessel or to the pipe.

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## 7. Electrical Connection

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**Attention! Make sure that the voltage values of your system correspond with the voltage values of the measuring unit.**

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- Make sure that the supply wires are de-energised.
- Connect the supply wires and the output signal to the shown pins as indicated in section 7.1 / 7.2.
- We recommend the use of wires with cross sectional area of min. 0,25 mm<sup>2</sup>

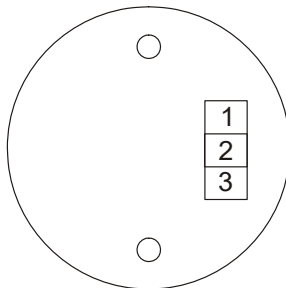


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**Attention! A wrong connection of the plug pins can damage the unit's electronic!**

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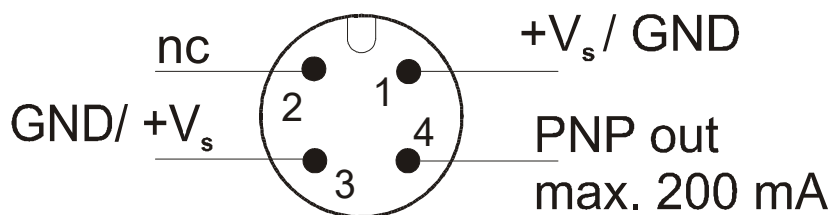
## 7.1. Model with screwed cable gland Terminal pin assignment of the 3-pole clamp



Power supply clamp 1	Power supply clamp 2	Sensor	Output clamp 3	Switching function
GND	+ V <sub>s</sub>	immersed	approx. V <sub>s</sub>	N/O contact
		dry	approx. 0 V	N/O contact
+ V <sub>s</sub>	GND	immersed	approx. 0 V	N/C contact
		dry	approx. V <sub>s</sub>	N/C contact

The output function (N/O / N/C function) is switched through by the polarity of the power supply.

## 7.2. Model with round pin plug Connector assignment of the M12-plug



Power supply plug PIN 1	Power supply plug PIN 3	Sensor	Output plug PIN 4	Switching function
GND	+ V <sub>s</sub>	immersed	approx. V <sub>s</sub>	N/O contact
		dry	approx. 0 V	N/O contact
+ V <sub>s</sub>	GND	Immersed	approx. 0 V	N/C contact
		dry	approx. V <sub>s</sub>	N/C contact

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## **8. Technical Information**

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Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via [www.kobold.com](http://www.kobold.com)

## **9. Order Codes**

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## **10. Dimensions**

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## 11. Disposal

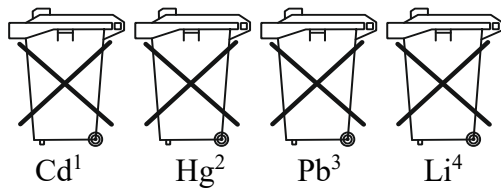
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### **Note!**

- Avoid environmental damage caused by media-contaminated parts
- Dispose of the device and packaging in an environmentally friendly manner
- Comply with applicable national and international disposal regulations and environmental regulations.

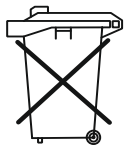
### **Batteries**

Batteries containing pollutants are marked with a sign consisting of a crossed-out garbage can and the chemical symbol (Cd, Hg, Li or Pb) of the heavy metal that is decisive for the classification as containing pollutants:



1. „Cd" stands for cadmium
2. „Hg" stands for mercury
3. „Pb" stands for lead
4. „Li" stands for lithium

### **Electrical and electronic equipment**



## 12. EU Declaration of Conformance

We, KOBOLD Messring GmbH, Nordring 22-24, 65719 Hofheim, Germany, declare under our sole responsibility that the product

**Capacitive Level Switch    Model: LNZ**

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following EU directives stated below:

<b>2014/30/EU</b>	Electromagnetic compatibility
<b>2011/65/EU</b>	<b>RoHS</b> (category 9)
<b>2015/863/EU</b>	Delegated Directive (RoHS III)

We confirm that the material PEEK is approved by FDA without any limitations for direct contact with food and pharma products and fulfils the corresponding EU-regulation.

**FDA Approval-No. 21 CFR 177.2415**  
**EU Regulation 1935/2004**

Also, the following standards are fulfilled:

**EN IEC 61326-1:2021**      Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements, industrial area (measurement of immunity to HF field up to 2 GHz)

**EN IEC 63000:2018**    Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances

Hofheim, 05. Sept 2023



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## 13. UK Declaration of Conformity

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We, KOBOLD Messring GmbH, Nordring 22-24, 65719 Hofheim, Germany, declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

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to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following UK directives stated below:

<b>S.I. 2016/1091</b>	<b>Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016</b>
<b>S.I. 2012/3032</b>	The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

We confirm that the materials used comply with FDA, CFR21

Also, the following standards are fulfilled:

**BS EN IEC 61326-1:2021**

Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use. EMC requirements. General requirements, industrial area (measurement of immunity to HF field up to 2 GHz)

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