

# Oil Quality Sensor

- Detects oil wear and contamination through dielectric constant measurement
- Universal design for use with mineral and synthetic oils
- LED (orange/green) visual status indication
- Continuous oil condition monitoring with 0–10 VDC voltage output
- Robust, clog-resistant construction with IP68 protection
- Adjustable LOW/HIGH sensitivity using the included magnetic pen
- Temperature compensated



## About

The P170 is an oil quality sensor designed to continuously monitor oil condition using a relative permittivity, or dielectric constant, measurement principle. It is intended to detect oil wear and contamination caused by water, acid, fuel, viscosity changes, different oil types, carbon, particles, and abrasion particles. The sensor works with mineral and synthetic oils and can be installed on engines, gearboxes, hydraulic systems, or electrical transformer systems while equipment remains in operation. It provides a simple 0 ... 10 VDC analog output, supports high or low sensitivity setup using a magnetic pen, and operates across a process temperature range of 14 to 140°F (-10 to 60°C).

## Applications

- ✓ Engine oil condition monitoring
- ✓ Gearbox oil monitoring
- ✓ Hydraulic system oil monitoring
- ✓ Electrical transformer oil monitoring
- ✓ Continuous oil contamination and wear detection in operating equipment

# About The P170

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Easily fitted, the P170 will continuously monitor, measure and report actual oil condition with absolute accuracy and reliability. A simple analogue voltage output fits into your existing monitoring systems.

It works with any oil type, mineral/synthetic, and can be fitted to any engine, gearbox, hydraulic or electrical transformer system while in full operation. The unique oil condition monitoring technology ensures any wear and/or contamination is instantly detected, measured and reported.

Helping you prevent unnecessary breakdowns, eliminate unnecessary maintenance and reduce your operating costs.

Relative permittivity is a parameter that universally indicates the quality and type of oil. Any change in oil quality (presence of abrasion particles or water) will result in an increase in relative permittivity or in some cases also decrease. Sensor can react to both changes.

To successfully start oil quality monitoring, the sensor needs to be set up with an initial sample of reference (clean) oil.

## Build Your Part Number

### Series P170

Example: P170SG3VC5

PSE152

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|---|---|
| <b>Series</b>   |   |
| P170  |   |
| <b>Hazard Performance - select one</b>  |   |
| S   | Standard atmosphere (non-explosive)                             |
| <b>Process Connection - select one; see diagram on page 4</b>                           |   |
| G3  | Pipe thread G 3/4"  |
| <b>Output - select one</b>  |   |
| V   | 0...10 VDC  |
| <b>Electrical Connection - select one</b>   |   |
| PT  | Gland with pre-installed cable                                  |
| C   | M12x1   |
| <b>Cable Length - please inform only when option PT is selected, otherwise skip</b>     |   |
|   | Cable length in meters (Example: 15 meters = 15)                |
| <b>Mating Electrical Connection Assembly - optional; only when option C is selected</b> |   |
| <b>Part#</b>  |   |
| PSE1  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with cable gland, field wireable  |
| PSE150  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 1 meter PVC shielded cable   |
| PSE151  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 3 meter PVC shielded cable   |
| PSE152  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 5 meter PVC shielded cable   |
| PSE153  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 7.5 meter PVC shielded cable |
| PSE154  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 10 meter PVC shielded cable  |
| PSE155  | M12x1, 5-pole female straight with 20 meter PVC shielded cable  |

Note: Product Includes 1 magnetic pen MP-8 and 1 O-ring (NBR, EPDM, FPM/Viton)

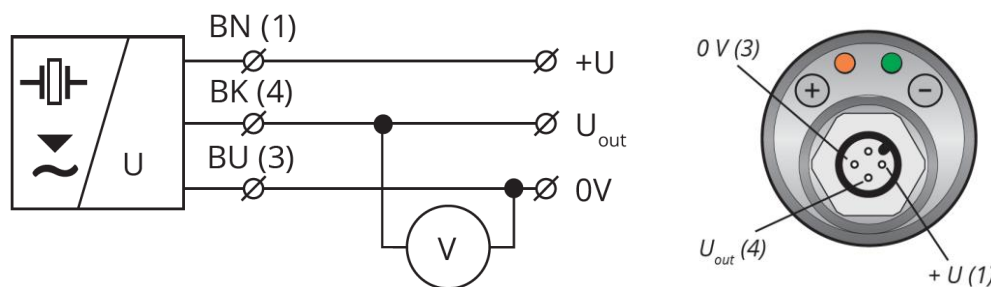
# Technical Parameters

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|                      |   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Electrical</b>    | Supply Voltage                                    | 12 ... 34 VDC                                      |
|                      | Voltage Output                                    | 0 ... 10 VDC                                       |
|                      | Status Indication                                 | 2x LED (Orange and Green)                          |
| <b>Environmental</b> | $\epsilon_r$ Temperature Drift Compensation       | $+9.6 \times 10^{-4} / ^\circ\text{C}$             |
|                      | $\epsilon_r$ Range - High Sens.                   | $-0.01 \dots \epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} \dots +0.04$ |
|                      | $\epsilon_r$ Range - Low Sens.                    | $-0.05 \dots \epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} \dots +0.20$ |
|                      | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$                        | 1.90 ... 2.30                                      |
|                      | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$ For fresh mineral oils | Typ 2.00   |
|                      | Process Temperature Range                         | 14°F ... 140 °F (-10°C ... 60°C)                   |
|                      | Pressure Resistance                               | 290 PSI (20 bar)                                   |
| <b>Materials</b>     | Protection Class                                  | IP68   |
|                      | Process Connection                                | Pipe thread G 3/4"                                 |
|                      | Weight (Without Cable)                            | Approx. 0.15kg                                     |

## Electrical Connection

The positive pole of the supply voltage (+U) is connected to the brown wire BN or pin connector no.1, the negative pole (0 V) is connected to the blue wire BU or pin connector no. 3 and output voltage (U<sub>out</sub>) to the black wire BK or pin connector no. 4.



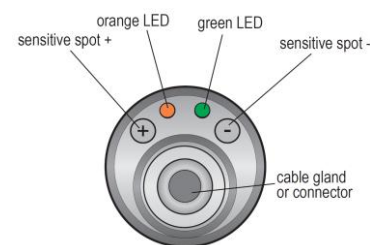
### Legend:

(1...) - terminal numbers  
 connector sockets  
 BN - brown  
 BU - blue  
 BK - black

## Settings

The sensor can be set to LOW or HIGH sensitivity. The last setting is valid.

Setting the device is done after its installation by touching the magnetic pen to sensitive spots  $\ominus$  and  $\oplus$ . The setting process is indicated by the orange LED "STATE". Connect the level meter to the power supply. Using a measuring device or associated device, check its output - current or voltage.



### PROCEDURE FOR SETTINGS LOW SENSITIVITY

1. Flood the electrode of the sensor to REFERENCE OIL.
2. Touch the magnetic pen for min. 1 seconds on the sensitive spot  $\ominus$  of the sensor.
3. Then put away the magnetic pen from sensitive spot and the LED indicator "STATE" will briefly flash 3x to confirm the setting of the sensitivity.

### PROCEDURE FOR SETTINGS HIGH SENSITIVITY

1. Flood the electrode of the sensor to REFERENCE OIL.
2. Touch the magnetic pen for min. 1 seconds on the sensitive spot  $\oplus$  of the sensor.
3. Then put away the magnetic pen from sensitive spot and the LED indicator "STATE" will briefly flash 3x to confirm the setting of the sensitivity.

### Output Voltage Dielectric Constant\*

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 0 V  | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} -0.05$ (Used Oil) |
| 2 V  | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$ of Reference Oil |
| 10 V | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} +0.20$ (Used Oil) |

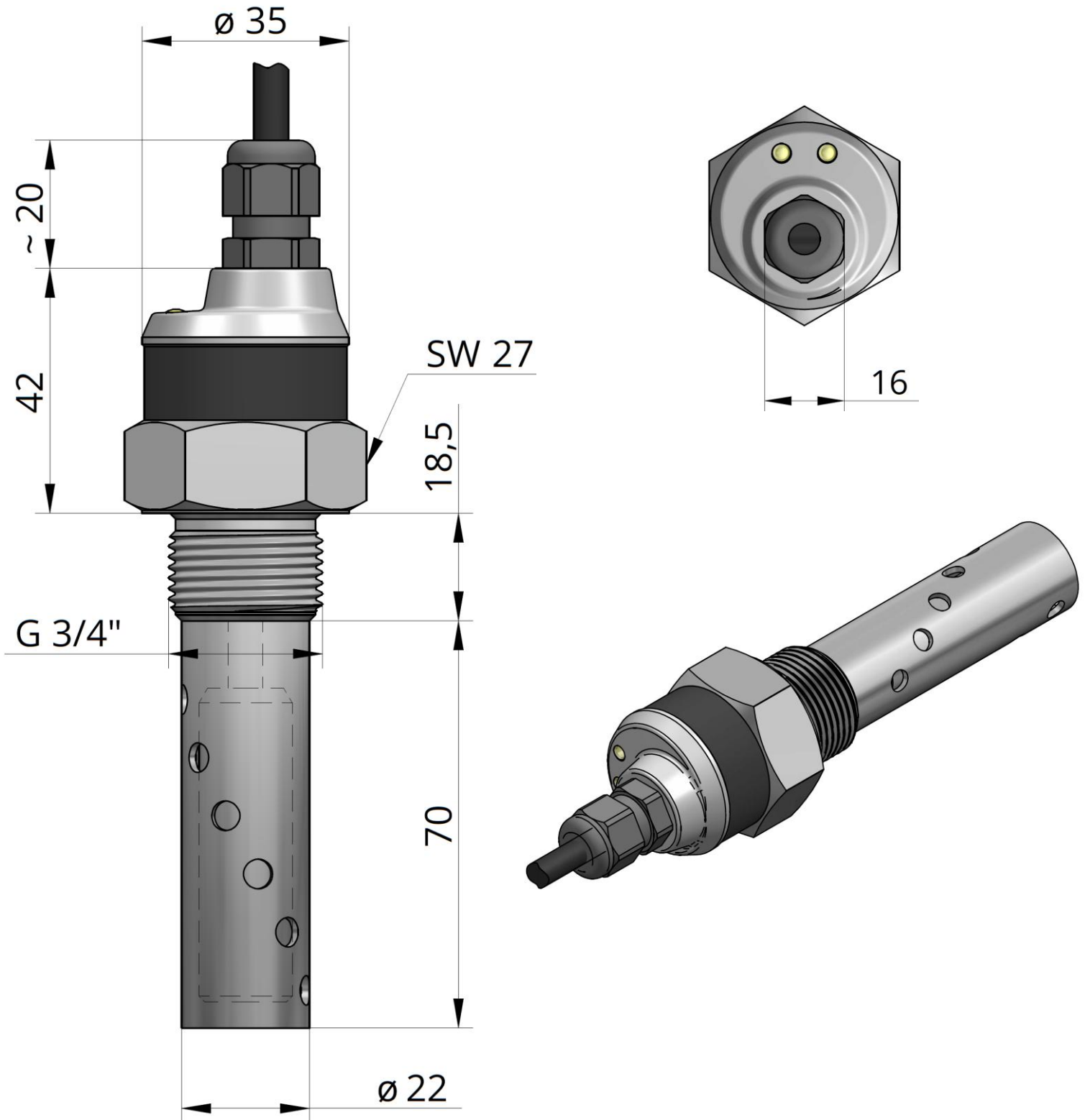
\* $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$  dielectric constant (rel. permittivity) for fresh mineral oils

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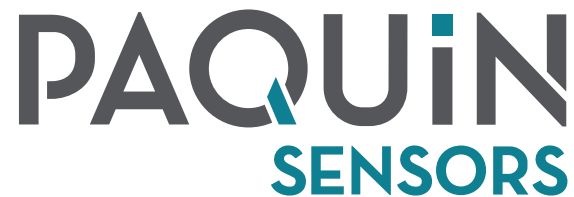
|      |   |
|------|---|
| 0 V  | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} -0.01$ (Used Oil) |
| 2 V  | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$ of Reference Oil |
| 10 V | $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}} +0.04$ (Used Oil) |

\* $\epsilon_{r \text{ ref}}$  dielectric constant (rel. permittivity) for fresh mineral oils

# Dimensions



# Additional Information



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