



## TQ 423 / EA 403 / IQS 450

### Proximity measuring system

#### FEATURES

- » From the Vibro-Meter® product line
- » Designed for high-pressure applications
- » Non-contact measurement system based on eddy current principle
- » Certified for use in potentially explosive atmospheres
- » 5 m and 10 m systems
- » Temperature compensated system
- » Voltage or current output with protection against short circuits
- » Frequency response:  
DC to 20 kHz (-3 dB)
- » Measuring range:  
12 mm
- » Temperature range:  
-25 to +140°C



TQ 423 with flexible hose



TQ 423 without flexible hose



IQS 450



#### DESCRIPTION

This proximity system allows contactless measurement of the relative displacement of moving machine elements. The system is based around a TQ 423 non-contact transducer and an IQS 450 signal conditioner. Together, these form a calibrated proximity system in which each component is interchangeable. The system outputs a voltage or current proportional to the distance between the transducer tip and the target, such as a machine shaft.

The TQ 423 is specially designed for high-pressure applications, with the transducer tip withstanding pressures of up to 100 bar. This makes it particularly suitable for measuring relative displacement on submerged pumps and various types of hydraulic turbines (for example, Kaplan and Francis).



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**DESCRIPTION** *(continued)*

The active part of the transducer is a coil of wire that is moulded inside the tip of the device, made of PEEK (polyetheretherketone). The transducer body is made of stainless steel. The target material must, in all cases, be metallic.

The transducer body is available only with metric thread. The TQ 423 has an integral coaxial cable, terminated with a self-locking miniature coaxial connector. Various cable lengths (integral and extension) may be ordered.

The IQS 450 signal conditioner contains a high-frequency modulator/demodulator that supplies a driving signal to the transducer. This generates the necessary electromagnetic field used to measure the

gap. The conditioner circuitry is made of high-quality components and is mounted in an aluminium extrusion.

The TQ 423 transducer can be matched with a single EA 403 extension cable to effectively lengthen the front-end. Optional housings, junction boxes and interconnection protectors are available for the mechanical and environmental protection of the connection between the integral and extension cables.

The proximity system can be powered by associated signal processing modules (for example, VM600 cards) or a rack power supply.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Overall proximity system**

**Operation**

Sensitivity

- *Ordering option B31* : 1.33 mV/μm (34 mV/mil)
- *Ordering option B32* : 0.417 μA/μm (10.6 μA/mil)

Linear measuring range (typical)

- *Ordering option B31* : 0.15 to 12.15 mm, corresponding to a -1.6 to -17.6 V output
- *Ordering option B32* : 0.15 to 12.15 mm, corresponding to a -15.5 to -20.5 mA output

Linearity : See Performance curves on page 4

Frequency response : DC to 20 kHz (-3 dB)

Interchangeability of elements : All components in system are interchangeable

**Environmental – explosive atmospheres**

Available in Ex approved versions for use in hazardous locations

Type of protection Ex i: intrinsic safety		
Europe	EC type examination certificate	LCIE 11 ATEX 3091 X II 1G (zones 0, 1, 2) Ex ia IIC T6 to T3 Ga
International	IECEX certificate of conformity	IECEX LCI 11.0061X Ex ia IIC T6 to T3 Ga
North America	cCSAus certificate of compliance	1514309 Class I, Divisions 1 and 2, Groups A, B, C, D Ex ia

**SPECIFICATIONS** (continued)

Type of protection Ex nA: non-sparking apparatus		
Europe	Voluntary type examination certificate	LCIE 11 ATEX 1010 X II 3G (zone 2) Ex nA II T6 to T3 Gc
International	IECEX certificate of conformity	IECEX LCI 11.0063X Ex nA II T6 to T3 Gc
North America	cCSAus certificate of compliance	1514309 Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D

 For specific parameters of the mode of protection concerned and special conditions for safe use, please refer to the certificates that are available from Meggitt SA on demand.

**System calibration**

Calibration temperature : +23°C ± 5°C  
Target material : VCL 140 steel (1.7225)

Note: If special calibration is required, please define the alloy precisely or supply a sample of alloy (min. Ø60 mm / 1 cm thick) according to Meggitt Sensing Systems' drawing number PZ 7009/1.

**Total system length**

The total system length (TSL) is the sum of the length of the TQ 4xx transducer's integral cable and the length of the EA 40x extension cable. The supported TSLs can be obtained from different combinations of cables.

Total system lengths

- 5 m : 1.0 m integral cable + 4.0 m extension cable  
5.0 m integral cable with no extension cable
- 10 m : 1.0 m integral cable + 9.0 m extension cable  
5.0 m integral cable + 5.0 m extension cable  
10.0 m integral cable with no extension cable

The combination of cables selected for a particular total system length depends on the application. For example, to obtain the optimum location for the separation between the integral and extension cables or to eliminate the requirement for an extension cable.

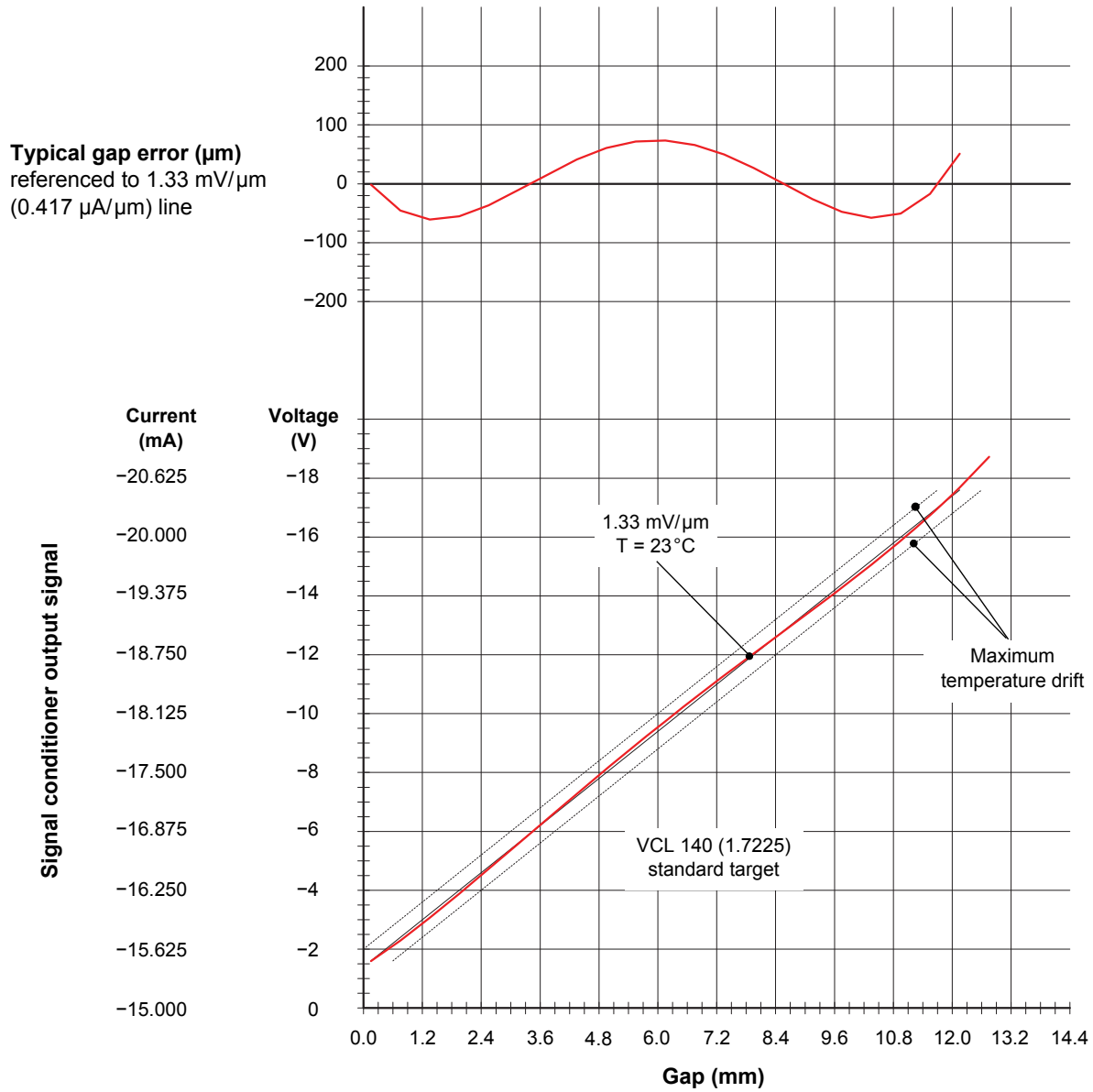
**Total system length trimming**

Due to the characteristics of the coaxial cable, an "electrical trimming" of the nominal length of extension cables is necessary to optimize the system performance and the transducer interchangeability.

TSL for a 5 m measuring chain : 4.4 m minimum  
TSL for a 10 m measuring chain : 8.8 m minimum

SPECIFICATIONS (continued)

Performance curves for TQ 423 with IQS 450



Proximity transducer: TQ 423  
Signal conditioner: IQS 450  
Standard target material: VCL 140 (1.7225)  
Equivalent materials: A 37.11 (1.0065), AFNOR 40 CD4, AISI 4140

## SPECIFICATIONS (continued)

## TQ 423 proximity transducer and EA 403 extension cable

## General

Transducer input requirements : High-frequency power source from an IQS 450 signal conditioner

## Environmental

Temperature ranges

- *Transducer* : -25 to +140°C with drift < 5%
- *Transducer and cable* : **-40 to +195°C if used in an Ex zone**
- *Cable and connector* : -40 to +200°C

Maximum pressures

- *Transducer tip* : 100 bar
- *Transducer/cable assembly* : 10 bar (with flexible hose option).  
1 bar (without flexible hose option).

Protection rating (according to IEC 60529) : The head of the proximity transducer (transducer tip and integral cable) is rated IP68

Vibration (according to IEC 60068-2-26) : 5 g peak between 10 and 500 Hz

Shock acceleration (according to IEC 60068-2-27) : 15 g peak (half sine-wave, 11 ms duration)

## Physical characteristics

Transducer construction : Wire coil Ø18 mm, PEEK (polyetheretherketone) tip, encapsulated in stainless steel body (1.4435) with high-temperature epoxy glue

Integral and extension cables : FEP covered 70 Ω coaxial cable, Ø3.6 mm

Connectors : Self-locking miniature coaxial connectors.  
Note: When connecting, these should be hand-tightened until locked.

Optional protection

- *Flexible stainless steel hose (protection tube)* : The stainless steel hose of the TQ 423 provides additional mechanical protection and is leak-tight.  
The stainless steel hose of the EA 403 provides additional mechanical protection but is not leak-tight.
- *FEP sheath (extruded fluorinated ethylene propylene)* : The FEP sheath of the EA 403 provides resistance to almost all chemicals and low permeability to liquids, gases and moisture. It is also flexible, low friction and mechanically tough.

SPECIFICATIONS (continued)

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## IQS 450 signal conditioner

### Output

Voltage output, 3-wire configuration

- Voltage at min. gap : -1.6 V
- Voltage at max. gap : -17.6 V
- Dynamic range : 16 V
- Output impedance : 500 Ω
- Short-circuit current : 45 mA

Current output, 2-wire configuration

- Current at min. gap : -15.5 mA
- Current at max. gap : -20.5 mA
- Dynamic range : 5 mA

Output capacitance : 1 nF

Output inductance : 100 μH

### Supply

Voltage output, 3-wire configuration

- Voltage : -20 V to -32 V\*
- Current : -13 ± 1 mA (-25 mA max.)

Current output, 2-wire configuration

- Voltage : -20 V to -32 V\*
- Current : -15.5 to -20.5 mA

Supply input capacitance : 1 nF

Supply input inductance : 100 μH

### Environmental

Temperature ranges

- Operation : -35 to +85 °C\*.  
**0 to +70 °C if used in an Ex zone.**
- Storage : -40 to +85 °C

Humidity : Max. 95% non condensing.  
100% condensing (not submerged).

Protection rating : IP40  
(according to IEC 60529)

Vibration : 2 g peak between 10 and 55 Hz  
(according to IEC 60068-2-26)

Shock acceleration : 15 g peak (half sine-wave, 11 ms duration)  
(according to IEC 60068-2-27)

### Physical characteristics

Construction material : Injection moulded aluminium

\*See Thermal considerations on page 7.

**SPECIFICATIONS** (continued)

**Electrical connections**

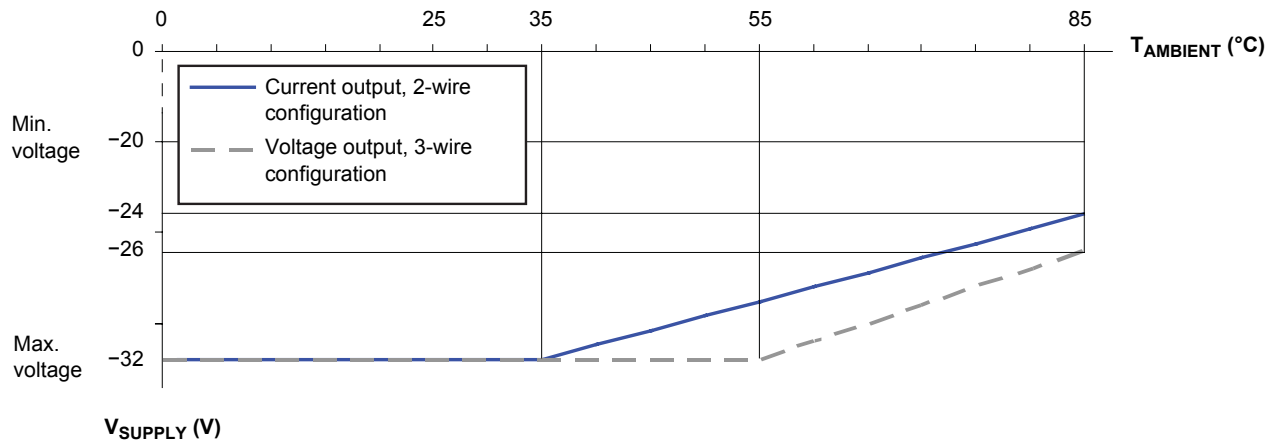
- Input : Self-locking miniature coaxial connector (female).  
Note: When connecting, this should be hand-tightened, until locked.
- Output and power : Screw terminal strip

**Weight**

- Standard version : 140 g (approx.)
- Ex version : 220 g (approx.)

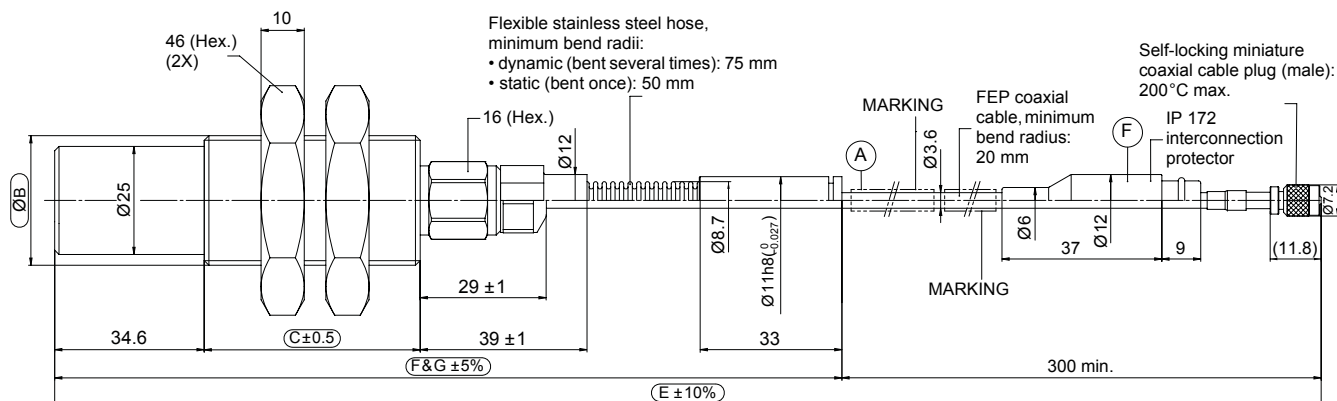
**Thermal considerations**

The IQS 450 signal conditioner will operate at ambient temperatures as high as 85°C, but to do so, it requires derating of the maximum input voltage. The IQS 450 must operate between the minimum supply voltage and the maximum supply voltage, as shown on the following graph.



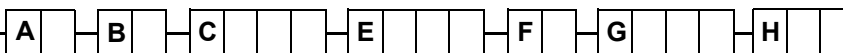
MECHANICAL DRAWINGS AND ORDERING INFORMATION

TQ 423 proximity transducer



Ordering number:

111 - 423 - 000 - 013



Environment (A)	
Standard	1
Explosive Ex i	2
Explosive Ex nA	3

Body thread (B)	
M30 x 1.5	1

Body length (C)	
50 mm	050
86 mm	086
120 mm	120
150 mm	150
180 mm	180

Integral cable length (E)	
1 m	010
5 m	050
10 m	100

Optional protection (F)		
Cable	Connector	
None	None	0
Flexible hose	None	1
None	IP 172	5
Flexible hose	IP 172	6

Total system length (H)	
See note 1	
05	5 m
10	10 m

Flexible hose length (G)	
000	None
010	For 1 m integral cable
050	For 5 m integral cable
100	For 10 m integral cable

Notes

All dimensions are in mm unless otherwise stated.

1. The Total system length (H) = Integral cable length (E) + EA 403 extension cable length.

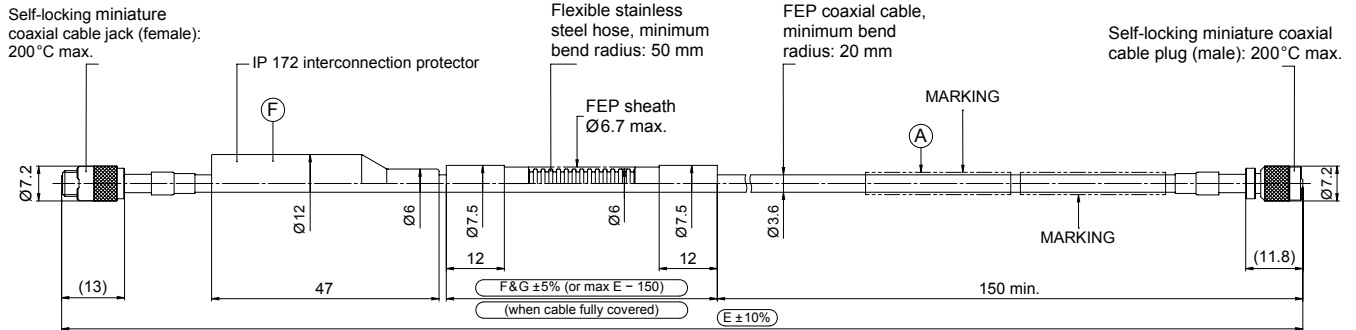
For information on combining integral and extension cables to obtain a particular total system length, see Total system length on page 3.

For information on cable length tolerances, see Total system length trimming on page 3.



MECHANICAL DRAWINGS AND ORDERING INFORMATION (continued)

EA 403 extension cable



Ordering number: 913 - 403 - 000 - 013 - A - E - F - G

Environment (A)	
Standard	1
Explosive Ex i	2
Explosive Ex nA	3

Extension cable length (E) See note 1	
4.0 m ± 400 mm	040
5.0 m ± 500 mm	050
9.0 m ± 900 mm	090

Flexible hose length (G)	
Each 0.1 m, from 0 to 9.3 m	
000	None
001	0.1 m min.
093	9.3 m max.

Optional protection (F) See note 2		
Cable	Connector	
None	None	0
Flexible hose	None	1
Flexible hose with FEP sheath	None	2
None	IP 172	5
Flexible hose	IP 172	6
Flexible hose with FEP sheath	IP 172	7

Notes

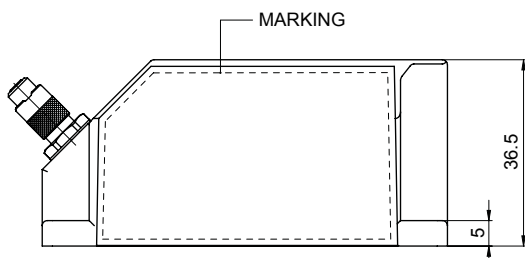
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- The total system length = TQ 423 integral cable length + Extension cable length (E).  
For information on combining integral and extension cables to obtain a particular total system length, see Total system length on page 3.  
For information on cable length tolerances, see Total system length trimming on page 3.
- When optional protection such as a flexible stainless steel hose with or without an FEP sheath is ordered:  
Flexible hose length (G) max. = Extension cable length (E) - 150 mm, for an extension cable that is protected to the maximum extent possible ("cable fully covered").

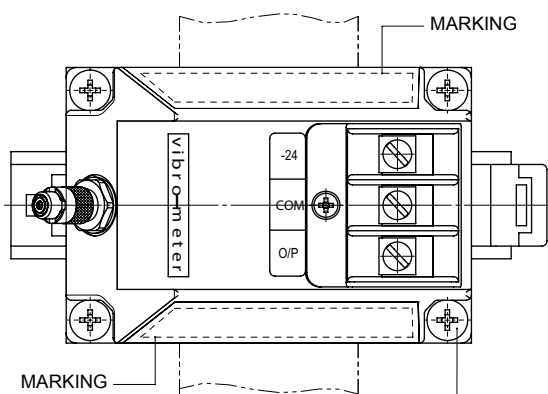
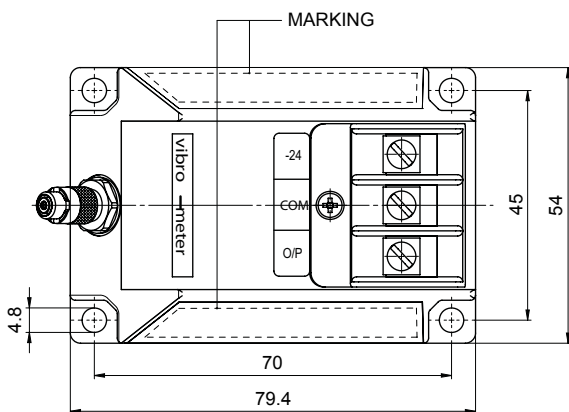
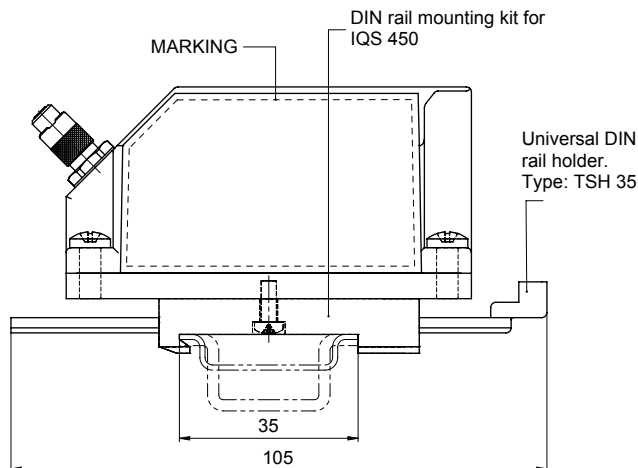
MECHANICAL DRAWINGS AND ORDERING INFORMATION (continued)

IQS 450 signal conditioner

Ordering option I0



Ordering option I1



Note: All dimensions are in mm unless otherwise stated.

Self-tapping cross-recess screws.  
Type: WN 1411, KA40 x 10.  
Mounting torque: 0.4 N•m.

Ordering number: 204 - 450 - 000 - 002 - A - B - H - I

Environment (A)	
Standard	1
Explosive Ex i	2
Explosive Ex nA	3

Installation (I)	
0	Signal conditioner only
1	Signal conditioner assembled on mounting adaptor

Measuring range	Sensitivity (B)	
	12 mm	1.33 mV/μm
	0.417 μA/μm	32

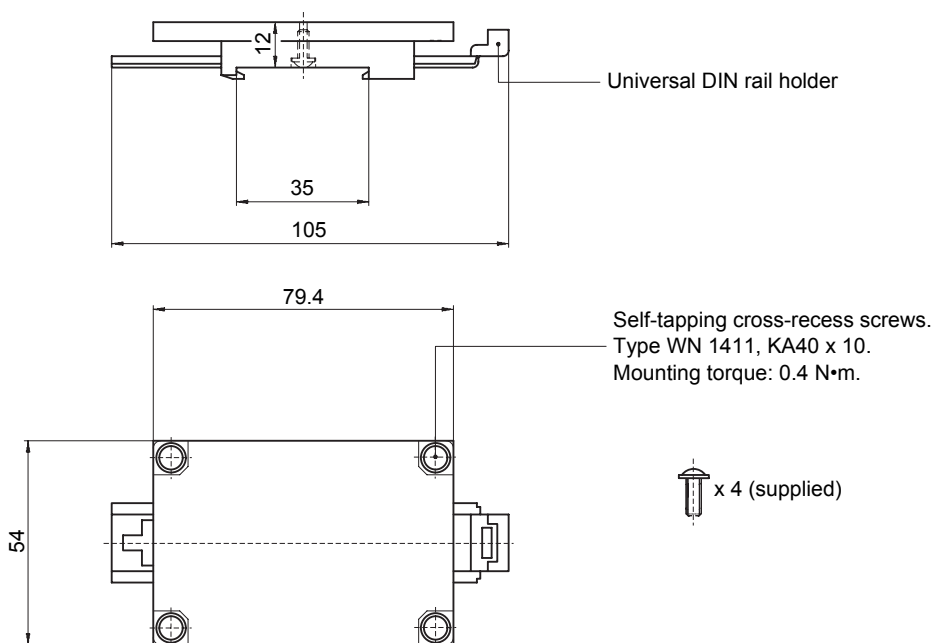
Total system length (H)	
05	5 m
10	10 m

## MOUNTING ACCESSORIES

ABA 15x	Industrial housings	: Refer to corresponding data sheets
IP 172	Interconnection protection	: Refer to corresponding data sheet
JB 118	Junction box	: Refer to corresponding data sheet
KS 107	Flexible conduit	: Refer to corresponding data sheet
MA 130	Mounting adaptor	: See below
SG 1xx	Cable feedthroughs	: Refer to corresponding data sheets

### MA 130 mounting adaptor

Mechanical drawing



Note: All dimensions are in mm unless otherwise stated.

Ordering number : 809-130-000-011

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