



**Badger Meter Europa GmbH**

## **VHQ 500-SP/SPS**

Ultrasonic flow meter  
for open channels and partially filled  
pipes

## **INSTALLATION MANUAL**

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## 1. General description

The flow meter VHQ 500-SP was designed for flow measurement in partially filled pipes and open channels.

A sensor measures flow velocity and level.

A 32 bits microprocessor calculates and administrates the measuring data.

A LCD graphic display (128 x 64 pixels) allows data programming and data read out.

The programming is menu driven upon dialog texts and numbers are entered upon a keypad.

A 4digit ID number prevents from unauthorized access and protect the parameters of the measurement site.

The programming is showed in chapter 3 in the form of a flow chart and described in chapter 6.

The flow meter has a 256 KB RAM memory, which records the measuring data. 256 KB RAM corresponds to about 25.000 measuring data. The memory records following data: Date, time, flow, flow velocity, level, quantity, measurement site.

A RS232 serial port makes data read out on PC possible.

The unit can administrate up to 99 measurement sites.

Three potentialfree contacts can be programmed to transmit either quantity pulses or limit values.

For external level measurement (sensor) an analogue input 4 – 20 mA is available.

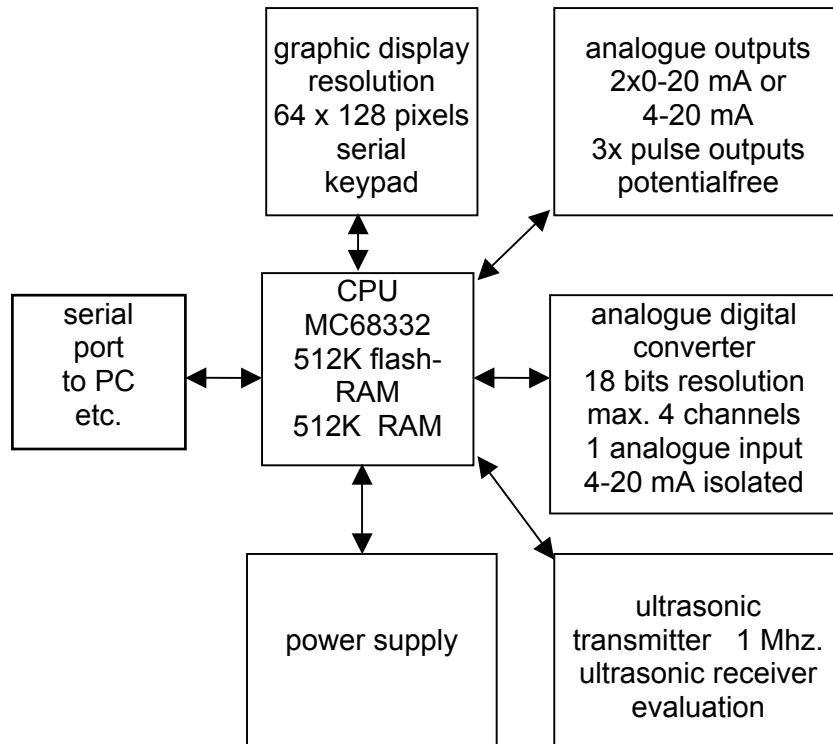
Analogue outputs 1 and 2 are isolated. Both can be programmed for 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA and be alternatively assigned to level, flow or flow velocity.

Power supply for the portable meter is ensured by an integrated 12V battery. A battery charger will be connected to the meter from outside to recharge the battery. The battery is protected from low discharging and has a life time of about 7 days. Requested power supply for the stationary meter is 90 to 240 VAC or 18 to 32 VDC.



## 2. Technical data/Block diagram

### 2.1 Block diagram



### 2.2 Data

CPU	:	Motorola MC68332 32 bits
Flash-RAM	:	512 K
RAM	:	512 K
Interfaces	:	1 x RS232 serial port 1 x serial TTL

### 2.3 Combined sensor V/H

- a) Doppler velocity
- b) pressure level

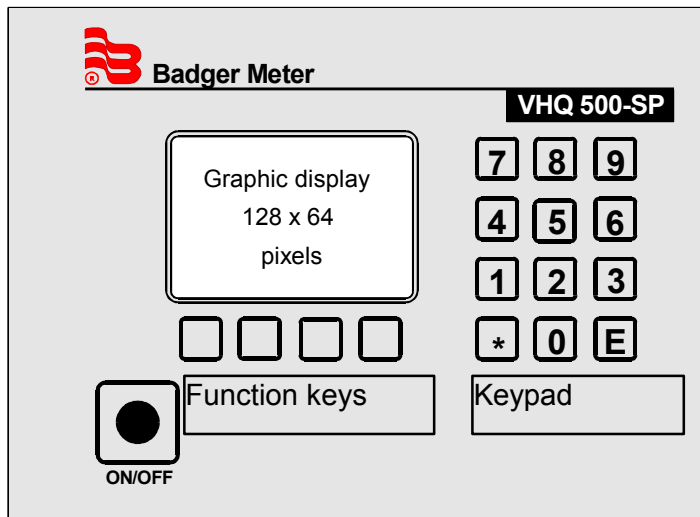
### 2.4 External sensor input 4-20 mA

for level measurement power supply 24 VDC / max. 300 mA





#### 4. Description of front panel

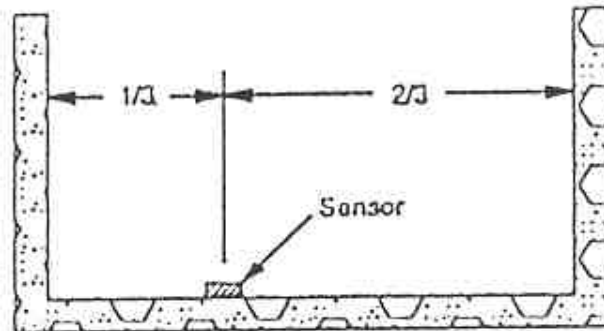


- Key on/off to switch on/off
- Function keys are used to retrieve measuring data and to program the unit.
- Keypad for programming.

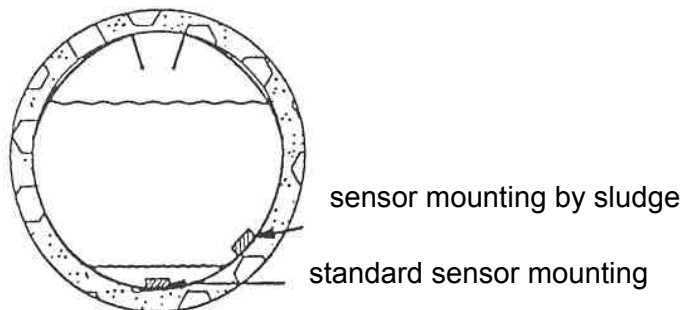
## 5. Sensor installation

Sensor mounting into the channel:

- rectangular shaped channel



- typical sensor mounting in a circular channel is always on the deepest place of the pipe. The sensor is usually screwed on a mounting band.



### **CAUTION FOR STATIONARY VERSION!**

After connection of the sensor cable at the terminal, please remove the rubber protection cap from the capillary tube.

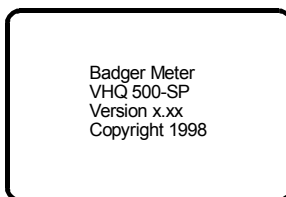
## 6. Programming

### 6.1 Programming on stage „ON“

Once the meter has been switched on, the operation software is loaded into the RAM.

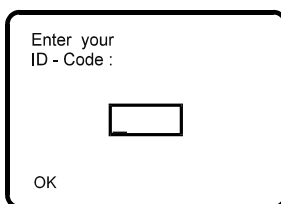
Following screen appears on the display:

Illustration 10



After this indication, the display switches to the input of ID number.

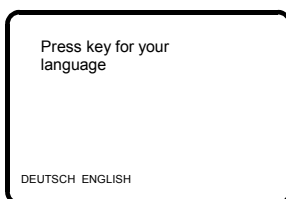
Illustration 10.1



Enter ID number.  
The ID number is a factory adjusted 4-digit code.  
If you lose this code, please call Badger Meter and give the serial number f.i. 01.1999.001.



Illustration 11



Selection of language. Press the key accordingly.





Illustration 12

Compare on the next page date and time.  
If date or time is wrong press NEW ADJUSTMENT

OK

Please check date and time.



Illustration 13

Date:  
09.09.98  
Time:  
10:11:00

CONTINUE NEW ADJUSTMENT

If date and time is correct, press CONTINUE.  
If date and/or time is wrong, press NEW ADJUSTMENT.



Illustration 14

Date:  
09.09.98  
Time:  
10:11:00

OK LEFT Right

Adjust date and time with LEFT/RIGHT keys.  
Enter the figures by pressing numbers on the keypad and confirm with OK.



Illustration 15

System: Service,  
reset totalizer,  
delete datafile  
Measure : stored and  
new site date  
Transmit data  
Simulation:  
SYSTEM MEASURE TRANSMIT/ SIMULA RETURN

Choice of programming stage:  
SYSTEM, MEASURE, TRANSMIT DATA

or RETURN.

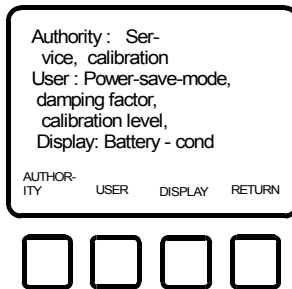


Select SYSTEM  
Select MEASURE  
Select TRANSMIT-SIMUL.  
Select RETURN

Illustration 16  
Illustration 36  
Illustration 12



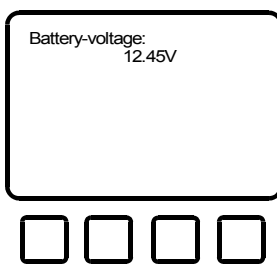
Illustration 16



Select USER  
 Select AUTHORITY  
 Select DISPLAY

Illustration 17  
 Illustration 25  
 Illustration 16.1

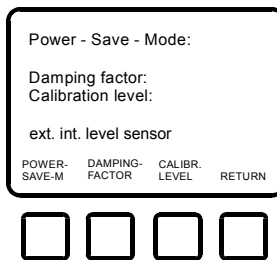
Illustration 16.1



Indication of the actual battery voltage.

If the battery voltage is below the minimum, this will appear on the display.

Illustration 17

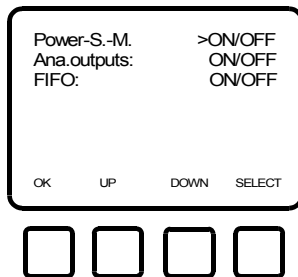


Power-Save-Mode (save battery power)  
 Damping factor  
 Level sensor calibration (ext./int.)

Select POWER-SAVE-M  
 Select DAMPING FACTOR  
 Select CALIBR. LEVEL  
 Select RETURN

Illustration 18  
 Illustration 19  
 Illustration 20  
 Illustration 16

Illustration 18



Power-Save-Mode ON/OFF (if this mode is ON, the electronic will go into sleep mode between the programmed measuring intervals).

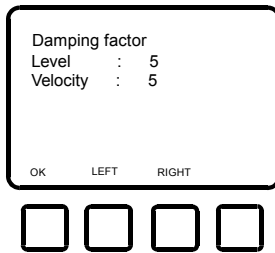
Analogue outputs ON/OFF (if no analogue output is requested, select OFF to save power).

FIFO ON/OFF (ON means first in, first out)  
 (OFF means storing until memory filled)

Select ON/OFF with key SELECT and UP/DOWN.  
 Confirm with OK.

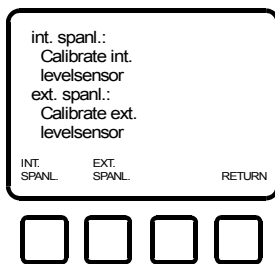


Illustration 19



Damping factors  
 1 = 1 x measurement and indication  
 2 = 2 x measurements with average values  
 3 = 3 x measurements with average values  
 4 = 4 x measurements with average values  
 5 = 5 x measurements with average values  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT.  
 Confirm with OK.

Illustration 19.1



Selection of the level sensors ext./int.  
 int. spanl. = standard V/H sensor, illustr. 20  
 ext. spanl = sensor with 4-20 mA output, illustr. 24.1  
 Return = illustr. 17



## 6.2 Level adjustment

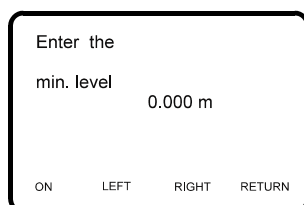
Illustration 20



Adjustment of minimum level of the internal sensor, press OK.



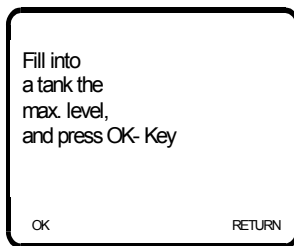
Illustration 21



Enter minimum level and confirm with OK.  
Use LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.



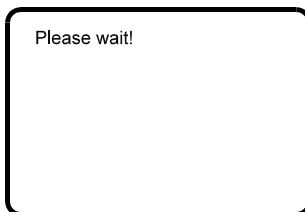
Illustration 22



Adjustment of maximum level of the int. sensor.  
Confirm with OK.



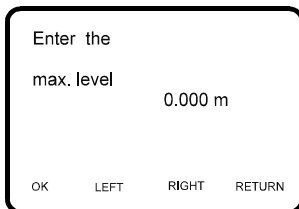
Illustration 23



Capturing maximum level.



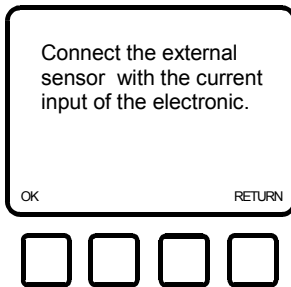
Illustration 24



Enter maximum level and confirm with OK.  
Use LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.

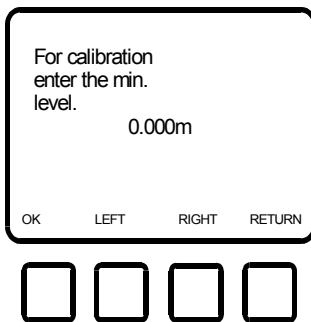


Illustration 24.1



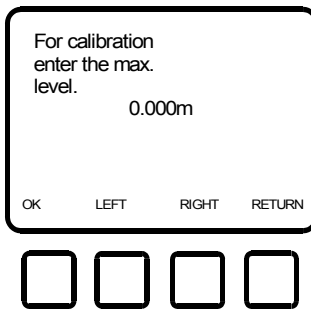
Adjustment of the external sensor.

Illustration 24.2



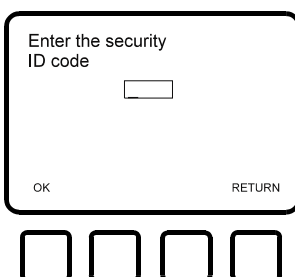
4 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.

Illustration 24.3



20 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.

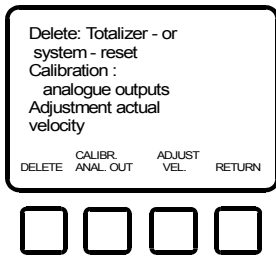
Illustration 25



Enter 4 digit ID-number (authorized persons only). Use keypad and confirm with OK.



Illustration 26

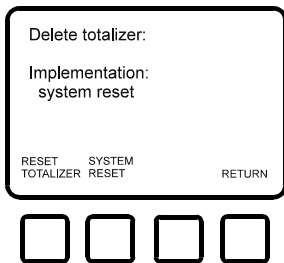


Delete totalizer, measuring data and system reset.  
 Calibration of analogue outputs.  
 Adjustment of flow velocity.

Key DELETE  
 Key CALIBR. ANAL. OUT.  
 Key ADJUST. VEL.  
 Key RETURN

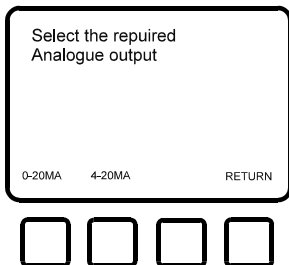
Illustration 27  
 Illustration 28  
 Illustration 33  
 Illustration 16

Illustration 27



Select RESET TOTALIZATOR and measuring data  
 Select SYSTEM RESET (all measuring data and stored parameters are deleted).  
 Select RETURN to return to illustration 26

Illustration 28

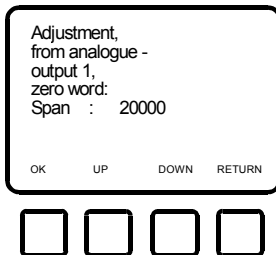


Select calibration of analogue outputs 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA.

Key 0-20 mA  
 Key 4-20 mA  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 29  
 Process like 0-20 mA  
 Illustration 26

Illustration 29

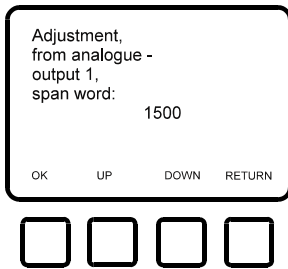


Calibration of analogue output 1, connect current meter.  
 Adjust 0 mA with UP/DOWN keys.  
 Confirm with OK  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 30  
 Illustration 28



Illustration 30

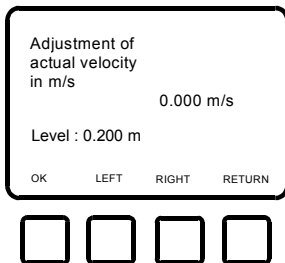


Calibration of analogue output 1.  
 Adjust 20 mA with UP/DOWN keys.  
 Confirm with OK  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 31  
 Illustration 29

Illustration 31 is like illustration 29 but calibration analogue output 2.  
 Illustration 32 is like illustration 30 but calibration analogue output 2.

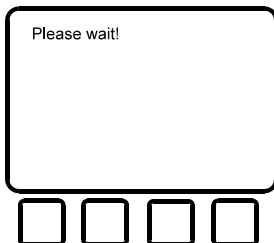
Illustration 33



Adjustment of flow velocity.  
 Enter actual velocity with LEFT/RIGHT buttons and keypad.  
 Confirm with OK  
 Key RETURN

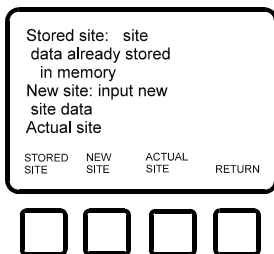
Illustration 34  
 Illustration 26

Illustration 34



Compensation of velocity is released by pressing OK.  
 After display „Please wait“, you go automatically back to illustration 26.

Illustration 35

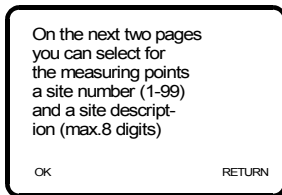


Key STORED SITE (already configured) Illustration 36  
 Key NEW SITE Illustration 46  
 Key ACTUAL SITE Illustration 72  
 Key RETURN Illustration 15



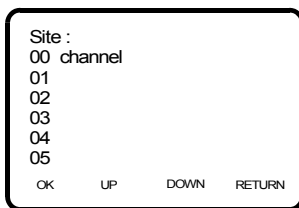


Illustration 36



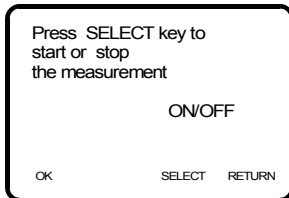
Select an already stored site by pressing OK.  
 Key RETURN Illustration 35

Illustration 37



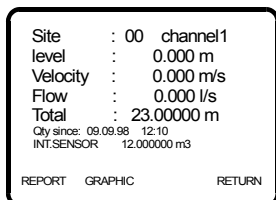
Select a stored site with UP/DOWN keys.  
 Confirm with OK.  
 Key RETURN Illustration 35

Illustration 38



Start or stop the measuring procedure by pressing SELECT.  
 Confirm with OK. Illustration 39  
 Key RETURN Illustration 37

Illustration 39



Indication of measuring values incl. site #, total, display and actual working sensor.  
 Key REPORT Illustration 40  
 Key GRAPHIC Illustration 43  
 Key RETURN Illustration 38



Illustration 40

Memory:  
 00000 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S  
 0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00  
 00001 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S  
 0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00  
 00002 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S  
 0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00  
 00003 09.09.98 12:10:25 0.000 M/S  
 0.540 M 6553 L/S 12345.678 M3 00

PARAMET. UP DOWN RETURN

Stored measuring data:

1. Position #	2. Date	3. Time	4. Flow velocity
5. Level	6. Flow	7. Total	5. Site #

Key PARAMET.  
 Key UP/DOWN  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
 shift measuring values  
 Illustration 39

Illustration 41

SITE : 00 channel1  
 MAIN-RECORDING-INT: 15 s  
 MAX. LEVEL : 2.5000 M  
 ALTERNATE-RECORDING INT: 001 MIN  
 PULSE OUTPUT: 0 MB  
 ENTRY POINT: 0.000 M  
 RISE FACTOR 0 %/M

RETURN

Indication of adjusted parameters.

Key RETURN

Illustration 39

Illustration 42

Select graphic :  
 View level  
 View velocity  
 View flow

LEVEL VELOCITY FLOW RETURN

Select graphic LEVEL  
 Select graphic VELOCITY  
 Select graphic FLOW  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 43  
 Illustration 44  
 Illustration 45  
 Illustration 39

Illustration 43

Site: 00 channel1

LEVEL 001MIN

PARAMET. RETURN

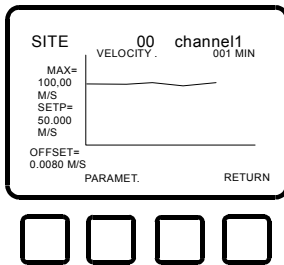
Graphic of level with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.  
 Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
 Illustration 42



Illustration 44

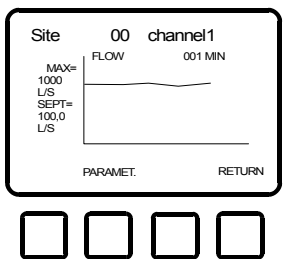


Graphic of flow velocity with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.  
Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
Illustration 42

Illustration 45



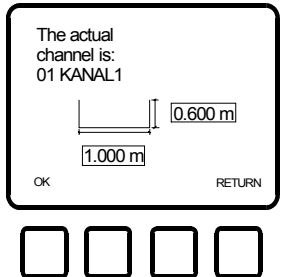
Graphic of flow with site #, and set point.

Key PARAMET.  
Key RETURN

Illustration 41  
Illustration 42

### 6.3 New site

Illustration 46

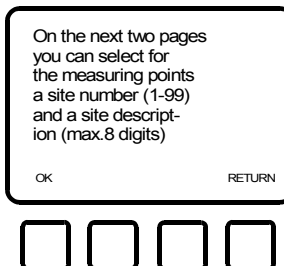


Indication of the shape of the latest selected site.

Key OK  
Key Return

Illustration 46.1  
Illustration 35

Illustration 46.1



Continue with OK  
Back with RETURN

Illustration 47  
Illustration 35



Illustration 47

Denote the measuring point (1-99)

00

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

Enter site # upon the keypad.

Continue with OK Illustration 48  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT  
 Back with RETURN Illustration 35

Illustration 48

Site description (max. 8 digits)

CHANNEL

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNQRST  
 UVWXYZ1234567890

OK LEFT RIGHT STORAGE

Select letters or figures by moving the flashing line under the digits with LEFT/RIGHT keys.

Store the site description with STORAGE.

Continue with OK Illustration 49

Illustration 48.1

Selection of the measuring range of the ext. and int. sensor.

INT. above 0.000m  
 EXT. above 0.000m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

Example:

- Measuring only with internal sensor adjustment = 0.000m
- Measuring only with external sensor adjustment = 0.001 m
- Measurement with internal sensor up to 0.200 m and external sensor up to 1.000 m  
 adjustment internal = 0.000 m  
 adjustment external = 0.200 m
- Measurement with external sensor up to 0.200 m and internal sensor up to 1.000 m  
 adjustment internal = 0.200 m  
 adjustment external = 0.000 m

Illustration 49

Angular: rectangular -, trapezoid  
 Round: circular -, egg shape  
 Other: special shape

ANGULAR ROUND OTHER RETURN

Selection of channel shape:

Key ANGULAR Illustration 50  
 Key ROUND Illustration  
 Key OTHER (special) Illustration  
 Key RETURN Illustration 46



Illustration 50

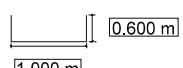
rectangular:  
measures of channel,  
set points, offsets,  
pulse and analogue-  
-outputs , entry point,  
rise factor  
trapezoid : s.a.m  
RECTANGULAR TRAPEZOID RETURN



Select RECTANGULAR channel  
Select TRAPEZOIDAL channel  
Key RETURN

Illustration 51  
Illustration 64  
Illustration 49

Illustration 51

Input measures of the  
rectangular channel:  
  
OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys.  
Enter figures upon the keypad.  
Continue with OK  
RETURN

Illustration 52  
Illustration 50



Illustration 52

Input max. values of:

Level : 2.500 m  
 Velocity : 1.000 m/s  
 Flow : 10.000 l/s

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter max. values for V, H and Q (assignment of analogue outputs).  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
 Continue with OK Illustration 53  
 RETURN Illustration 49

Illustration 53

Input the set points

Level : 2.500 m  
 Velocity : 1.000 m/s  
 Flow : 10.000 l/s

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter alarm set points for V, H and Q.  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
 Continue with OK Illustration 54  
 RETURN Illustration 52

Illustration 54

Input offsets

offset level : +0.000 m  
 offset velocity: + 0.000m/s

OK LEFT RIGHT ALGEBRAIC SIGN



Enter offset values for level and velocity.  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
 Select positive/negative with ALGEBRAIC SIGN.  
 Continue with OK. Illustration 55

Illustration 55

Assign analogue and pulse outputs

Level : ██████████  
 Velocity :  
 Flow :  
 Pulse o. :

OK UP DOWN SELECT



Assign analogue and pulse outputs to V, H and Q.  
 Select 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA, pulse output 1, pulse output 2.  
 Select between V, H, Q and pulse output with UP/DOWN.  
 Confirm with OK Illustration 56.



Illustration 56

Input on the next page required record .-time- interval. possible values are 15, 30 and 45 s, or 1 up 999 min.

OK RETURN



Continue with OK  
Back with RETURN

Illustration 57  
Illustration 53

Illustration 57

Recording time int.:  
  
15 s

OK LEFT RIGHT TIME-UNIT



Select the storage time interval:  
15 sec., 30 sec., 45 sec.  
1 minute up to 999 minutes.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).  
Select seconds or minutes with TIME UNIT.  
Confirm with OK

Illustration 58

Illustration 58

If you want to select a level dependent recording interval, then press LEVEL -DEP- key

LEVEL-CONTINUE DEP. RETURN



Change the storage time interval at a determined level.  
Possible intervals are 15, 30, 45 sec. or 1 to 999 minutes.  
Continue with OK  
Save with LEVEL-DEP. Storage  
Back with RETURN

Illustration 60  
Illustration 59  
Illustration 56

Illustration 59

Level dependent Recording time int. 001 min

Level: 2.500 m

OK LEFT RIGHT TIME-UNIT

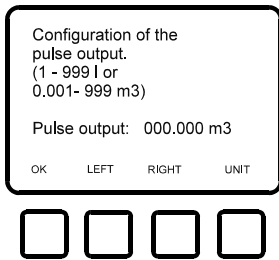


Select time and level with LEFT/RIGHT keys and enter time and level upon the keypad.  
Select seconds or minutes with TIME UNIT.  
Confirm with OK.

Illustration 60

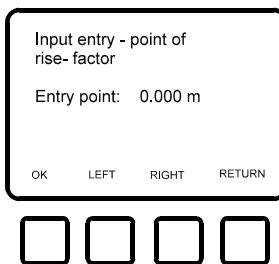


Illustration 60



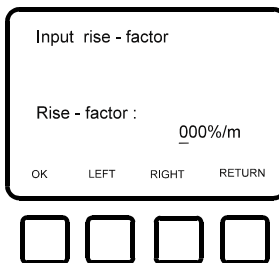
Configuration of the totalizer pulse output 1 to 999 litres or 0,001 to 999 m<sup>3</sup>.  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
 Select between litres and m<sup>3</sup> with UNIT key.  
 Confirm with OK Illustration 61

Illustration 61



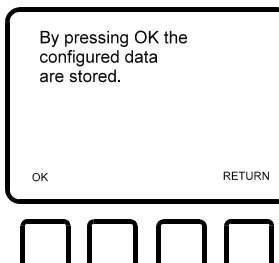
Configuration of the entry point (start point) of rise factor.  
 Enter level with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
 RETURN Illustration 58  
 Confirm with OK Illustration 62

Illustration 62



Configuration of the rise factor.  
 Enter rise factor in % per metre (max. 255%/m).  
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
 Key RETURN Illustration 61  
 Confirm with OK Illustration 63

Illustration 63

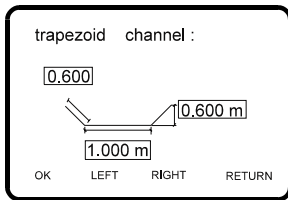


Save all configured data by pressing OK.  
 Press OK for storage Illustration 37  
 Key RETURN Illustration 62



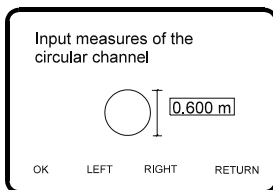


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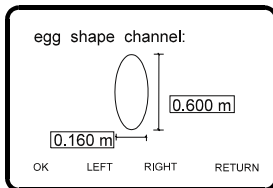
Enter trapezoidal channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration 49

Illustration 65



Enter circular channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration

Illustration 66



Enter egg shaped channel dimensions.  
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.  
Key RETURN Illustration

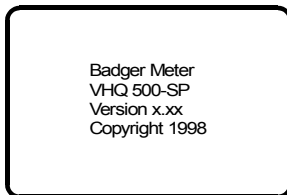


## 7. Switch on and measure

By configuring actual site „ON“ in chapter 6, page 14, illustration 35, you come directly after having switched on the VHQ into the measuring mode. The latest channel you have chosen appears on the display.

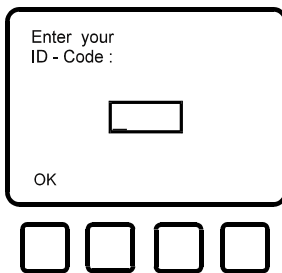
### Switch on the meter.

Illustration 70



After this indication, the display switches to the input of ID-number.

Illustration 71



Enter ID number.  
The ID number is a factory adjusted 4-digit code.  
If you lose this code, please call Badger Meter and give the serial number.

Illustration 72



Press SELECT key to choose ON/OFF (start or stop the measuring mode).  
Confirm with OK  
Press RETURN to choose a new site

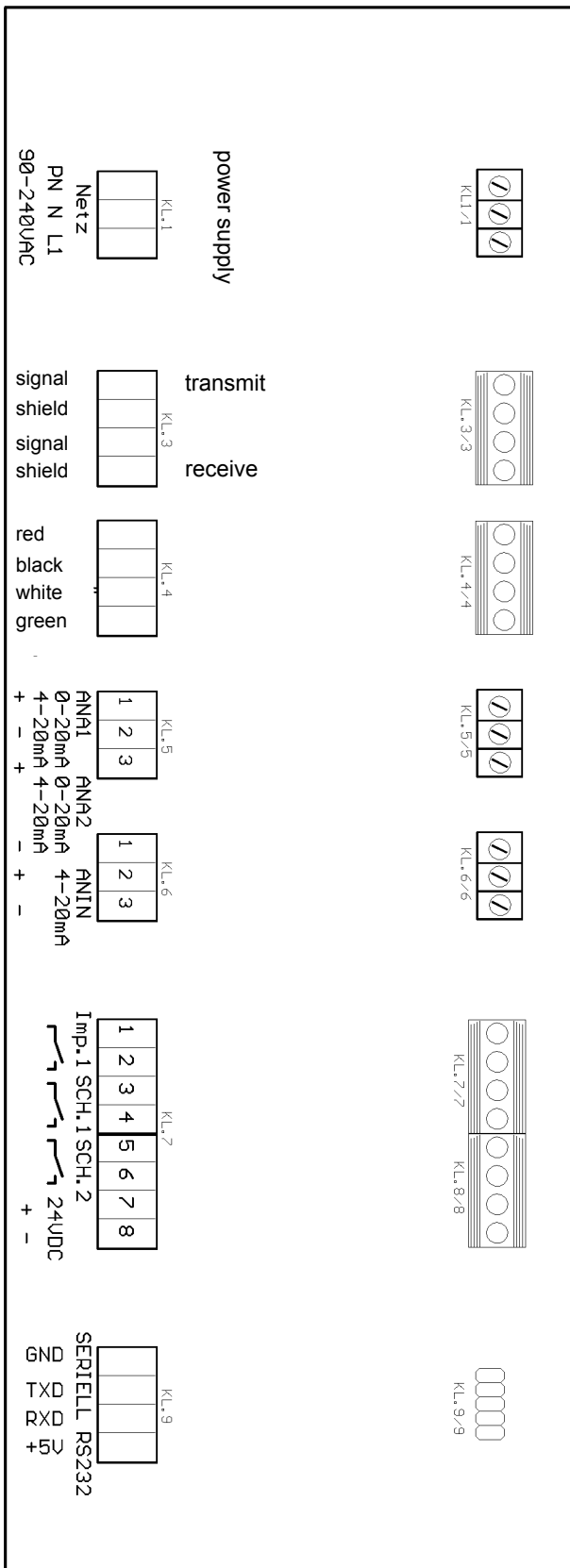
Illustration 73  
Illustration 74 resp. 37





### 8. Wiring terminals

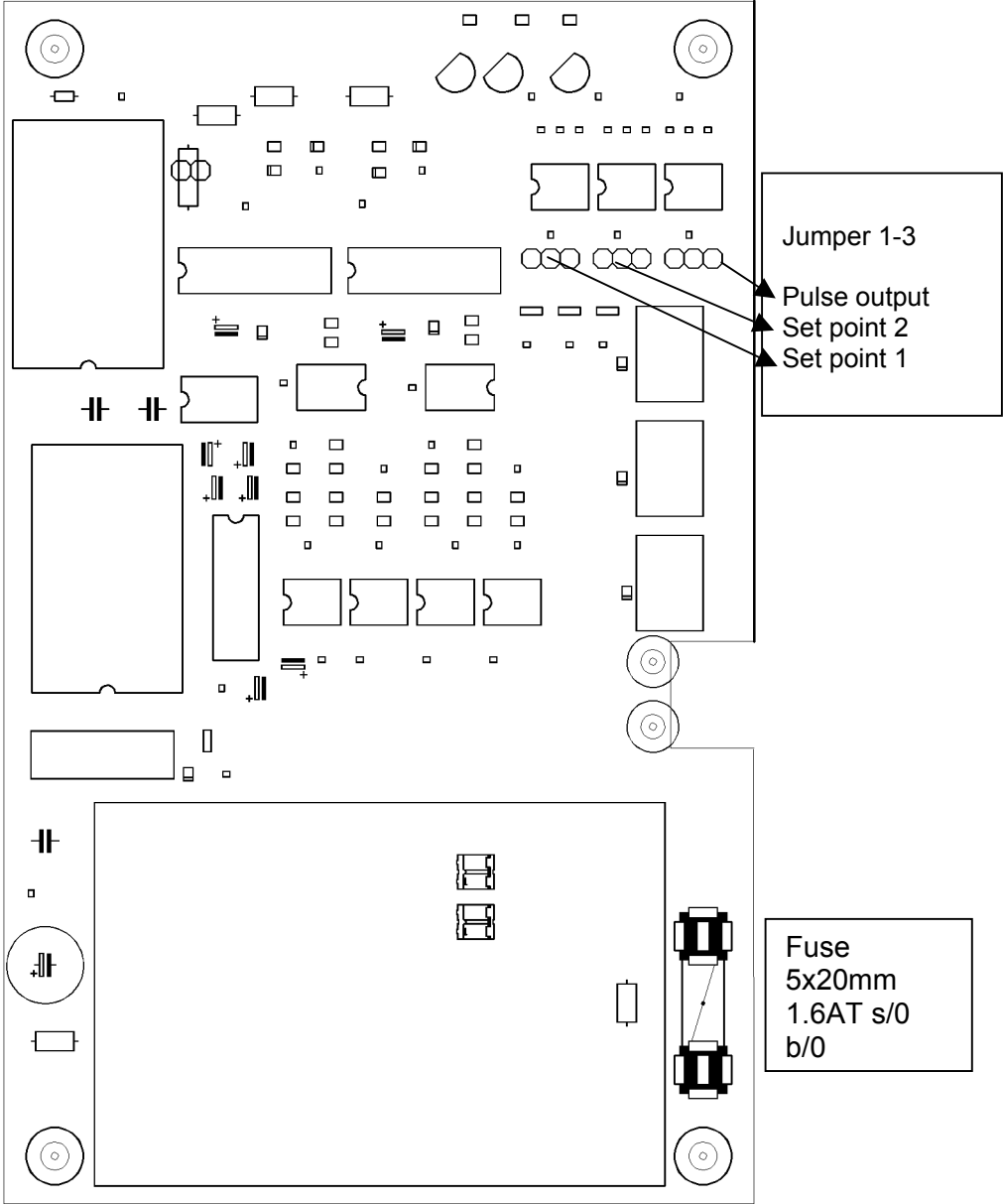
#### Anschlußbelegung: (wiring terminals)



- KL.1 = Stromversorgung (power supply)
- KL.3 = Sensor Doppler Fliegeschwindigkeit (velocity)
- KL.4 = Sensor Füllhöhe (level)
- KL.5 1/2 = Analogausgang 1 0-20mA bzw. 4-20mA (analogue output 1)
- KL.5 3 und KL.6 1 = Analogausgang 2 0-20mA bzw. 4-20mA (analogue output 2)
- KL.7 1-6 = Impuls- und Schaltausgänge 7+8 = 24VDC 300mA Ext. Verbraucher (pulse outputs, 24V out)
- KL.9 = Serielle RS232 Schnittstelle (RS232 interface)

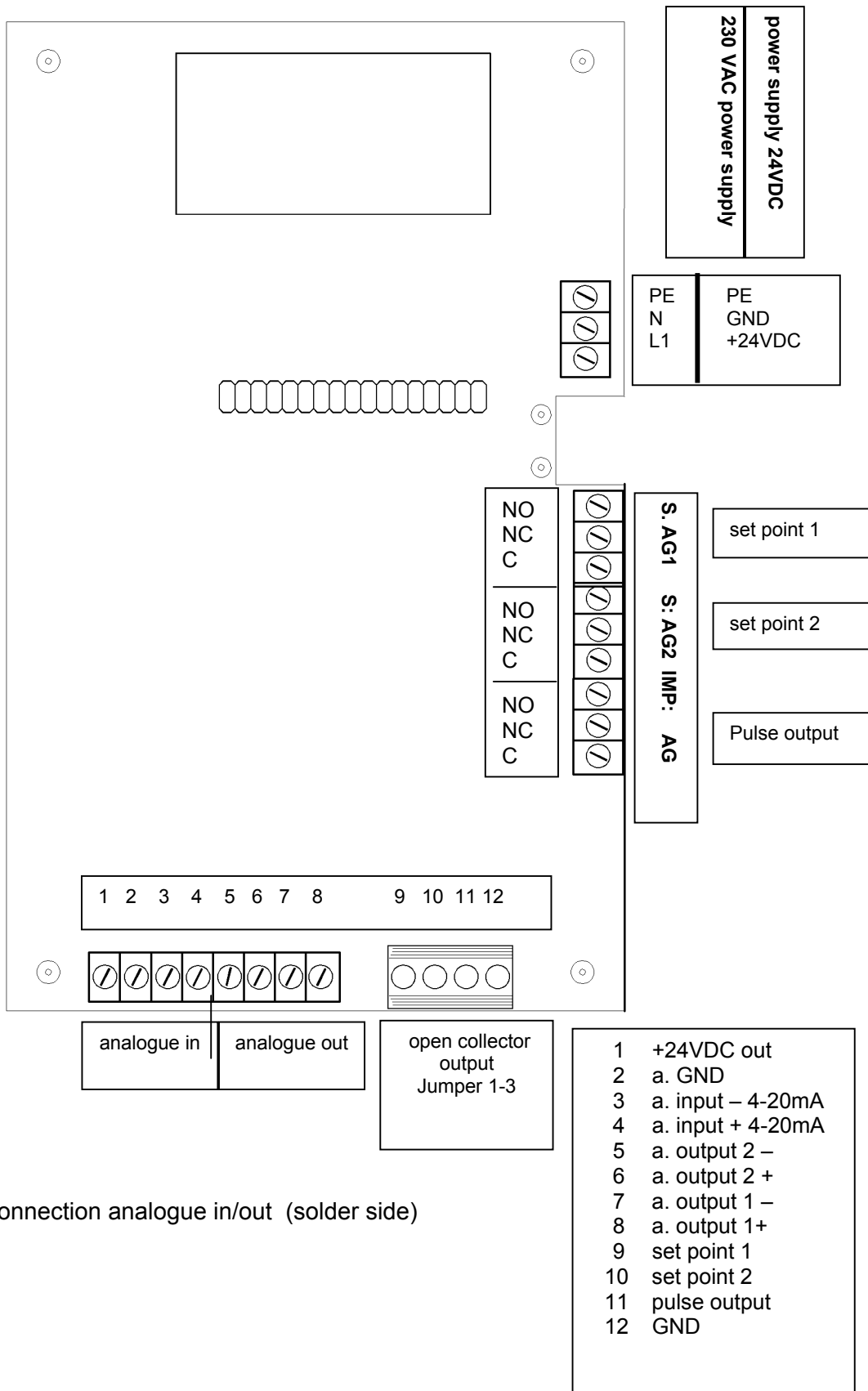


### 9. Analogue board input/output



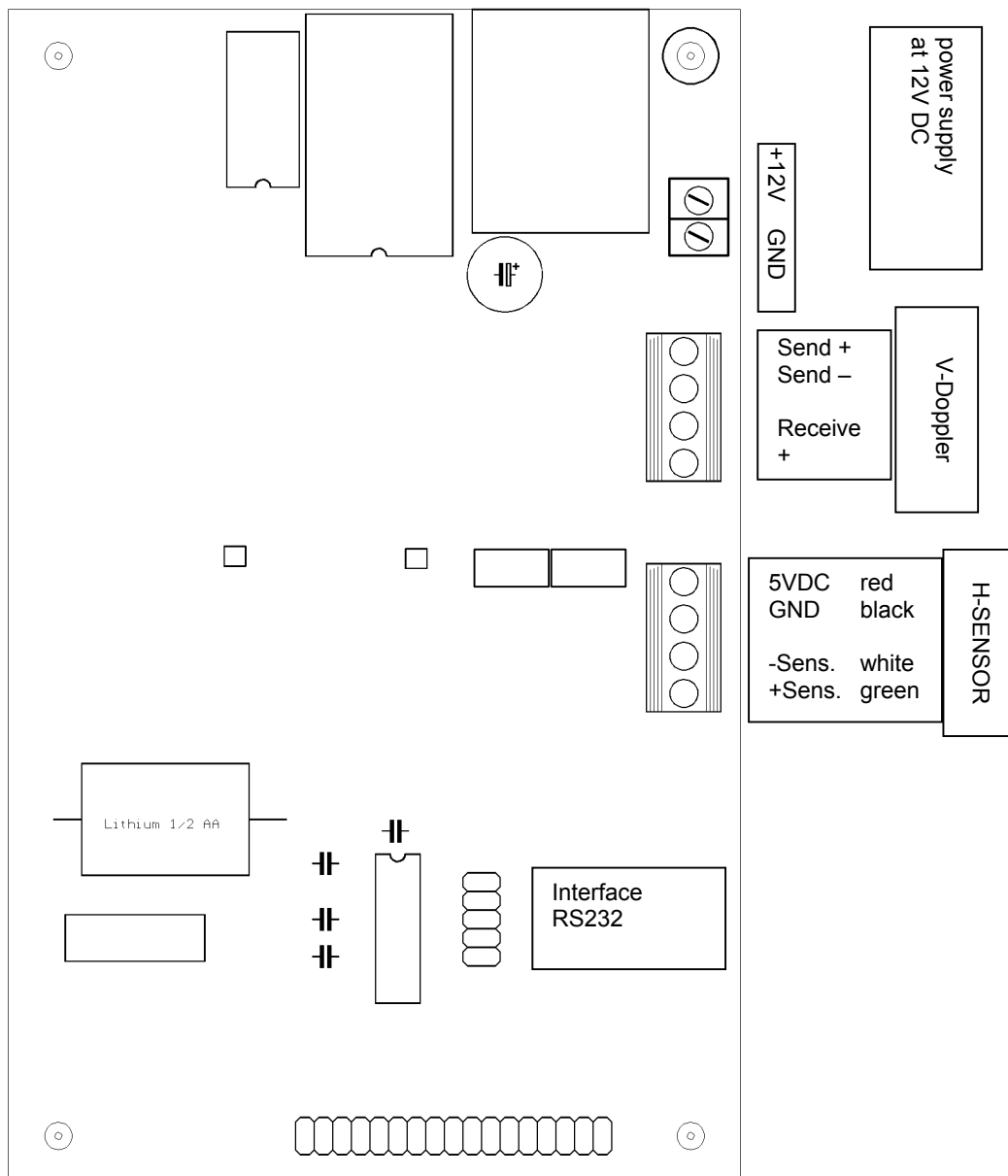
connection analogue in/out (component side)





### 10. CPU board

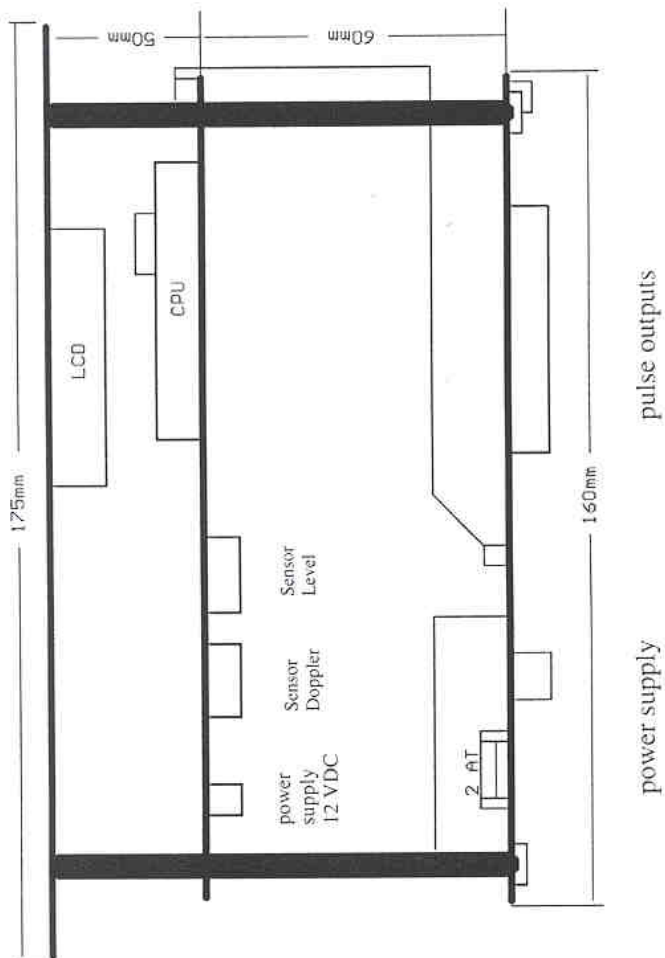
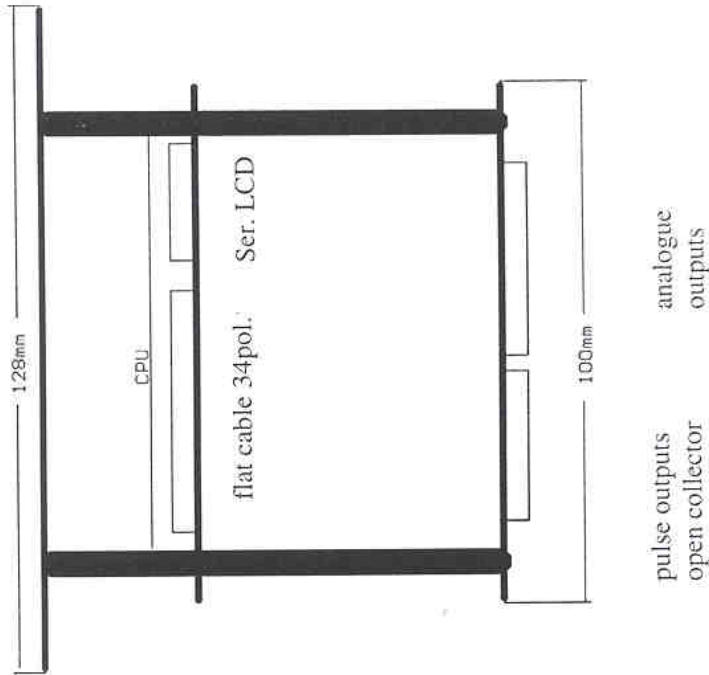
Connection CPU - board



connection analogue in/out (solderside)



### 11. Electronic assembly





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