

Scale ranges of pressure gauges

Scale mark spacing and numbering of the scale per EN 837

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General information

Scale range, nominal size (NS, case diameter) and accuracy class of a pressure gauge determine the design of the scale. In the European EN 837-1 and EN 837-3 standards, the specifications about the layout of dials with concentric scales are contained.

In addition to the scales in accordance with EN 837, all internationally common scale ranges, double and multiple scales, coloured scales etc. are, of course, also available.

Scale ranges of EN 837

The preferred pressure unit is the bar.

Scale ranges for pressure in bar				
0 ... 0.6	0 ... 1	0 ... 1.6	0 ... 2.5	0 ... 4
0 ... 6	0 ... 10	0 ... 16	0 ... 25	0 ... 40
0 ... 60	0 ... 100	0 ... 160	0 ... 250	0 ... 400
0 ... 600	0 ... 1,000	0 ... 1,600		

Scale ranges for pressure in mbar			
0 ... 1	0 ... 6	0 ... 40	0 ... 250
0 ... 1.6	0 ... 10	0 ... 60	0 ... 400
0 ... 2.5	0 ... 16	0 ... 100	0 ... 600
0 ... 4	0 ... 25	0 ... 160	

For pressure gauges, the pointer turns anticlockwise with increasing vacuum.

Scale ranges for vacuum in bar			
-0.6 ... 0	-1 ... 0		

Scale ranges for vacuum in mbar			
-1 ... 0	-6 ... 0	-40 ... 0	-100 ... 0
-1.6 ... 0	-10 ... 0	-60 ... 0	-160 ... 0
-2.5 ... 0	-16 ... 0	-100 ... 0	-600 ... 0
-4 ... 0	-25 ... 0	-160 ... 0	

Scale ranges for pressure and vacuum in bar

-1 ... +0.6	-1 ... +1.5	-1 ... +3	-1 ... +5	-1 ... +9
-1 ... +15	-1 ... +24			

Nominal sizes

For pressure measuring instruments, the following nominal sizes (NS) are defined:

NS 40, 50, 63, 80, 100, 160 and 250

Accuracy classes

The following table specifies the error limits at the reference temperature of 20° C.

Accuracy class	Error limits (percent of scale range)
0.1	± 0.1 %
0.25	± 0.25 %
0.6	± 0.6 %
1	± 1 %
1.6	± 1.6 %
2.5	± 2.5 %
4	± 4 %

For pressure gauges with a pointer stop, the accuracy class applies from 10 to 100 % of the scale range. For pressure gauges with a free zero point, the accuracy class applies from 0 to 100 % of the scale range.

Assignment of nominal size and accuracy class

NS	Accuracy class						
	0.1	0.25	0.6	1.0	1.6	2.5	4
40, 50					x	x	x
63				x	x	x	x
80				x	x	x	x
100				x	x	x	
160		x	x	x	x		
250	x	x	x	x	x		

Scale interval

The minimum number of scale divisions for each accuracy class and nominal size is given in the following table.

Scale (scale range)	Nominal size (NS)	Minimum number of scale divisions						
		Accuracy class						
		0.1	0.25	0.6	1	1.6	2.5	4
0 to 100	40					20	20	20
	50					20	20	20
	63				20	20	20	20
	80				50	50	50	50
	100			100	50	50		
	160		200	100 ¹⁾	50	50		
	250	500	200	100 ¹⁾	50	50		
0 to 160	40					32	32	32
	50					32	32	32
	63				32	32	32	32
	80				32	32	32	32
	100			80	32	32		
	160		160	80 ²⁾	32	32		
	250	320	320	80 ²⁾	32	32		
0 to 250	40					25	25	25
	50					25	25	25
	63				25	25	25	25
	80				50	50	50	50
	100			125	50	50		
	160		125	125	50	50		
	250	500	250	125	50	50		
0 to 400	40					20	20	20
	50					20	20	20
	63				20	20	20	20
	80				40	40	40	40
	100			80	40	40		
	160		200	200	40	40		
	250	400	200	200	40	40		
0 to 600	40					30	30	30
	50					30	30	30
	63				30	30	30	30
	80				60	60	60	60
	100			120	60	60		
	160		120	120	60	60		
	250	300	300	120	60	60		

See page 3 for pictorial examples of scale interval, various designs of the scale marks and the numbering of the scales at WIKA.

Additional information on this topic is given in the EN 837-1 and EN 837-3 standards.

1) Unless there is additional ordering information, WIKA manufactures these scales with 200 scale divisions
 2) Unless there is additional ordering information, WIKA manufactures these scales with 160 scale divisions

The scale mark spacing is ≥ 1 mm.

The width of the scale marks is $\leq 1/5$ of the scale mark spacing.

Examples for scale mark spacing and numbering of scales

Examples for accuracy class 1 to 4

Nomi- nal size (NS)	Scale (scale range)	Scale mark spacing and numbering of the scale	Scale interval	Number of scale divisions
40 50 63				20
	0 ... 1	0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1	0.05	
	0 ... 10	0 2 4 6 8 10	0.5	
	0 ... 100	0 20 40 60 80 100	5	
	0 ... 1000	0 200 400 600 800 1000	50	
	-1 ... 0	-1 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0	0.05	
-1 ... 0 ... +9	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	0.5		
80 100 160 250				50
	0 ... 2.5	0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5	0.05	
	0 ... 25	0 5 10 15 20 25	0.5	
	0 ... 250	0 50 100 150 200 250	5	
	0 ... 2500	0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500	50	
	-1 ... 0 ... +1.5	-1 -0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5	0.05	
-1 ... 0 ... +24	-1 0 5 10 15 20 24	0.5		
80 100 160 250				60
	0 ... 0.6	0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6	0.01	
	0 ... 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0.1	
	0 ... 60	0 10 20 30 40 50 60	1	
	0 ... 600	0 100 200 300 400 500 600	10	
	-0.6 ... 0	-0.6 -0.5 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0	0.01	
-1 ... 0 ... +5	-1 0 1 2 3 4 5	0.1		

Examples for accuracy class 0.6

160 250				200
	0 ... 4	0 0.5 1 3 3.5 4	0.02	
	0 ... 40	0 5 10 30 35 40	0.2	
	0 ... 400	0 50 100 300 350 400	2	
	0 ... 4000	0 500 1000 3000 3500 4000	20	
-1 ... 0 ... +3	-1 -0.5 0 2 2.5 3	0.02		

Examples for accuracy class 0.25

250				320
	0 ... 1.6	0 0.1 0.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	0.005	
	0 ... 16	0 1 2 13 14 15 16	0.05	
	0 ... 160	0 10 20 130 140 150 160	0.5	
	0 ... 1600	0 100 200 1300 1400 1500 1600	5	
	-1 ... 0 ... +0.6	-1 -0.9 -0.8 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6	0.005	
-1 ... 0 ... +15	-1 0 1 12 13 14 15	0.05		

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