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### INTRODUCTION

DMT242 is a dewpoint transmitter for wide range of OEM applications. DMT242 measures dewpoint with excellent long term stability which is maintained automatically with the patented auto-calibration procedure. The Vaisala DRYCAP® polymer sensor technology used in DMT242 is also durable against dew in case condenced water exists in the process during system malfunction. The product mechanics have been designed for harsh environments requiring protection against dust, dirt and splashed water.

The disconnection and reconnection of the transmitter is easy with the connector where the output signal and supply voltage wires are connected. The unit also has a serial line for rescaling the analog output.

### PRESSURE SETTING PROCEDURE FOR PRESSURIZED PROCESSES

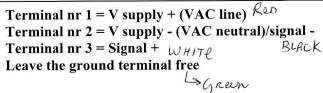
For achieving the most accurate measurements in pressurized processes, set the process pressure to DMT242 according to Figure 1 by using the pressure switches (see Figure 3, item 8). As shipped from factory, the pressure switch setting is 1 bar, as in switch number 4 in the ON position.

### **MOUNTING**

- 1. Insert the sealing washer (see Figure 1) on the probe and set the probe through the fitting of the process pipe. The probe has G½" ISO 228/1 parallel thread.
- 2. Fasten the transmitter to the fitting of the process pipe by tightening from the nut of the probe (24 mm).

### **WIRING**

- 1. Remove the cover.
- 2. Take out the connector.
- 3. Take out the screw terminal from the connector by pushing it out, for example, with the fixing screw.
- 4. Use a three-wire cable. Suitable 2 m or 10 m optional cable is available from Vaisala (items: 221475 for 2 m cable and 221476 for 10 m cable). Connect the wires to the connector terminals as follows:



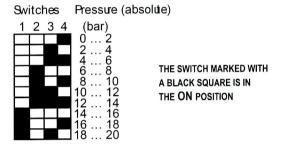


Figure 1 Pressure Setting Table

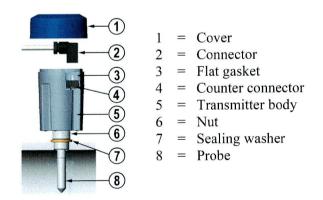


Figure 2 DMT242

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Rep	BROWN	
BLACK		
WHITE	W14178	
Green		
	Wire colours in cables 221475 and 221476: 1 = brown 2 = blue 3 = black	
	BLACK WHITE GREEN	BLACK  BLUE  WHITE  WHITE  WHITE  WHE colours in cables  221475 and 221476: $1 = brown$ $2 = blue$

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5. Insert the wired screw terminal back into the connector excatly in the position indicated in Figure 3. Push the fixing screw through the connector. Fasten the cable clamp. Insert the wired connector into the counter connector.

NOTE

The connection is incompatible if the positioning of the screw terminal is NOT as indicated in Figure 3. Fasten the fixing screw.

6. Install the back cover allowing the cable to run through the hole in the cover. The transmitter is ready for use.

NOTE

When the power is switched on, wait about 7 minutes before taking measurements. Start-up self-diagnostics freeze the output during the first operation minutes.

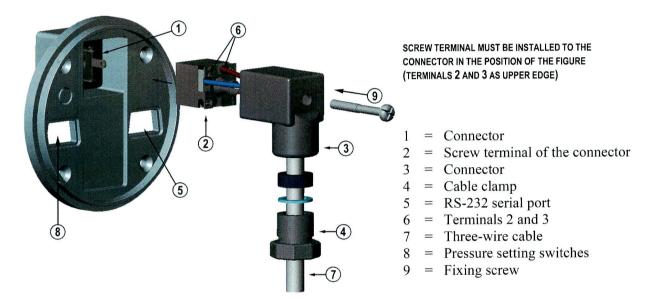


Figure 3 Wiring and Installation of Connector

### CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE

Replacing the sintered filter

If the sintered filter is dirty it can prolong the response time of the measurement. If the filter needs to be changed unscrew the filter and replace the old filter with a new one.

#### Calibration

It is recommended to perform a calibration check every other year. A field check can be carried out by using a calibrated reference probe and comparing the readings measured with the transmitter and the reference probe. The Vaisala DRYCAP® Hand-Held Dewpoint Meter DM70 is ideal for confirming the performance of the transmitter in the field. By using a connection cable the readings of DMT242 and DM70 can be viewed simultaneously on the display of DM70. If there is need for adjustement contact Vaisala Instruments Service Centers or local Vaisala representative.

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### SCALING THE ANALOG OUTPUT VIA THE SERIAL BUS

### Serial communication settings

The analog output scaling can be done using the serial bus and computer with suitable terminal software. Connect the DMT242 to a serial bus via the RS-232 interface by using the following settings: Baud rate: 2400, Parity: none, Data bits: 8, Stop bits: 1. The serial cable (DMT242RS) can be ordered from Vaisala.

### Scaling of the dewpoint output

Scale the dewpoint parameter by giving the command ascl xx yy < ENTER > where xx = the low limit (°C or °F) and yy = the high limit (°C or °F). The factory setting for serial measurement unit is Centigrade (°C). To change the unit for Fahrenheit (°F) use command unit xx < ENTER > where xx = nfor non-metric (°F) and xx = m for metric (°C) units.

### **ACCESSORIES**

Order Code	Description	
HM47280	Stainless steel sintered filter	
DMT242RS	RS-232 serial line cable for PC (with female D connector)	
210662	1/2" NPT adapter	

### **GUARANTEE**

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### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

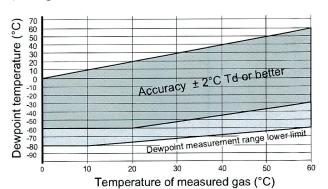
### **Dewpoint Temperature**

Measurement range	-80 +60 °C (-112 +140 °F)
DMT242A	-80 +20 °C (-112 +68 °F)
DMT242B	-60 +60 °C (-76 +140 °F)
DMT242X	free scaling

When the dewpoint is below 0 C, the transmitter outputs frost point.

Dewpoint accuracy with DRYCAP® 180M (See figure below)

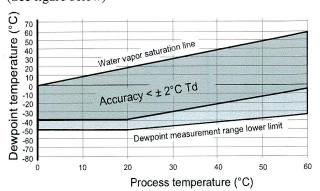
±2 °C (±3.6 °F)



Response time 63 % [90 %] at 20 °C gas temperature at flow rate > 1 1/min and 1 bar pressure:

$$\begin{array}{lll} -60 \to -20 \ ^{\circ}\text{C T}_{d} \ (-76 \to -4 \ ^{\circ}\text{F T}_{d}) & 5 \ \text{s} \ [10 \ \text{s}] \\ -20 \to -60 \ ^{\circ}\text{C T}_{d} \ (-4 \to -76 \ ^{\circ}\text{F T}_{d}) & 45 \ \text{s} \ [10 \ \text{min}] \end{array}$$

DRYCAP® 180S ±2 °C (±3.6 °F) (See figure below)



### **Operating Environment**

Temperature	0 +60 °C (32 +140 °F)
Higher temperature peaks	Short term OK
Relative humidity	0 100 %RH
Pressure	0 20 bar <sub>a</sub> (0 290 psi <sub>a</sub> )
Sample flow rate	no effect

### Output

Analog output	4 20 mA
Resolution for analog output	±0.002 mA
Typical temperature dependence	0.0008 mA/°C
Serial line for service use	RS-232

#### General

General	
Sensor	DRYCAP®180M
Operation voltage	17 35 VDC
	20 28 VAC
Power consumption 24 VDC	max 220 mA
External load for current	max 500 Ω
output	
Optional connection cable	2 m or 10 m
with DMT242 connector	
Connector for supply voltage	
and signal output	
Max wire size	$0.75 \text{ mm}^2$
Max wire diameter	6.5 mm/PG7
Service cable for serial line	DMT242RS
Probe material	stainless steel
	(AISI 316L)
Sensor protection	stainless steel sintered
	filter (HM47280)

G1/2" ISO228-1 thread Mechanical connection with bonded seal ring

(U-seal)

plastic (ABS/PC) Electronics housing Housing classification IP 65 (NEMA 4) Storage temperature range -40 ... +70 °C (-40 ... +158 °F)

Complies with EMC standard EN61326-1:1997 + Am1:1998 + Am2:2001; Industrial Environment.

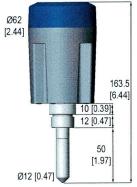


Figure 4 Dimensions in mm [inches]





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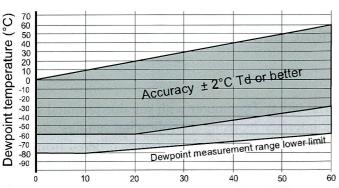
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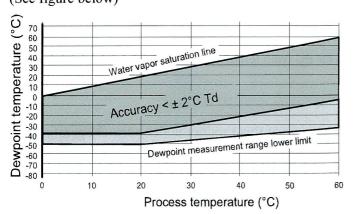


Temperature of measured gas (°C)

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DRYCAP® 180S ±2 °C (±3.6 °F) (See figure below)



**Operating Environment** 

0 ... +60 °C (32 ... +140 °F) **Temperature** Higher temperature peaks Short term OK Relative humidity 0 ... 100 %RH Pressure 0 ... 20 bar<sub>a</sub> (0 ... 290 psi<sub>a</sub>) Sample flow rate no effect

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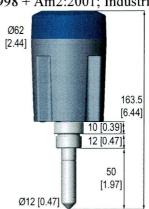
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Electronics housing

Housing classification

Storage temperature range

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DMT242 Dewpoint Transmitter for OEM Applications



Due to its wide measurement range and high long-term stability, the DMT242 is an ideal choice for low dewpoint industrial applications such as compressed air dryers, plastic dryers and other OEM applications.



The Vaisala DRYCAP® Hand-Held Dewpoint Meter DM70 is ideal for confirming the performance of the DMT242 in the field.

### Features/Benefits

- Ideal choice for industrial dryer applications
- Incorporates advanced Vaisala DRYCAP\* Sensor and enhanced auto-calibration software
- Long-term stability in low dewpoints
- Fast response time
- Two sensor options cover dewpoint measurement range from 60 ... +60 °C (-76 ... +140 °F) with an accuracy of ±2 °C (±3.6 °F)
- Withstands condensation
- NIST traceable (certificate included)
- Compatible with Vaisala DRYCAP\* Hand-Held Dewpoint Meter DM70

### Vaisala DRYCAP

The Vaisala DRYCAP® Dewpoint Transmitter DMT242 provides reliable and stable measurements for industrial dryer applications. It is designed for extreme conditions. DMT242 incorporates the Vaisala DRYCAP® thin film polymer sensor and auto-calibration software. The standard sensor choice for dry gases and desiccant dryers is DRYCAP® 180M and for more humid applications such as refigeration dryers, a DRYCAP® 180S sensor. Both the sensors are immune to particulate contamination, water condensation, oil vapor and most chemicals. Because the sensor withstands condensation, its performance is unmatched for low dewpoint applications that experience process water spikes, such as pipeline condensation during a system failure or start-up.

The auto-calibration software works on-line while the process is running. If the measurement accuracy is not confirmed, corrections are made automatically. The DMT242 adjusts the measurement, corrects dry-end drifts and continues to function. Calibration occurs quickly, and with corrections so minor, it will go unnoticed.

## Compact, rugged and intelligent

Due to its compact size, DMT242 is quickly and easily installed in tight spaces.

Users can perform a field-check by using the Vaisala DRYCAP® Hand-Held Dewpoint Meter DM70. The transmitter can be sent to Vaisala Service for NIST traceable calibration. The recommended calibration interval is every two years.

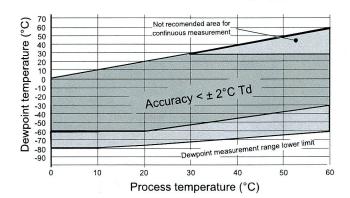
## **Technical data**

### **Dewpoint temperature**

Measurement range (typical)	-60+60 °C (-76+140 °F)
Analog output scalings	
Option A	-80+20 °C (-112+68 °F) T <sub>d</sub>
Option B	-60+40 °C (-76+104 °F) T <sub>d</sub>
Option X	free scaling
(when the dewpoint is below 0 °C	C (32 °F),
the transmitter outputs frostpoint)	i

Accuracy with DRYCAP® 180M

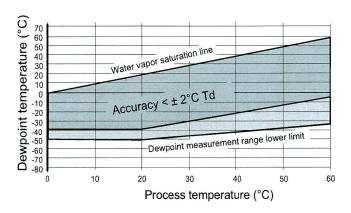
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DEWPOINT ACCURACY VS. MEASUREMENT CONDITIONS Response time 63 % [90 %] at +20 °C gas temperature

Flow rate >1 l/min and 1 bar pressure

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**Operating environment** 

Temperature	0+60 °C (32+140 °F)
higher temperature peaks	Short-term OK
Relative humidity	0 100 %RH
Pressure	0 20 bara (0 290 psia)
Sample flow rate	no effect

### Output

Analog output	420 mA
Resolution for analog output	±0.002 mA
Typical temperature dependence	0.0008 mA/ °C
Serial line for service use	RS232

### General

General	
Sensor	DRYCAP® 180M
Optimal sensor for refrigeration dryers	DRYCAP® 180S
Operating voltage	17 - 35 VDC, 20 - 28 VAC
Power consumption at 24 VDC	max. 220 mA
External load for analog output	max. $500~\Omega$
Optional connection cable with	
DMT242 connector	2 m or 10 m
Connector for supply voltage and	
signal output	
max. wire size	0.75 mm2
max. cable diameter	6.5 mm /PG7
Service cable for serial interface	
RS232	product code DMT242RS
Probe material (wetted parts)	stainless steel
	(AISI 316L)
Sensor protection	stainless steel
	sintered filter (HM47280)
Mechanical connection	G½" ISO228-1 thread with
	bonded seal ring (U-seal)
Eletronics housing material	plastic (ABS/PC)
Housing classification	IP65 (NEMA4)
Storage temperature range	-40+70 °C, (-40+158 °F)
Complies with the EMC standard EN61	
for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements;	
Industrial environment.	• • • •



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