

## Press Release

### Sensors made of stainless steel- ideal for applications in hydraulics and refrigeration

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One-piece stainless steel pressure sensors with integrated connecting thread ensure a high burst pressure.

Ceramic, as material for pressure sensors in screen-print technology, is due to its chemical resistance, by now well established. A critical disadvantage of ceramic however is its ductility. In case of an overload, the ceramic membranes burst very quickly and the medium could leak. With stainless steel, contrary to ceramic, a progressive deformation takes place, before the membrane bursts. Therefore to replace ceramic with stainless steel is only obvious. A further advantage of steel sensors is that they, contrary to ceramic sensors, can be welded, thereby eliminating elastomer sealing. This can be a decisive advantage especially if applied in the hydraulic or refrigeration technology. It must be noted however that stainless steel strongly oxidises during the 850°C screen printing process. For the usual welding methods, like laser- or resistance welding, is this oxide layer an interference and needs to be chemically or mechanically removed. The SPS3003 pressure sensor manufactured out of one piece with integrated connecting thread was designed exactly for that reason. Without a welding seam, one of the most important advantage is the guarantee of a high burst pressure.



Photo: stainless steel sensor SPS 3003 with integrated G 1/4" pressure connection

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Next to a sandwich type insulating layer system, characterised by minimal pinhole density and high insulation consistency, a layout consisting of digital-analog compensation and radial alignment of compensating resistors are used. Special efforts were undertaken to optimise the parameters of the laser compensation to ensure that the insulation layer is not damaged during the trimming process. Also of advantage to the sensor is the two-layered protection system increasing its moisture resistance.

The steel sensors of the series SPS3003 are available for pressure ranges from 0...10bar up to 0...1000bar relative pressure. New grounds were successfully broken with the stainless steel sensor SPS3003 with integrated connecting thread.

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