

**OPERATING MANUAL**

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SenTix® 20, 21, 21-3, 22

SenTix® 41, 41-3, 42

SenTix® RJD

SenTix® Sp

SenTix® Sur

**SenTix®**

pH ELECTRODES WITH POLYMER AND GEL ELECTROLYTE



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## Technical data

### General data

Model	Reference electrolyte	Junction	NTC	Special features
SenTix® 20	Gel	Fiber	No	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 21	Gel	Fiber	No	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 21-3	Gel	Fiber	No	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 22	Gel	Fiber	No	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 41	Gel	Fiber	Yes	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 41-3	Gel	Fiber	Yes	Plastic shaft
SenTix® 42	Gel	Fiber	Yes	Plastic shaft
SenTix® RJD	Polymer	Split ring	Yes	Glass shaft
SenTix® Sp	Polymer	Hole	No	Electrode for cut-in measurements
SenTix® Sur	Polymer	Split ring	No	Electrode for surface measurements

### Measurement and application characteristics

Model	pH measuring range	Allowed temperature range	Membrane resistance at 25 °C	Typical application
SenTix® 20	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 21-1	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 21-3	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 22	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 41	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 41-3	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® 42	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 1 GOhm	Field
SenTix® RJD	2 ... 13	0 ... 80 °C	< 600 MOhm	Laboratory
SenTix® Sp	2 ... 13	0 ... 80 °C	< 400 MOhm	Laboratory / foods
SenTix® Sur	2 ... 13	0 ... 50 °C	< 1 GOhm	Laboratory

### Shaft dimensions, shaft material, electrical connection

Model	Shaft			Electrical connection		
	Length [mm]	Ø [mm]	Material	Electrode connection	Meter connection	Cable length
SenTix® 20	120	12	PPE/PS	S7 plug-in connector	depending on S7 cable***	

Model	Shaft			Electrical connection		
	Length [mm]	Ø [mm]	Material	Electrode connection	Meter connection	Cable length
SenTix® 21-1	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	DIN*	1 m
SenTix® 21-3	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	DIN*	3 m
SenTix® 22	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	BNC	1 m
SenTix® 41	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	DIN*+banana	1 m
SenTix® 41-3	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	DIN*+banana	3 m
SenTix® 42	120	12	PPE/PS	Fixed cable	BNC+banana	1 m
SenTix® RJD	120	12	Glas	Fixed cable	DIN*+banana	1 m
SenTix® Sp	65/25**	15/5**	PPE/PS	S7 plug-in connector	depending on S7 cable***	
SenTix® Sur	120	12	Vidrio	S7 plug-in connector	depending on S7 cable***	

\*Coaxial plug according to DIN 19262

\*\*Stage geometry

\*\*\*Connection cable not included in the scope of delivery of the combination electrode (see WEAR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES)

## Commissioning, measuring, calibration

### Commissioning

Prepare the electrode for measuring as follows:

- Remove the watering cap from the electrode tip. Possible salt deposits in the area of the watering cap do not affect the measuring characteristics and can easily be removed with deionized water.



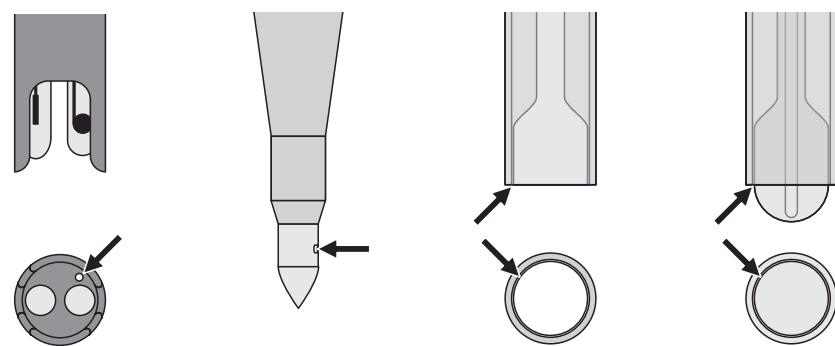
Please keep the watering cap. It is required for the electrode to be stored. Always keep the watering cap clean.

- SenTix® 2x, SenTix® 4x and SenTix® Sp: Remove any gas bubbles behind the pH membrane by shaking. With all other electrodes, gas bubbles behind the pH membrane are not a problem.
- Connect the electrode to the meter.
- Calibrate the electrode according to the operating manual of the meter and observe the following rules while doing so:
  - Avoid the displacement of any solution (sample or buffer solution) from one measurement to the next by taking the following measures:
    - Shortly rinse the calibration and sample beakers with the solution the

### Calibration and measurement: General rules

beakers are to be filled with next.

- Between measurements, rinse the electrode with the solution that follows. Alternatively, you can also rinse the electrode with deionized water and then carefully dab it dry.
- To measure in aqueous solutions, it is recommended to immerse the electrode in a vertical or slightly tilted position.
- Observe the correct depth of immersion and make sure the contact between the junction and test sample is thorough. The junction is in the area of the bottom end of the shaft (see arrow).



SenTix® 2x  
SenTix® 4x

SenTix® Sp

SenTix® Sur

SenTix® RJD

**Caution:**

**Only the shaft part of the electrode may be immersed!**

- For measurements in aqueous solutions, provide approximately the same stirring conditions for measuring as for calibrating.

### Subsequent calibrations

The frequency of subsequent calibrations depends on the application. Many meters provide an option where you can enter a calibration interval. After the calibration interval has expired, the meter will automatically remind you of the due calibration.

## Storage

### During short measuring breaks

Immerse the electrode in reference electrolyte (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag<sup>+</sup> free). Prior to the next measurement, shortly rinse the electrode with the test sample or deionized water.



Prevent contact of the pH membrane to the beaker bottom to avoid scratches on the pH membrane.

### Overnight or longer

Put the clean electrode in the watering cap that is filled with reference electrolyte (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag<sup>+</sup> free).

**NOTE**

pH electrodes must not be stored dry or in deionized water. The electrode could be permanently damaged by this. If the liquid in the watering cap has dried up, condition the electrode in reference electrolyte (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag+ + free) for at least 24 hours.



During longer storing periods, salt sediments may develop on the watering cap. They do not affect the measuring characteristics and can easily be removed with deionized water when the electrode is put into operation again.

## Aging

pH electrodes are consumables. Every pH electrode undergoes a natural aging process. With aging, the responding behavior becomes slower and the electrode slope and asymmetry change. Moreover, extreme operating conditions can considerably shorten the lifetime of the electrode. These are:

- Strong acids or lyes, hydrofluoric acid, organic solvents, oils, fats, bromides, sulfides, iodides, proteins
- High temperatures
- High changes in pH and temperature.

The warranty does not cover failure caused by measuring conditions and mechanical damage.

## Maintenance and cleaning

### Cleaning

Remove water-soluble contamination by rinsing with deionized water. Other types of contamination have to be removed as follows while the contact time with the detergents should be kept as short as possible:

Contamination	Cleaning procedure
Fat and oil	Rinse with water containing household washing-up liquid
Lime and hydroxide deposits	Rinse with citric acid (10 % by weight)



Hydrofluoric acid, hot phosphoric acid and strong alkaline solutions destroy the glass membrane.

### After cleaning

Rinse the electrode with deionized water and condition it in reference electrolyte solution for at least 1 hour. Then recalibrate the electrode.

## Wear parts and accessories

Description	Model	Order no.
Reference electrolyte solution 250 mL (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag <sup>+</sup> free)	KCI-250	109 705
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/DIN, 1 m	AS/DIN	108 110
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/DIN, 3 m	AS/DIN-3	108 112
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/BNC, 1 m	AS/BNC	108 114
Plastic arming for SenTix® pH electrodes	A pHLab/K	903 841

## Disposal

At the end of its operational lifetime, the electrode must be returned to the disposal or return system statutory in your country (electronic waste). If you have any questions, please contact your supplier.





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