

RADAR LEVEL SENSOR

LVRD500 Series



- ✓ **Non-Contact Measurement**
- ✓ **Continuous Level Measurement**
- ✓ **Pulse Radar Measurement Range: 0.254 to 30 m (10" to 100')**
- ✓ **Simple Pushbutton Calibration**
- ✓ **Communications Standard**

The LVRD500 Series comprises low-cost radar sensors for continuous level measurement. This series, a logical extension to the ultrasonic sensor series, is designed for applications requiring non-contact liquid level measurement, in which ultrasonic level measurement is not acceptable.

The LVRD500 Series radar technology can be adjusted for variables such as materials to be measured, vessel configuration, and system interface. These sensors are ideal when vapor, dust, or a foaming surface prevents ultrasonic-wave measurements.

LVRD500 Series radar sensors can detect the level under a layer of light dust or airy foam, but if the dust particle size increases, or if the foam or dust gets thick, they will no longer detect the liquid level. Instead, the level of the dust or foam will be measured. Internal piping, deposits on the antenna, multiple reflections, or reflections from the wall can interfere with the proper operation of the radar sensor. Other sources of interference are rat-holing and bridging of solids, as well as angled process material surfaces that can reflect the radar beam away from the receiver.

The sensors use improved microwave-pulse technology to track any target material from the tip of the antenna to the bottom of the tank. Their power, pulse widths,



LVRD501-RS232, shown smaller than actual size.

and sensitivity depend on the distance of the target from the antenna and the dielectric constant of the reflecting material.

LVRD500 sensors feature "echo marker" signal processing, making them among the most technologically advanced pulse radar systems on the market. This technology provides reliable, continuous pulse shapes unaffected by environmental factors such as temperature, vacuums, methane, steam, pressure, carbon dioxide, vapors, and condensation.

The antenna comes in polypropylene or an optional high-resistance PTFE that can help protect against material buildup. Simple mounting and push-button calibration make for easy installation. The sensor can be threaded directly into a 2 NPT metal or plastic flange. The tank must have a metal bottom to stop the microwave signal.



LVRD501-RS232, shown smaller than actual size.

CNi833, shown smaller than actual size, see page M-41.

SPECIFICATIONS

Accuracy: ±0.25% of max range (in air)

Power Options:

AC: 115 Vac, 60 Hz or 230 Vac, 50 Hz (±20%), 1.7 VA

DC: 12 to 30 Vdc (optional), @ 0.07 A max, 24 Vdc

R load = (Vs-6)/24 mA

Output: 4 to 20 mA, 6.1 µA resolution; 750 Ω (isolated on 4-wire models only); optional RS232 or RS485 communications port

Frequency: 5.8 GHz

Loss of Echo Hold: 30 seconds, 22 mA output

Transmitter Power: 50 µW average

Calibration: Pushbutton or optional programmable

Diagnostics (Echo Profile):

Via optional programmable port

Antenna: Dielectric rod

Operating Temperature Range:

-40 to 60°C (-40 to 140°F)

Installation Category: Class II

Approvals: FCC Part 15—low-power communication device

Conduit Entry: ½ NPT standard

Mounting: 2 NPT, or optional sanitary 2" tri-clamp

Housing: Aluminum or optional 316 SS

Ingress Protection: NEMA 4 (IP65)

Communications Port: RS232 or RS485

Options: -HT antenna (up to 204°C or 399°F), 316 SS housing (note: -HT available on PTFE only)

Dimensions:

Housing: 102 Dia. x 216 mm L (4 x 8.5")

Antenna: Max Dia. 38 x 259 mm L (4 x 8.5")




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To Order (Specify Model Number)

Model No.	Resolution mm (in)	Range m (ft)	Power/Wiring
LVRD501-RS232	5.6 (0.22)	15.24 (50)	DC: 3 wire
LVRD501-RS485	5.6 (0.22)	15.24 (50)	DC: 3 wire
LVRD502-RS232	5.6 (0.22)	15.24 (50)	AC: 4 wire
LVRD502-RS485	5.6 (0.22)	15.24 (50)	AC: 4 wire
LVRD503-RS232	11.2 (0.44)	30.48 (100)	DC: 3 wire
LVRD503-RS485	11.2 (0.44)	30.48 (100)	DC: 3 wire
LVRD504-RS232	11.2 (0.44)	30.48 (100)	AC: 4 wire
LVRD504-RS485	11.2 (0.44)	30.48 (100)	AC: 4 wire

Accessories

Model No.	Description
DPI8	½ DIN process meter
CNi833	½ DIN controller with relays
FW-205	Reference Book: The Consumer Guide to Non-Contact Level Gauges 

Comes complete with operator's manual. Windows software included with RS232 and RS485 units.

For high-temperature PTFE, add suffix "-HT" to model number.

For 230 Vac model, add suffix "-230VAC" to AC-powered model number, no extra charge.

For PTFE antenna, add suffix "-PTFE" to model number.

For 316 SS housing, add suffix "-316SS" to model number.

For 2" tri-clamp sanitary connection with PTFE antenna, add suffix "-S" to model number of LVRD501 and LVRD502.

Ordering Examples: LVRD504-RS232, 30.48 m (100') range, AC power with RS232.

LVRD501-RS232, 15.24 m (50') range, DC power with RS232.

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