OIL LEVEL INDICATORS
NFG Series

The Normal Face Gauge
for Oil Immersed Power Transformers

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1.0 Features

The magnetic oil level indicators type NFG has been specially studied for use on power transformer to give an analogical indication of the oil level inside the conservator by a graduated dial with arrow plus one or more electric signal (max 4 signals) when the oil inside the conservator reaches the max or min level.

2.0 Construction features

Materials and components

The body of the gauge is made in one piece of solid compact aluminium alloy casting oil tightened proof.

The indicating system is located inside the body and is composed by a yellow arrow, a graduated scale, one or more contacts activated by cams and a permanent magnet.

The monitoring system is located behind the fixing flange (it is fully inside the conservator, this in order to minimize the external protrusion of the gauge itself from the conservator tank) and is composed by a permanent magnet, rigidly connected (or by means of a bevel gear for form Y) to a float arm which follows the movement of the surface of the oil.

The two systems are connected by a magnetic joint through the magnetic flux of the permanent magnets.

The electric signal coming from the contacts are carried out through a waterproof terminal box (IP65) with a M25x1.5 threaded entry (see page NFG5).

Upon request we can supply adaptors M25x1.5 to M20x1.5 or to PG16.

Also upon request we can supply cable glands M25x1.5 or M20x1.5 or PG16.

Oil-tightness and resistance to pressure

The magnetic oil level indicators NFG are leak tested (routine test) and are mechanically resistant to vacuum (10 torr).

Resistance to dynamical stress

The magnetic oil level indicators NFG can operate without undue operation in following conditions:

- Sinus vibrations with frequency \( \leq 120 \text{ Hz} \) and amplitude \( \leq 250 \text{ µm} \);
- Dynamical conditions causing following accelerations:
  - Max 3g in all directions, sinus vibration, amplitude \( \leq 20 \text{ mm} \);
  - Shock condition with max 10 g in all directions.

Surface protection

Body, frame, terminal box and his cover are painted internally and externally with one primer coat of epoxy paint and externally with a finishing coat of polyurethane paint colour RAL 7030. The primer coat on the internal surfaces is compatible with transformer mineral oil up to temperatures of 120°C. Total thickness of two coats is 80 microns; upon request we can supply gauges with special painting for transformers located in very polluted areas.

3.0 Manufacturing program

Magnetic oil level indicator series NFG is manufactured in 3 sizes with 2 different styles:

- Size 1: flange OD 140mm; Dial ND 100mm (4 inches);
- Size 2: flange OD 220mm; Dial ND 150mm (6 inches);
- Size 3: flange OD 345mm; Dial ND 250mm (10 inches);
- Style Y: axial float arm suitable for use on traditional breathing conservator and on hermetic conservator with rubber bag;
- Style R: radial float arm suitable for use on traditional breathing conservator.

All execution are fitted with 1 or more electric contacts, microswitch type, that are activated when the oil (and consequently the arrow of the instrument) reaches the presetted positions (see available wiring diagram).

The indicating arrow in type “R” moves over a 140° angle, the float arm moves over an angle of 140°.

The indicating arrow in type “Y” moves over a 140° angle, the float arm moves over an angle of 60°.

The gauge type “Y” has a special design that allow the mounting of the same gauge either in the centre of the conservator end, or the bottom of the conservator end, or inclined below the conservator, just fixing the float arm in a specific way without any special adjustment (see sketch page NFG6).

The standard indicating dial has 10 divisions with yellow figures other dials are available (see page NFG6).
4.0 Operation, installation and maintenance

Operation
The float arm detects an increase (due to heating) or a decrease (due to an oil loss) of oil inside the conservator, giving a visible indication (analogical type) through the arrow and when the oil reaches the presetted value for alarm and/or trip a microswitch is activated and an electric signal is provided inside the terminal box.

Installation
Use one magnetic oil level indicator for the conservator of the main tank and one for OLTC conservator (if present); the oil level indicator can be fixed to the conservator using studs & nuts (type B) or screws (type V) M6 (6 pcs) or M10 (8 pcs) with washer and spring washer (see the page NFG5).

Adjusting float arm length
NFG form Y are supplied with adjustable float arm length; this in order to have an optimal calibration of the instrument. Adjustment is very easy: you need only to unloose screw A (please refer to page NFG5), adjust float arm to desired length and close screw A again.

Maintenance
Magnetic oil level gauges NFG don’t need specific maintenance; we suggest to check regularly contacts during the normal maintenance of the transformer.

5.0 Electric contacts
The contacts are microswitches changeover type and are mechanically operated by a cam. Following main characteristic of micro switches:

- Lever Stainless steel
- Body and pushbutton Thermosetting composition
- Contact material Silver
- Mechanical endurance of contact 1x10^7 cycles
- Temperature range -40°C to +125°C
- Standard interruption power AC AC 250V-5A
- Standard interruption power DC see diagram at page NFG5
- Insulation to earth at 20°C 2.000V
- Protection degree of terminal box IP 55

6.0 Wiring diagrams
Available wiring diagram are (see page NFG5):
- wiring diagram type C1 : gives a signal when oil reaches low level inside conservator
- wiring diagram type C2 : gives a signal when oil reaches low or max level inside conservator
- wiring diagram type D1 : gives an alarm signal when oil reaches low level and trip signal for very low level inside conservator
- wiring diagram type D2 : gives a double signal when oil reaches low level inside conservator
- wiring diagram type D4 : gives a double signal when oil reaches low or max level inside conservator

All contacts are operated 3/5 degrees before the arrow reaches the minimum or the maximum level of oil.

7.0 Compatibility of installation
The installation compatibility of the magnetic oil level indicator depend mainly on the climatic conditions related to ambient temperature and oil temperature (that influence choice of the material used for the flange gasket) and on environmental conditions (that influence choice of the material used for front dial and fittings); therefore the executions differ because of the different materials used for gaskets; front dial and fittings.

Execution related to climatic conditions:
N – O/RING made in HNBR (hydrogenated nitrile rubber)
Admitted operating conditions are:

Environmental conditions:
- Ambient temperature: -40°C to +55°C
- Relative humidity: 95% to 20°C - 80% to 40°C - 50% to 50°C

Insulating liquid (transformer mineral oil):
- Temperature: - 40°C to + 140°C

C – NBC Cork gasket (flat flange gasket with 6 or 8 holes instead of O-Ring gasket)
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This is standard execution on size 3 and on demand on sizes 1 & 2
Admitted operating conditions are:

**Environmental conditions:**
- Ambient temperature: -20°C to +50°C
- Relative humidity: 95% to 20°C - 80% to 40°C - 50% to 50°C
- **Insulating liquid** (transformer mineral or silicon oil):
  - Temperature: -20°C to +110°C

**G – LT Cork gasket (flat flange gasket with 6 or 8 holes instead of O-Ring gasket)**
- This execution is on demand on all sizes for low temperature applications
- Admitted operating conditions are:
  - Environmental conditions:
    - Ambient temperature: -55°C to +50°C
    - Relative humidity: 95% to 20°C - 80% to 40°C - 50% to 50°C
  - **Insulating liquid** (transformer mineral or silicon oil):
    - Temperature: -55°C to +160°C

Execution related to environmental conditions:
- 0 – For normal and tropical conditions
  - Front dial made in P.M.M.A.; fittings made in brass nickel plated and s/steel AISI 304
- 7 – For desert conditions and/or moderated corrosive conditions
  - Front dial made in tempered glass; fittings made in brass nickel plated and s/steel AISI 304
- 8 – For extremely corrosive conditions
  - Front dial made in tempered glass; fittings made in brass nickel plated and s/steel AISI 316

Special executions
- For other environmental and/or operating conditions to be examined individually.

8.0 Ordering Instructions
When ordering must be defined following data (see order form at page 10 of catalogue):
- Style of magnetic oil level indicator: R or Y
- Size (flange OD 140 mm); 2 (flange OD 220 mm); or 3 (flange OD 345 mm)
- Mounting sketch (for R style always A);
- Wiring diagram: C1; C2; D1; D2; D4;
- Climatic conditions (type of gasket: N; C; G or special);
- Environmental conditions (0; 7; 8 or special);
- Type of dial: 0; 1; 5; or special;
- Special requirement i.e. Cable Entry.
Example: to order 5 magnetic oil level indicator type NFG form Y, OD 220mm, mounting on traditional conservator, 2 contacts SPDT at min and max level, with HNBR gaskets, normal environmental conditions and dial marking Min, -20, 20, 85, Max, write:
- Nr. 5 Magnetic oil level indicator NFG Y2AC2N00.

9.0 Marking on data plate
All our magnetic oil level indicator have a data plate with S/N and model of the instrument
Example: on above oil level gauge type NFG form Y, OD 220mm, mounting on traditional conservator, 2 contacts SPDT at min and max level, with HNBR gaskets, normal environmental conditions and dial marking Min, -20, 20, 85, Max, will have the following marking engraved on field Type: Y2AC2N00.
MAGNETIC OIL LEVEL INDICATOR NFG

WIRING DIAGRAM C1 - (MIN CONTACT)

Only min contact
*) Min contact operates in this area

WIRING DIAGRAM C2 - (MIN & MAX CONTACT)

Min & max contact
*) Min contact operates in this area
**) Max contact operates in this area

WIRING DIAGRAM D1 - TWO MIN (ALARM & TRIP CONTACT)

Alarm contact low level
Trip contact very low level
*) Trip contact operates in this area
**) Alarm contact operates in this area

WIRING DIAGRAM D2 - (DOUBLE MIN CONTACT)

Double contact at min level
*) Both contacts operate in this area

WIRING DIAGRAM D4 - (DOUBLE MIN + MAX CONTACT)

Double contact at min and max level
*) Both min contacts operate in this area
**) Both max contacts operate in this area

ADJUSTABLE FLOAT ARM (ROLLING FLOATS)

Adjustable length R

CONTACT BREAKING CAPACITY DC

RESISTIVE LOAD

INDUCTIVE LOAD cosθ=0.3 L/R=10ms

OPTIONS FOR CABLE ENTRIES M25x1.5

ENTRY ADAPTOR M25x1.3 to M25x1.5 (supplied with the indicator)

CABLE ENTRY M25x1.5

M25x1.5

2) (supplied with the indicator)
3) CLAMP M25x1.5
4) ADAPTOR TO PG16
5) CLAMP PG16
7) ? SPECIAL?
Magnetic oil level indicator NFG

Data 12/03/13
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Dis. Nr 3831
Visto 1
**STYLE R**

- MAX FLOAT TRAVEL 140°
- 90°
- 70°
- 50°
- 30°
- CABLE ENTRY M25×1.5

**DIM. IN mm**

**nr 6 holes dia 6.5 mm on bolt circle dia 125**

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**STYLE Y**

- 6 holes dia 6.5 mm on bolt circle dia 125

**DIM. IN mm**

**Average weight R or Y: ~2 Kg**

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**Titolo**
Magnetic oil level indicator NFG size 1

**Data**
12/03/13

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**Dis. Nr**
3832

**Visto**
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Magnetic oil level indicator NFG size 3

Average weight R or Y: ~6 Kg
ORDER FORM NFG-Y

Type  □ NFG-Y1  □ NFG-Y2  □ NFG-Y3

Gasket  □ N  □ C  □ G  □ SPECIAL

Wiring  □ C1  □ C2  □ D1  □ D2

diagram  □ "0"  □ "1"  □ "5"  □ SPECIAL


Z*: ..........  #D: ..........  A: ..........  *

Dimension to be specified only for executions C & K

A) Traditional conservator
   Axial float arm
   - Float arm acc. to Drg. 5608

B) Conventional Tau 1:2 ∝ = 60°

C) Conventional Tau 1:2 ∝ = 60°

K) Conventional Tau 1:4 ∝ = 35°
   - Float arm acc. to Drg. 3181

Magnetic oil level indicator NFG-Y

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Scale □□□□

Dis. Nr 3893

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ORDER FORM NFG-R

Type

- NFG-R1
- NFG-R2
- NFG-R3

Gasket type

- N
- C
- G
- SPECIAL

Wiring diagram

- C1
- C2
- D1
- D2

Dial

- type "0" 0÷10
- type "1" 0÷10
- type "5" 25°
- SPECIAL

Note: ..................................................
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Special request:
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R: ...... D: ...... Hmax: ...... H: ...... H2: ...... H3: ...... L: ......

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Magnetic oil level indicator NFG-R

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