

PROCESS REFRACTOMETER  
FOR CONCENTRATION  
MEASUREMENT OF CHEMICALLY  
AGGRESSIVE LIQUIDS

**K-PATENTS**  
PROCESS INSTRUMENTS



PROCESS REFRACTOMETER PR-23-W/PR-23-M

# TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

K-Patents Saunders Body PR-23-W and K-Patents Teflon Body PR-23-M Refractometers provide accurate means for measuring liquid concentrations in chemically aggressive solutions that corrode, foul or otherwise destroy metal parts as well as in ultra-pure fine chemical processes, where metal parts cannot be used.

**CHLOR-ALKALI INDUSTRY**

**CORROSIVE CHEMICALS**

**ULTRA PURE FINE CHEMICALS**

**SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY AND ELECTRO-CHEMICALS**

Acetic acid CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, Ammonium fluoride NH<sub>4</sub>F, Ammonium hydroxide NH<sub>4</sub>OH, Ammonium sulphate (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Calcium hypochlorite Ca(ClO)<sub>2</sub>, Copper chloride CuCl<sub>2</sub>, Citric acid C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Chromic acid CrO<sub>3</sub>

Ferric chloride FeCl<sub>3</sub>, Fluosilic acid, Formic acid HCO<sub>2</sub>H

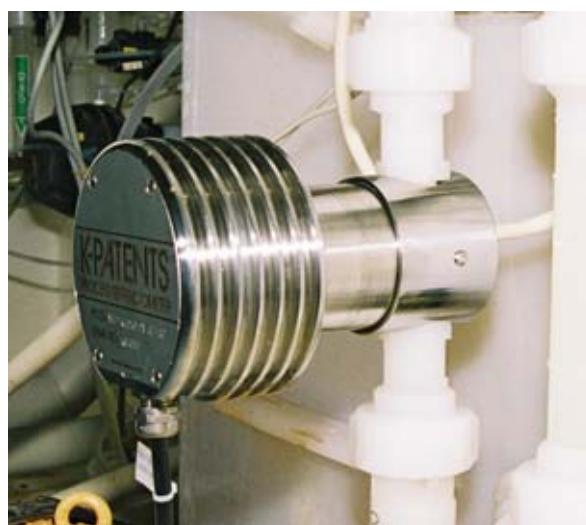
Hydrochloric acid HCl, Hydrofluoric acid HF, Hydrogen peroxide H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Buffered HF (BHF), Aqua Regia HNO<sub>3</sub>/HCl

Lactic acid C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(OH)COOH

Magnesium chloride MgCl<sub>2</sub>, Nickel chloride NiCl<sub>2</sub>, Nitric acid HNO<sub>3</sub>

Phosphoric acid H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Potassium carbonate K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> · 1 1/2 H<sub>2</sub>O, Potassium hydroxide KOH, Potassium thiocyanate KSCN, Potassium nitrate KNO<sub>3</sub>

Sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, Sodium carbonate Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Sodium chloride NaCl, Sodium dichromate Na<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O, Sodium hydroxide NaOH, Sodium hypochlorite NaClO<sub>2</sub>, Sulphuric acid H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and more.



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# INSTALLATION

2" pipe size      3" pipe size



4" pipe size



## SAUNDERS BODY REFRACTOMETER PR-23-W

The K-Patents Saunders Body Refractometer PR-23-W is designed for use in chemically aggressive solutions and ultra-pure fine chemical processes in large-scale production and in large pipelines (diameter 50, 80 or 100mm/2", 3" or 4").

The K-Patents PR-23-W is delivered with a Saunders (diaphragm) valve body and can be mounted either in a vertical or horizontal pipe. The Saunders body material is Graphite cast iron, which provides a solid mechanical base for the sensor installation.

The cast iron is lined with 3mm PFA (Fluorinated ethylene propylene) fluoroplastic that gives the body a high chemical resistance. The sensor wetted parts materials are Teflon® PTFE, Spinel ( $MgAl_2O_4$ ) and Sapphire ( $Al_2O_3$ ). The material of the sensor cover is stainless steel AISI 316 L.



## TEFLON BODY REFRACTOMETER PR-23-M

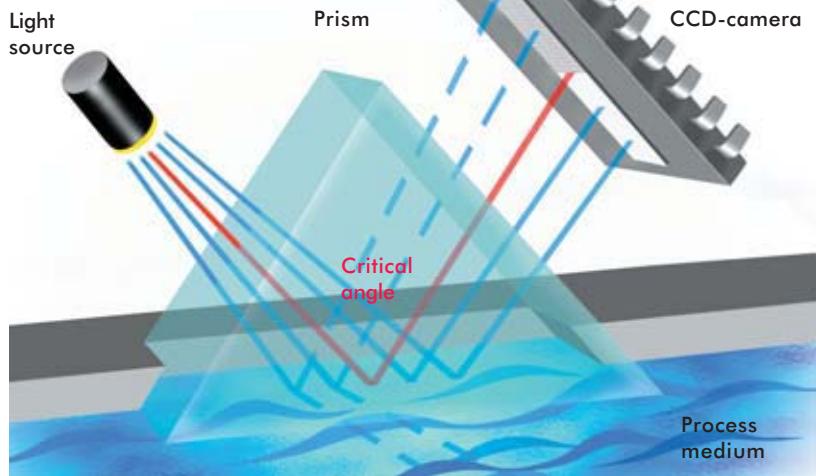
The K-Patents Teflon Body Refractometer PR-23-M is designed for small pipe sizes.

The sensor wetted parts Teflon® or Kynar®, Sapphire ( $Al_2O_3$ ), Kalrez®, and Spinel ( $MgAl_2O_4$ ) are carefully selected because they have high chemical and mechanical resistance.

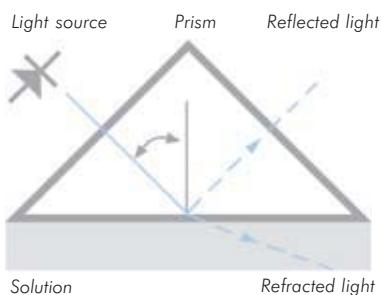
The external materials AISI 316L (sensor cover) and polyamid 6.6 (electrical connector) withstand chemically aggressive gases and splashes of the process liquid.

The measurement accuracy of either Refractometer models is not influenced by particles, bubbles, colour or temperature changes of the process liquid.

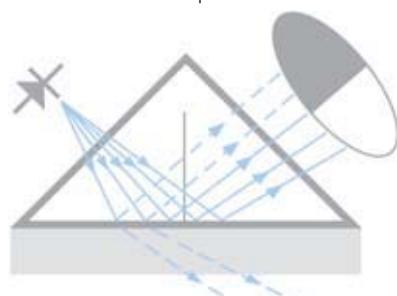
# DIGITAL MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLE



The light source sends light against the interface between the prism and the process solution, where the rays meet the surface at different angles.

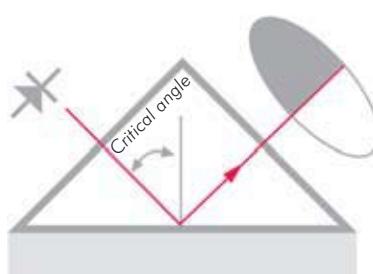


Depending on the angle, some rays are totally reflected. Some rays are only partially reflected, and most of the light is refracted into the process solution.



Thus an optical image with a dark sector and a light sector is created.

The angle corresponding to the shadow line is called the Critical Angle of Total Reflection. The Critical Angle is a function of the refractive index and hence the concentration of the solution.



A digital CCD-camera detects the optical image and the shadow line. The camera transforms the optical image point-by-point to an electrical signal. The exact shadow line position is located and converted to a reading in refractive index.

A built-in temperature sensor measures the temperature on the surface of the process liquid. The indicating transmitter converts the refractive index and temperature to concentration units.

The diagnostics program ensures that the measurement is reliable.

# OPERATION

K-Patents Refractometer PR-23-W/M sensor is factory calibrated to measure refractive index  $n_D$  and temperature T in standard units. Each sensor has identical calibration  $n_D = 1.32\dots1.53$  (corresponding to 0-100% b.w.). One or two sensors can be connected to one Indicating transmitter.

Because the sensors have identical calibration, and each sensor gives Refractive Index  $n_D$  and temperature as output, all sensors can be freely interchanged without optical calibration or parameter changes.

Each sensor comes with a calibration certificate comparing a set of standard liquids to the actual sensor output. The calibration and accuracy can be easily verified on-site with certified refractive index liquids and K-Patents documented verification procedure.

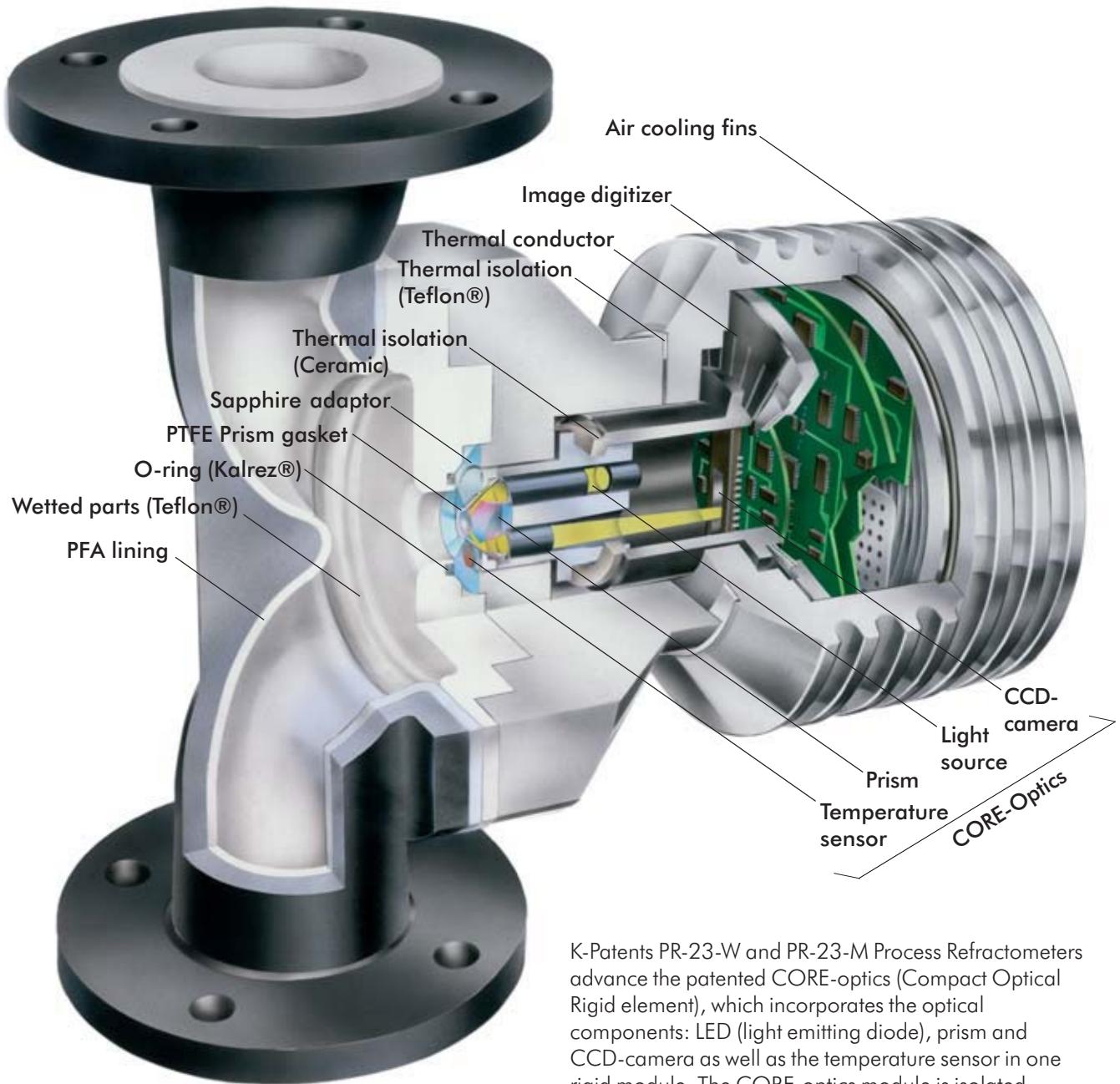
# DATA LOGGING VIA ETHERNET

K-Patents PR-23-W/M includes an Ethernet based communications solution which allows connection to computer networks (LAN) and to the Internet. Real-time measurement data and diagnostic information may be obtained through this interface, and this makes it also a valuable service tool for parameter changes and software updates.

Only a cross-over cable and data acquisition software are needed for collecting the data from a PR-23 refractometer. The communication is built on standard protocols (UDP/IP) and K-Patents offers ready-to-install software for data acquisition.

The K-Patents data acquisition software is expandable in case the user wants to modify the program. The program is written in Java and is therefore system independent. It can be tailored to almost any computing environment.

# DESIGN

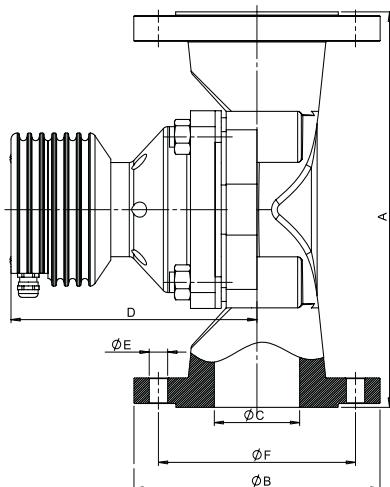


K-Patents PR-23-W and PR-23-M Process Refractometers advance the patented CORE-optics (Compact Optical Rigid element), which incorporates the optical components: LED (light emitting diode), prism and CCD-camera as well as the temperature sensor in one rigid module. The CORE-optics module is isolated from the sensor body and therefore external forces like pressure, flow and temperature changes do not influence the measurement.

The CORE optics module is patented.  
(US Patent Nos. US6067151 and US6760098 B2,  
German Patent No. DE19855218).

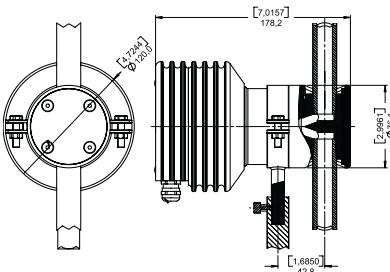
# SPECIFICATIONS

## SENSOR PR-23-W

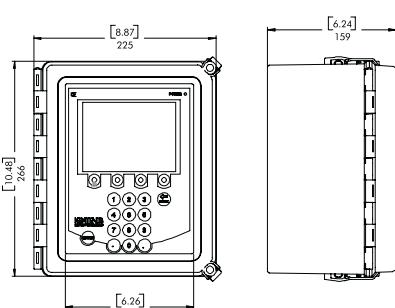


Saunders valve body	Flange size	A	B	C	D	E	F
SVB-A020	ANSI 2" 150psi	196 [7.72]	152.4 [6]	47 [1.85]	189 [7.40]	19.1 [0.75]	120.7 [4.75]
SVB-D050	DIN50 10bar	230 [9.05]	165 [6.50]	50 [1.97]	189 [7.40]	18 [0.71]	125 [4.92]
SVB-A030	ANSI 3" 150psi	260 [10.24]	190.5 [7.5]	78 [3.07]	205 [8.07]	19.1 [0.75]	152.4 [6]
SVB-D080	DIN80 10bar	310 [12.2]	200 [7.87]	80 [3.15]	205 [8.07]	18 [0.71]	160 [6.30]
SVB-A040	ANSI 4" 150psi	311 [12.24]	228.6 [9]	92 [3.62]	256 [10.08]	19.1 [0.75]	190.5 [7.5]
SVB-D100	DIN100 10bar	350 [13.78]	220 [8.66]	100 [3.94]	256 [10.08]	18 [0.71]	180 [7.09]

## SENSOR PR-23-M



## INDICATING TRANSMITTER DTR



Refractive Index range, standard:	Full range, $n_D = 1.3200 \dots 1.5300$ (corresponds to 0...100% b.w.), spinel prism
Refractive Index range, option:	$n_D = 1.2600 \dots 1.5000$ , sapphire prism
Accuracy:	$R.I. \pm 0.0002$ (corresponds typically to $\pm 0.1\%$ b.w.). Repeatability and stability correspond to accuracy.
Speed of response:	1s undamped, damping time selectable up to 5 min
Patented CORE-Optics:	No mechanical adjustments and digital measurement with 3648 pixel CCD element, 589 wavelength sodium D-line light emitting diode (LED), built-in Pt-1000 temperature sensor (linearization according to IEC 751)
Temperature compensation:	Automatic, digital compensation
Instrument verification:	With standard R.I. liquids and K-Patents documented procedure (ISO 9000)
Ambient temperature:	Sensor: min. -20°C (-4°F), max. 45°C (113°F) Indicating transmitter: min. 0°C (32°F), max. 50°C (122 °F)
Sensor housing:	AISI 316 L stainless steel sensor cover
Sensor protection class:	IP67, Nema 4
Exproof:	Exproof by purging
Patents:	US Patents US6067151 and US6760098B2, German Patent DE19855218
<b>SENSOR PR-23-W:</b>	Process connection with PFA (Fluorinated ethylene propylene) lined Saunders (diaphragm) valve body 2", 3" or 4"; valve body material Graphite cast iron
Saunders body process connection:	DIN-flange DN50 PN 16/DIN-flange DN80 PN 16/DIN-flange DN100 PN 16/ANSI-flange 4" 150 lbs/ANSI-flange 3" 150 lbs/ANSI-flange 2" 150 lbs
Sensor wetted parts:	Teflon® PTFE, prism gasket Teflon® PTFE, prism spinel or sapphire, O-ring Kalrez, adaptor sapphire
Sensor weight:	with 2" Saunders body 15 kg (33 lbs)/3" 26 kg (57 lbs)/4" 33 kg (73 lbs)
Process pressure:	max. 10 bar (145 psi)
<b>SENSOR PR-23-M:</b>	Process connection with Thread G1/2" (F) or Thread NPT 1/2" (F)
Sensor wetted parts:	Teflon® PTFE or Kynar® PVDF, prism gasket Teflon®, prism spinel (standard), O-ring Kalrez, adaptor sapphire
Sensor weight:	5.5 kg (12 lbs)
<b>INDICATING TRANSMITTER DTR:</b>	
Display:	320x240 pixel graphical LCD with LED backlight, keypad with 8 membrane keys
Current output:	Two independent current outputs, 4-20 mA, max. load 1000 Ohm, galvanic isolation 1500 VDC or AC (peak), hold function during prism wash
Ethernet connection:	10/100 Mbit/s, data acquisition over UDP/IP Protocol with K-Patents PR-11111 data logging software
Power:	AC input 100-240 VAC/50-60 Hz, optional 24 VDC, 30 VA
Alarms/Wash relays:	Two built-in signal relays, max. 250 V/3 A
Sensor connectivity:	One or two sensors can be connected to one DTR. Sensors independent with own parameter sets and usable in different applications. Two current outputs configurable independently to indicate process concentration or temperature of either sensor.
Indicating transmitter weight:	4.5 kg (10 lbs)
Transmitter protection class:	Enclosure IP66, Nema 4X
<b>INTERCONNECTING CABLE:</b>	IEC 61158-2 compliant two-wire cable
Interconnecting cable length:	Standard 10 m (33 ft), max. 200 m (660 ft)
<b>OPTIONS:</b>	Cable fittings to Indicating transmitter: European cable glands M20x1.5 or US conduit hubs
<b>ORDERING INFORMATION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sensor type and process connection</li> <li>- Desired scale</li> <li>- Properties of process solution</li> <li>- Process temperature range</li> <li>- Process pipe size</li> <li>- Process flow rate</li> <li>- Supply voltage and frequency</li> <li>- Options and accessories</li> </ul>

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