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Commubox FXA291

Gateways / Interfaces

Intrinsically safe CDI interface for transmitters

Converts signals at USB interface



Application

- The Commubox FXA291 connects Endress+Hauser field devices with a CDI interface (= Endress+Hauser Common Data Interface) with the USB interface of a computer or laptop. This allows the remote operation and execution of service functions of field devices with the aid of an Endress+Hauser operating program, such as the FieldCare software platform for plant-specific asset management for example.
- The Commubox is a USB low-power device that is powered by means of the USB interface of the computer.

Your benefits

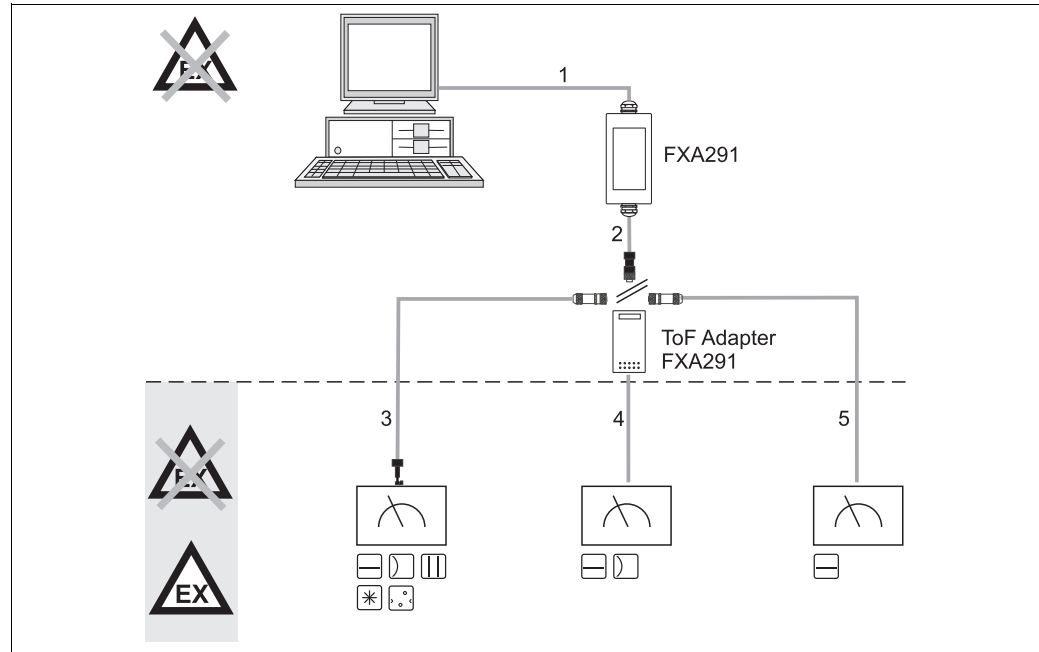
- Onsite commissioning of Endress+Hauser field devices
- Easy to connect field devices with a CDI interface to a computer with a USB interface
- Power is supplied to Commubox by means of the USB interface
- Possible to supply power to the field devices by means of the CDI interface
- Connection to intrinsically safe and non-intrinsically safe field devices
- Suitable for Endress+Hauser operating programs such as FieldCare

Function and system design



Warning!

- The Commubox FXA291 must not be used in potentially explosive atmospheres.
- The warnings and installation and operating instructions of the EEx documentation for field devices with a CDI interface must be observed.



Areas of application of Commubox FXA291



Field device



Field of application, e.g. Liquid analysis (→ picto bar, top of title page)

Commubox FXA291	ToF adapter FXA291
1 Cable between FXA291 and USB of the PC	4 cable for ToF field devices
2 cable between FXA291 and M8 connector	5 cable for more level measurement devices
3 cable standard adapter FXA291	



Caution!

Due to safety reasons the field devices FMR2xx, FMR53x, FMR540, FMP4x, FMU4x, PMC71, PMP7x, PMD7x, FMD7x, FMB70, FMG60 may only be connected to Commubox FXA291 via the ToF adapter FXA291.



Note!

You can find more information about field devices at www.produkte.endress.com/FXA291.

Wiring

Connection



- For computers: USB 1.1 and 2.0 compatible, 4-pole USB connector, type A
- For transmitters: CDI connectors, short-circuit proof, reverse polarity protection

Note!

When delivered, the USB and adapter cables are fully wired on the box side and are fixed in place with a cable gland.

Supply voltage

- Voltage range: from the USB interface of the PC, typically 5VDC
- Field devices powered via VCC up to 100mW, reverse polarity protection

Intrinsically safe signal circuit



For connecting an intrinsically safe circuit with explosion protection [EEx ia] IIC with:

- Connection voltage: < 7 VDC
- U_m : 260V

Note!

With Commubox FXA291 the intrinsically safe and the non-intrinsically safe connection are protected. Therefore, you can connect an Ex device to the intrinsically safe side of Commubox FXA291 even if a non-Ex device was connected before. The Commubox will not lose its Ex approval.

Performance characteristics

Communication

Communication between computer and FXA291:

- Baudrate: 2400 to 115.2k
- Data bits: 8
- Stop bits: 1
- Parity: none
- Start bits: 1
- Duplex communication

Environment

Ambient temperature range

-20 to +60 °C (-4 to +140 °F)

Storage temperature

-40 to +85 °C (-40 to +185 °F)

Ingress protection

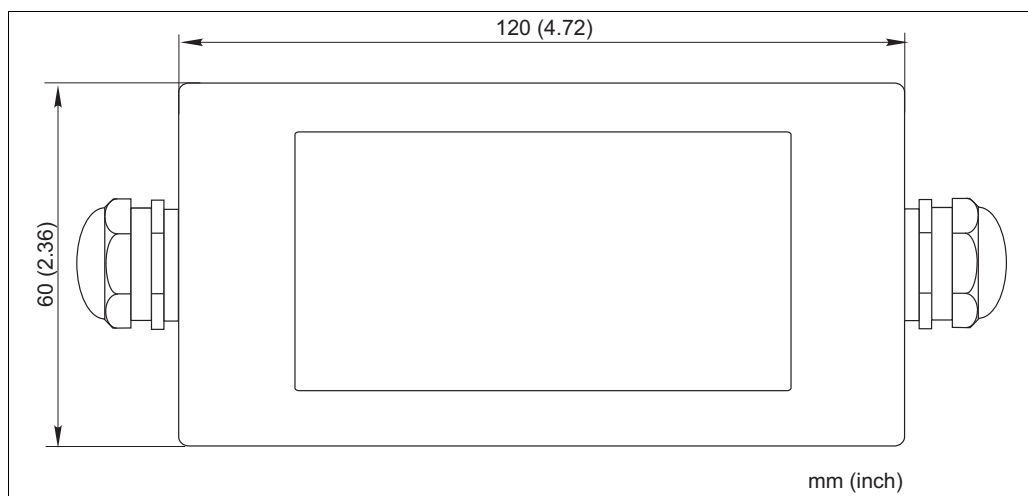
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Relative humidity

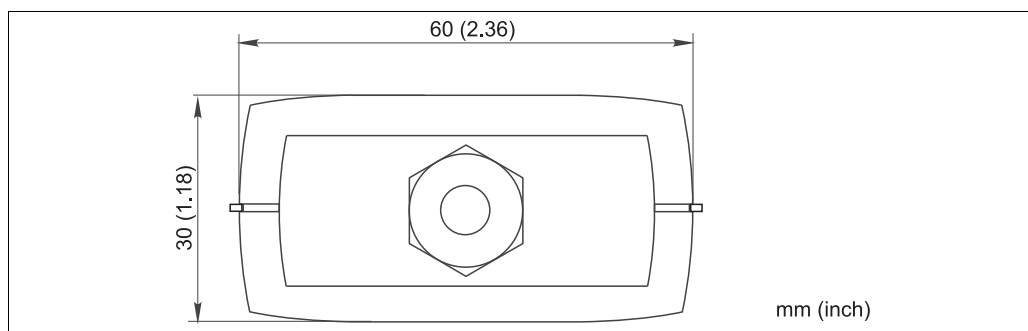
0 % to 95 % (no condensation)

Mechanical construction

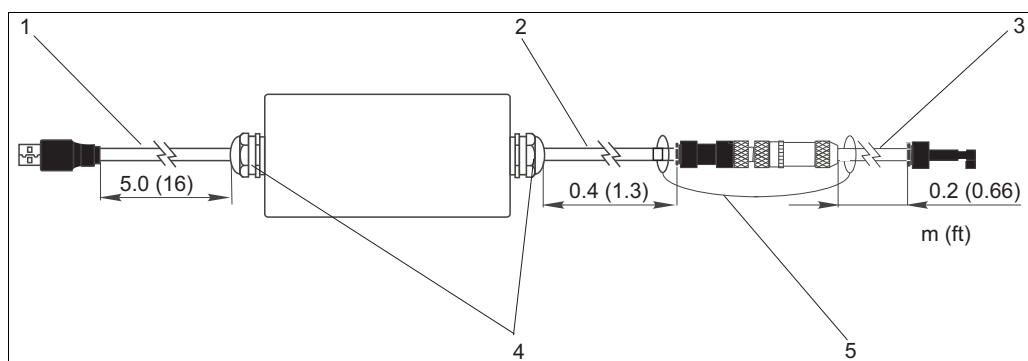
Design, dimensions



Design, dimensions: top view



Design, dimensions: side view (CDI connection/device side)



Commubox FXA291 and components

- 1 Cable between Commubox FXA291 and USB connection of the PC
- 2 Cable with CDI connection bushing and M8 connector for ToF adapter
- 3 Cable of standard adapter with CDI device connector
- 4 Cable glands
- 5 Safety cord

Weight approx. 0.2 kg (0.44 lbs)

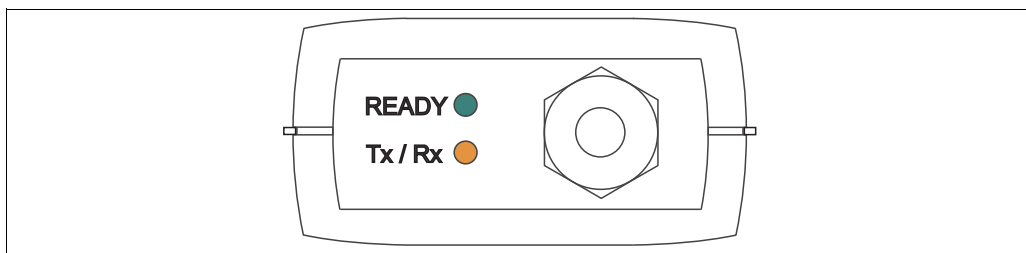
Material
Housing: ABS
Front membrane: Polyester

USB interface Personal computer and Commubox FXA291 = USB signal as per USB specification

CDI interface Measuring device(s) and Commubox FXA291 = Endress+Hauser Service protocol

Human interface

Signals



Signal lamps (USB connection/PC side)

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Signal	Light	Meaning
READY	Green	Commubox FXA291 is operational
Tx / Rx	Red	Communication from computer to field device
Tx / Rx	Yellow	Communication from field device to computer
Tx / Rx	Orange	Duplex communication

Certificates and approvals

CE mark

Declaration of conformity

The product meets the requirements of the harmonized European standards. It thus complies with the legal requirements of the EC directives.

The manufacturer confirms successful testing of the product by affixing the **CE** symbol.

Ex approvals

- ATEX II (2) G [EEx ia] IIC

Ordering information

Order number 51516983

Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery comprises:

- Commubox FXA291
- USB cable, fully wired on box side
- Adapter cable, fully wired on box side
- Cable for standard adapter FXA291
- Installation CD:
 - **USB Commubox FXA291 Serial Port Driver:**
Is automatically installed via hardware detection. See the document on the installation setup for this purpose.

Please follow the appropriate installation instructions.

System requirements

- USB interface (USB 1.1 or 2.0)
- DVD/CD-ROM drive
- Windows 2000/Windows XP/Windows 2003

Accessories

ToF adapter FXA291

- Power limitation for connection between FXA291 and input of intrinsically safe ToF M devices
- Prevents violation of Ex-permitted limit values of ToF devices
- Baudrate of digital communication and software installations for field devices are not affected
- Order No. 71007843

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