The ULM® ultrasonic level meters are compact measurement devices containing an ultrasonic transmitter and an electronic module. Using an transmitter, level meters transmit the series of ultrasonic pulses that spread towards the level surface. The transmitter recuperates reflected acoustic waves that are subsequently processed in the electronic module. Based on the period during which the individual pulses spread towards the level and back, this period is averaged by the electronics that performs temperature compensation and subsequently a conversion to an output current 4 - 20 mA, voltage 0 - 10 V or output RS-485 Modbus.

Thanks to the contactless measuring principle ultrasonic level meters are suitable for continuous measurement or limit level sensing of liquids, waste water, sludge, suspensions, adhesives, resins in various open and closed vessels, sumps, open channels and drains. Use for organic solvents or substances, which contain organic solvents, should be consulted with the manufacturer. Usability for level measurement of solid materials is limited, there is a shorter measuring range. We recommend using the level meter for such a medium to consult with the manufacturer. Setting is carried out either using two buttons or a magnetic pen or by remote setting in case of Modbus RTU output. The device is equipped with optical indication of its state (RUN) and the setting process (STATE). It is manufactured in designs for normal (N) and explosive atmospheres (Xi).

### Variants of Sensors

- **ULM–53–01–** measurement range 0.1 m to 1 m, all-plastic design, source of PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride), mechanical connection with thread G ¾.
- **ULM–53–02–** measurement range 0.20 m to 2 m, all-plastic design, source of PVDF, mechanical connection with thread G 1”.
- **ULM–53–06–** measurement range 0.20 m to 6 m, all-plastic design, source of PVDF, mechanical connection with thread G 1 ½”.
- **ULM–53–10–** measurement range 0.4 m to 10 m, all-plastic case, source of PVDF, mechanical connection with thread G 2 ¼”.
- **ULM–53–20–** measurement range 0.5 m to 20 m, all-plastic case, source of PVDF, mechanical connection with flange of aluminium alloy.
## Technical Specifications

### Measuring range

- **ULM–53-01-**
- **ULM–53-02-**
- **ULM–53-06-**
- **ULM–53-10-**
- **ULM–53-20-**

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### Supply voltage

- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53Xi-**

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<th>Voltage</th>
<th>18 ... 36 V DC</th>
<th>18 ... 30 V DC</th>
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### Current supply

- **ULM–53N(Xi)-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Current</th>
<th>4 ... 20 mA</th>
<th>max. 12 mA</th>
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### Current output

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Output</th>
<th>4 ... 20 mA</th>
<th>limit values 3.9 ... 20.5 mA</th>
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### Voltage output

- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Output</th>
<th>0 ... 10 V</th>
<th>(limit values 0 ... 10.2 V)</th>
<th>Modbus RTU protocol</th>
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### Resolution

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<th>&lt; 1 mm</th>
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### Accuracy (within the total range)

- **ULM–53-01 in area 0,1–0,2 m / 0,2–1,0 m**
- **ULM–53-02; –06**
- **ULM–53-10; –20**

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<th>Accuracy</th>
<th>0,3 % / 0,2 %</th>
<th>0,15 %</th>
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### Temperature error

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<th>Temperature</th>
<th>max. 0,04% / K</th>
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### Beamwidth (-3 dB)

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Beamwidth</th>
<th>10°</th>
<th>14°</th>
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### Ambient temperature range

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Temperature</th>
<th>-30 ... +70°C</th>
<th>-30 ... +60°C</th>
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### Measuring period

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Period</th>
<th>0,5 s</th>
<th>1,2 s</th>
<th>5,0 s</th>
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### Averaging (can be modified according to agreement)

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Averaging</th>
<th>4 measurement</th>
<th>adjustable via Modbus RTU</th>
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### Short time temperature stress resistance

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<th>Resistance</th>
<th>+90°C / 1 hod</th>
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### Max. operation overpressure (on transmission surface)

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<th>Pressure</th>
<th>0,1 MPa</th>
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### Max. internal values (for the Xi version only)

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<th>Values</th>
<th>U=30 V DC; I=132 mA; P=0,99 W; C=370 nF; L=0,9 mH</th>
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### Failure indication

- **echo failure – basic mode**
- **echo failure – inverse mode**
- **level in dead zone – basic mode**
- **level in dead zone – inverse mode**

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<th>Failure</th>
<th>3,75 mA / 0 V / Modbus RTU</th>
<th>22 mA / 10,5 V / Modbus RTU</th>
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### Protection class

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>IP67 5)</th>
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### Recommended cable

- **PVC 2 x 0,75 mm² (3 x 0,5 mm²; 2 x 2 0,25 mm²)**

### Maximal current output load resistance

- **at U = 24 V DC**
- **at U = 22 V DC**
- **at U = 20 V DC**

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<th>Resistance</th>
<th>R_max = 270 Ω</th>
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### Minimal voltage output load resistance

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<th>Resistance</th>
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### Delay between supply power rise time and first measurement

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**

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<th>Delay</th>
<th>5 s</th>
<th>9 s</th>
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### Process connection

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**
- **ULM–53N-M**

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<th>Connection</th>
<th>thread G ¾”</th>
<th>thread G 1”</th>
<th>thread G 1½”</th>
<th>thread G 2½”</th>
<th>aluminium alloy flange</th>
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### Weight

- **ULM–53-**
- **ULM–53N-**

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<th>Weight</th>
<th>0.20 kg</th>
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<th>0.25 kg</th>
<th>0.65 kg</th>
<th>2.80 kg</th>
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1) In case the level of bulk-solid materials is measured, the measurement range is reduced.
2) Allowed pressure range in the zone 0: 80 ... 110 kPa.
3) From the last six measurements are taken out extreme values MAX and MIN, then the remaining four measurement was performed arithmetic average.
4) Dead zone = blind zone = blocking zone.
5) Protection class IP68 can be achieved when a special connector is used.
Thanks to the proximity principle employed, the devices are suitable for continuous measurement of the level of liquids, waste water, sludge, suspensions, adhesives, resins in various open and closed vessels, sumps, open channels and drains. Applicability for measuring the surface level of loose materials is limited, the range of measurement is shorter there. We recommend that the suitability of the level meter for measuring bulk-solid materials is consulted with the manufacturer.

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<td>all</td>
<td>plastic PP</td>
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<td>Electro-acoustic transducer</td>
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<td>plastic PVDF</td>
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<td>Flange</td>
<td>UL_53_20</td>
<td>lacquered aluminum alloy</td>
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<td>Cable gland</td>
<td>all</td>
<td>plastic PA</td>
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**Connection through ISO connector**

The ULM level meter with a G type cable gland are connected to processing (display) units by means of a cable with an outer diameter of 6 to 8 mm (recommended wire cross-section 0.5 to 0.75 mm²), via a detachable ISO connector with inner screw terminals, which is part of the delivery. The connection diagram and the inner view of the connector are shown in Figures on the right. Non-detachable connector IP67 with PVC cable 5 m long can be supplied as an extra option.
Connection through M12 connector
The ULM level meter with a C type cable gland are connected to processing (display) units by means of a fixed PVC cable 5 m long. PG 11 (B) or plastic bushings with a thread for protective hoses (H) can be used as a cable gland. Connection diagrams are shown in Figures on the right.

Connection via PG 11 gland or gland for protective hoses
The ULM level meter with a B or H type cable gland are connected to processing (display) units by means of a fixed PVC cable 5 m long. PG 11 (B) or plastic bushings with a thread for protective hoses (H) can be used as a cable gland. Connection diagrams are shown in Figures on the right.

Connections shall only be carried out without voltage!
Taking into account the potential occurrence of electrostatic discharge on non-conducting parts of the level meter, it is necessary to ground the flange of level meters ULM–53Xi–20–F, located in an explosive atmosphere, using a ground terminal!

It is also necessary to design and take measures to reduce the effects of static electricity to a safe level in the wiring.
Installation in explosive atmospheres needs to be carried out in compliance with EN 60079-14 (Electrical installations for explosive gaseous atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations in dangerous areas other than mining) and possibly also in compliance with other standards relating to the area concerned.

The supply source should be preferably designed as a stabilized source of safe voltage 18 V to 36 V DC (max. 30 V DC for version Xi), which is part of the downstream processing or display system.
In case of strong ambient electromagnetic disturbance, parallel run of the input cable with the power line or its length exceeding 30 m, we recommend using a shielded cable.
## SETTINGS

### Device type with setting using buttons

The measuring range is setup by means of two buttons "DOWN" and "UP". The "DOWN" button is used to enter to the setting mode (setting the 4 mA or 0 V limit) and to decrease the output current or voltage. The "UP" button as an opposite function (setting the 20 mA or 10 V limit and increasing the output current or voltage). Values are confirmed by simultaneous pressing of both buttons for about 1 sec. The setting process is indicated by yellow "STATE" LED indicator.

For detailed information please read at the instructions manual.

### Device type with setting using a magnetic pen

The measuring range is setup by touching of the magnetic pen to sensitive spots "EMPTY" and "FULL". The "EMPTY" spot is used to enter to the setting mode (setting the 4 mA or 0 V limit) and to decrease the output current or voltage. The "FULL" spot as an opposite function (setting the 20 mA or 10 V limit and increasing the output current or voltage). Values are confirmed by touching of the magnetic pen to the sensitive spot for about 3 sec. The setting process is indicated by yellow "STATE" LED indicator.

For detailed information please read at the instructions manual.

## FUNCTION AND STATUS INDICATION

<table>
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<th>LED indicator</th>
<th>Colour</th>
<th>Function</th>
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| "RUN"         | green  | short flashing (repeated depending on the measurement interval approx. 1 ... 2 s) - correct function, receipt of signal (echo) reflected from the measured surface  
fast flashing – the measured surface is in the dead zone of the level meter or the ultrasound transducer is dirty  
off – the level meter is not capable of receiving the echo. Incorrect installation or malfunction |
| "STATE"       | orange | Setting indication  
• slow flashing – 4 mA (0 V) threshold setting indication  
• fast flashing – 20 mA (10 V) threshold setting indication  
• 3 short flashes – setting confirmation  
variant "M" with Modbus communications  
• fast flashing – communication under way on line RS-485 |
Order code

ULM–53N–02–G–I–G–T

(N) Performance for non-explosive areas; (02) maximum range 0.2 ... 2 m; (G) process connection pipe thread; (I) current output (4 ... 20 mA); (G) connection method ISO connector; (T) set-up elements buttons.

ULM–53N–20–F–U–H–M cable 5m

(N) Performance for non-explosive areas; (20) maximum range 0.5 ... 20 m; (F) process connection flange; (U) voltage output (0 ... 10 V); (H) connection method cable gland for protective hose; (M) set-up elements magnetic pen (MP8).

ULM–53Xi–06–G–I–B–M cable 5m

(Xi) Explosive environments performance; (06) maximum range 0.2 ... 6 m; (G) process connection pipe thread; (I) current output (4 ... 20 mA); (B) connection method short cable gland PG11; (M) set-up elements magnetic pen (MP8).

ULM–53N–10–G–M–C–L

(N) Performance for non-explosive areas; (10) maximum range 0.4...10m; (G) process connection pipe thread; (M) RS-485 line with Modbus RTU communication; (C) connector M12; (L) no setting controls and LED.

Accessories

standard (included in the level meter price)

• 1x seal (for UL–53...01; 02; 06; 10)
• 1x connector with IP67 coverage (for versions with an ISO connector)
• 1x magnetic pen MP–8 (for device type adjusted with a magnetic pen)
• free-to-download programme Basic Scada Level (for the Modbus version)

optional – for a surcharge (see catalogue sheet of accessories)

• plastic fastening nuts PUM-G1, PUM-G1,5 a PUM-G2,25
• shorn adapter ST–G1, ST–G1,5 and ST–G2,25
• stainless steel or standard steel welding flanges NN-G1, ON-G1, NN-G1,5 a ON-G1,5
• socket ELWIKA 4012 K PG7 or ELKA 4012 K PG7
• connector with IP67 coverage (type GAN-DADE 7A) with 5m cable (for current output and ISO type connector)
• connector with IP67 coverage (type GAN-DAEE 7A) with 5m cable (for voltage output and ISO type connector)
• protective hose (for version with "H" type terminal)
• converter URC-485 (for the Modbus version)
**SAFETY, PROTECTIONS, COMPATIBILITY AND EXPLOSION PROOF**

Level meter ULM-53 is equipped with protection against electric shock on the electrode, reverse polarity, output current overload, short circuit and against current overload on output.

Protection against dangerous contact is provided by low safety voltage according to 33 2000-4-41. Electromagnetic compatibility is provided by conformity with standards EN 55011/B, EN 61326-1 and EN 61000-4-2 to 6.


Explosion proof ULM–53Xi is verified FTZÚ – AO 210 Ostrava – Radvanice: FTZÚ 09 ATEX 0119X.

A declaration of conformity was issued for this device in the wording of Act No. 90/2016 Coll., as amended. Supplied electrical equipment matches the requirements of valid European directives for safety and electromagnetic compatibility.

**Special conditions for safe use of variants ULM-53Xi**

The device is designed for connection to the isolating repeater IRU-420. When the other approved supply unit is used, whose output parameters satisfy above mentioned output parameters, it is necessary to have a galvanic separation or, if supply unit without galvanic separation is used (Zener barriers), it is necessary provide potential equalization between sensor and point of barrier earthing.

For application in zone 0 the present explosive atmospheres - mixture of air with flammable gases, vapour or mists must comply:

- \(-20^\circ \text{C} < T_a < +60^\circ \text{C}\);
- \(0.8 \text{ bar} < p < 1.1 \text{ bar}\).

The device must be installed in such a way, to prevent mechanical damage of sensor face.

Maximum input parameters:

\[ U_i = 30 \text{ V}; \quad I_i = 132 \text{ mA}; \quad P_i = 0.99 \text{ W}; \quad C_i = 370 \text{ nF}; \quad L_i = 0.9 \text{ mH} \]

**Packings, shipping and storage**

The ULM-53 device is supplied packaged in a cardboard box that protects it against mechanical damage.

When handling and during transport, it is necessary to prevent impacts and falls.

The ULM-53 electrical device must be stored in dry enclosed areas with humidity up to 85%, free of aggressive vapours at temperatures between -20°C and 60°C, and must be protected against the effects of weather.