

PTB210 Series Digital Barometers with Analog Output

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Safety

Throughout the manual, important safety considerations are highlighted as follows:

WARNING

Warning denotes a serious hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury to or death of personnel.

CAUTION

Caution denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of part or all of the product.

NOTE

Note highlights important information. It calls attention to an essential procedure, practice, condition or the like.

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- b) the allegedly defective Product or part shall, should Vaisala so require, be sent to the works of Vaisala or to such other place as Vaisala may indicate in writing, freight and insurance prepaid and properly packed and labelled, unless Vaisala agrees to inspect and repair the Product or replace it on site.

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- a) normal wear and tear or accident;
- b) misuse or other unsuitable or unauthorized use of the Product or negligence or error in storing, maintaining or in handling the Product or any equipment thereof;
- c) wrong installation or assembly or failure to service the Product or otherwise follow Vaisala's service instructions including any repairs or installation or assembly or service made by unauthorized personnel not approved by Vaisala or replacements with parts not manufactured or supplied by Vaisala;
- d) modifications or changes of the Product as well as any adding to it without Vaisala's prior authorization;
- e) other factors depending on the Customer or a third party.

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CHAPTER 2

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The PTB210 series digital barometers are designed for various pressure ranges. The barometers with an analog output are available with different scalings between 500...1300 hPa for 0...5V or 0...2.5V. The PTB210 series barometers are also available with a digital output.

The PTB210 series barometers offer an excellent solution for outdoor installations. They operate in a wide temperature range. The housing of the barometer electronics provides an IP65 standardized protection against sprayed water. The rugged corrosion-resistant housing in combination with the small size facilitates easy installation and a long lifetime for the barometer.

All the barometers are digitally adjusted and calibrated by using electronic working standards.

This manual gives the instructions for the use of PTB210 barometers with the analog output.

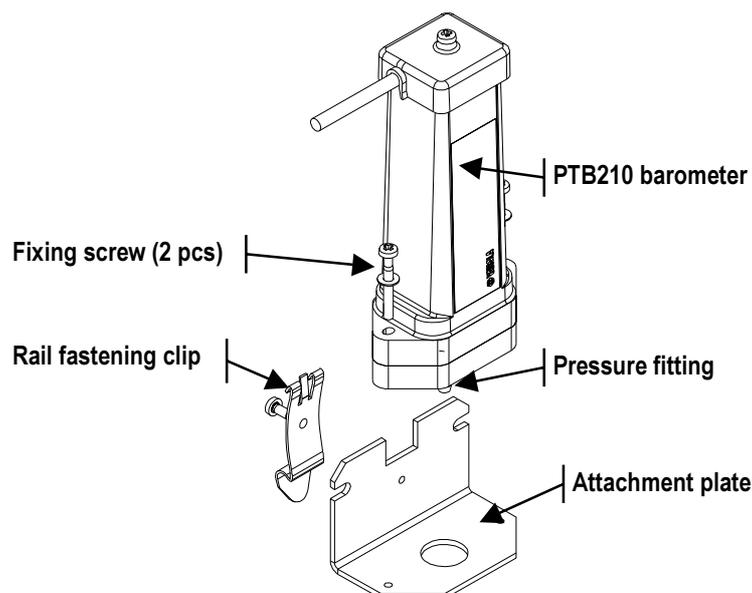


Figure 1 PTB210 and the standard accessories

The PTB210 barometers incorporate the BAROCAP® silicon capacitive absolute pressure sensor developed by Vaisala. The sensor features excellent hysteresis and repeatability characteristics and has an outstanding temperature and long-term stability.

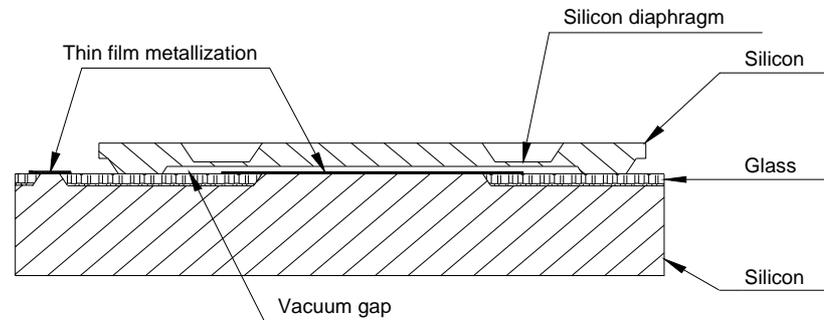


Figure 2 The BAROCAP® pressure sensor

The BAROCAP® pressure sensor consists of two layers of single crystal silicon having a layer of glass between them. The thinner silicon layer creates an integrated vacuum reference chamber, and forms a pressure-sensitive silicon diaphragm. The thicker silicon layer is the rigid base plate of the sensor, and it is clad with a glass dielectric. Thin film metallization has been deposited to form a capacitor electrode inside the vacuum reference chamber. The other electrode is the pressure-sensitive silicon diaphragm.

The coefficients of thermal expansion of silicon and glass materials used in the BAROCAP® pressure sensor are carefully matched together to minimize the temperature dependence, and to maximize the long-term stability. The BAROCAP® pressure sensor is designed to achieve zero temperature dependence at 1000 hPa, and its long-term stability has been maximized by thermal ageing at an elevated temperature.

CHAPTER 3

INSTALLATION

Mounting

Due to the compact design of the PTB210, all you need to do is to mount the instrument, and to connect the wires. Use one of the following three mounting options.

- Remove the pressure fitting, and place the barometer on a desired structure. Then, fix it with the slot headed screws, the O-ring sealing the attachment (A).
- Fix the supplied attachment plate to a desired place with a screw by using the hole on the vertical part of the plate. Then, attach the barometer on the plate with the screws supplied (B).
- The PTB210 can also be placed to a standard rail (DIN 35) by using the attachment plate and clip (B). Fasten the clip and barometer to the plate with the screws supplied. Finally, attach the clip to a suitable rail.

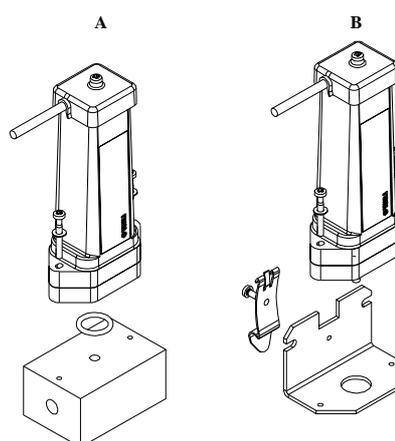


Figure 3 Different mounting options of the PTB210

NOTE

Always place the barometer so that the pressure fitting is downwards.

NOTE

Check that the cable is not taken upwards from the barometer. This is to prevent water flowing along the cable, and gathering close to the feed-through.

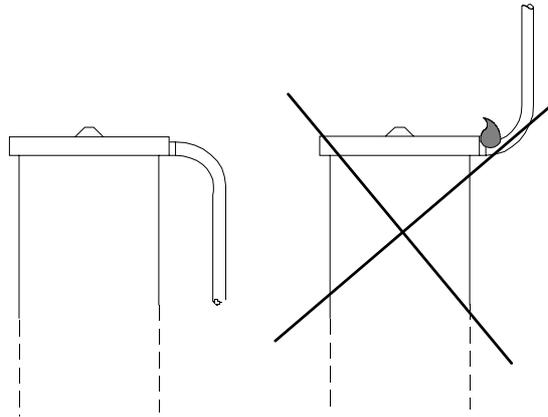


Figure 4 Recommended cable position

The IP65-classified housing enables the barometer to be mounted outdoors without any additional protection. However, please take care that rainwater cannot plug the open pressure fitting. In such conditions, it is recommended to connect a piece of a tube with inner diameter of 4 mm or more to the fitting. It is also possible to use a static pressure head, SPH10, which protects the pressure channel from rain, and minimizes the effect of wind.

Static pressure head

Please note that the pressure fitting supplied with the transmitter is not a static pressure head, and that the transmitter cannot be used successfully as such in turbulent or high-speed static wind conditions. In demanding wind conditions, it is recommended to use Vaisala's static pressure head, SPH10, to which the PTB210 digital barometers can be directly integrated. This combination provides for accurate measurement in all wind conditions.

Connections

Connect the wires of the PTB210 barometer according to Table 1. Use the pink wire for the supply voltage (8...18 VDC), and the blue wire for grounding. The output signal is read from the white wire and grounded with the brown wire.

The gray and green wires are used to connect the barometer to PC when using the calibration Wizard software, or to Vaisala PMI20 digital barometer display. As a ground, use the blue wire.

If an external power control is used, its signal wire is connected to the yellow wire.

It is recommended to isolate the free wire ends.

Table 1 **Connections of the PTB210 barometer with analog output**

Wire color	Signal
Grey	RX
Green	TX
Blue	Ground
Pink	Supply voltage (8...18 VDC)
Brown	V _{out} ground
White	V _{out}
Yellow	External power control (TTL level: 1 = off, 0 = on)

CHAPTER 4

CALIBRATION AND ADJUSTMENT

The PTB210 series barometers can be fine adjusted and calibrated against pressure standards that have high accuracy and stability as well as known traceability to international standards. By comparing the output to a reference, the user can define the corrections required for readjustment.

NOTE

Calibration is considered not to involve any adjustments.

It is advisable to write down the previous corrections so that they will not be lost by mistake.

The corrections are given by using the Wizard software supplied. When the new corrections have been entered to the barometer, they are activated with the Wizard. Finally, the barometer is calibrated to verify its real accuracy.

Wizard software

The user-friendly Wizard software is designed to work in WIN3.X, WIN95, and NT environment. The two-point pressure corrections for the PTB210 barometers are given through the serial line by using this program. The calibration date can also be changed using the Wizard.

Operation

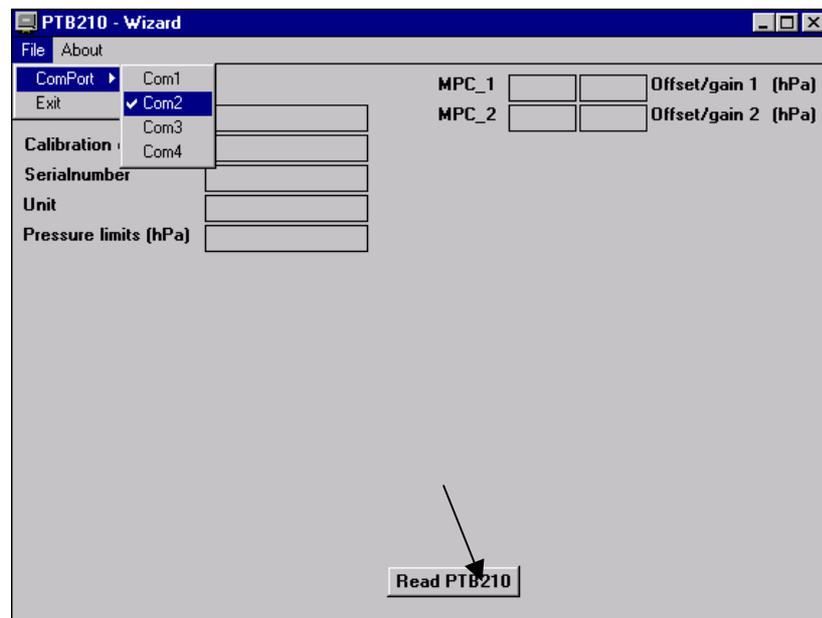
- To start the Wizard program in NT:
 1. Double-click the My Computer icon.
 2. Double-click the drive that contains the file.
 3. To start the program, double-click the WIZARD.EXE-file.

OR

- To start a program by using the Run command in NT
 1. Click Start, and then click Run.
 2. In the Open box, type the location and name of the program you want to start. Alternatively, browse the location, and choose the name of the program (WIZARD.EXE). Then, click OK.

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1. Choose the COM port in use from the file menu.
2. To open the connection click the **Read PTB210**-button.



3. Give reference pressure values and the corresponding corrections.
Calculate the corrections according to the equations below.

NOTE

Because the lower end of voltage output is not exactly 0 V, use as lower calibration point a value approximately 40 mV above the lower end limit. Thus with scale 600...1060 hPa and 0...5V output the lowest calibration point will be 604 hPa.

$$P_{measured} = P_{min} + \frac{U_{out} * (P_{max} - P_{min})}{U_{out max}} \quad (1)$$

$$corr_{new} = (P_{reference} - P_{measured}) + corr_{previous} \quad (2)$$

Example to calculate the higher end correction:

Barometer scale 600...1060 hPa with the 0...5V output.

- Output reading 4.8887 V
- $P_{measured} = 600 + [4.8887 * (1060-600)]/5 = 1049.76$ hPa
- Reference value 1050 hPa
- Previous correction 0.22 hPa

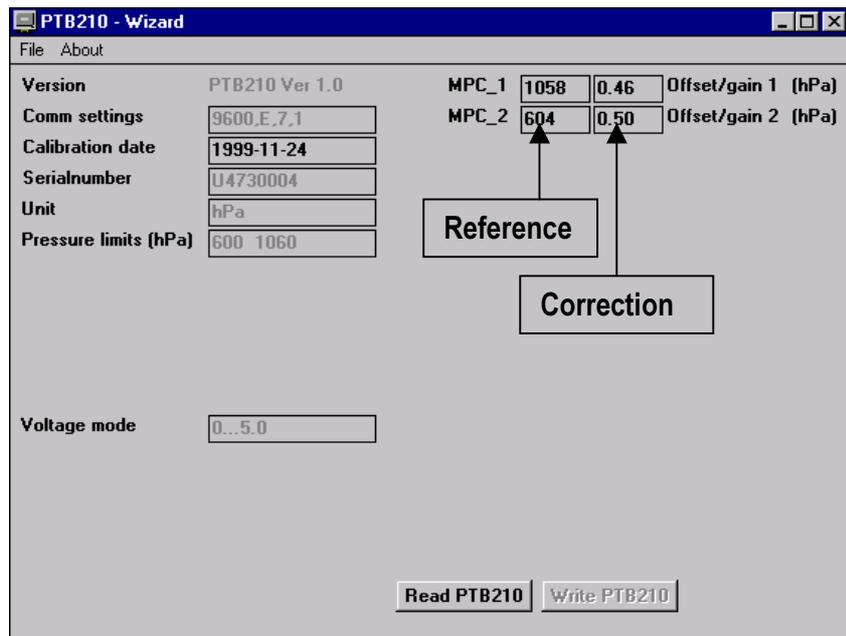
⇒ New correction $(1050 - 1049.76) + 0.22 = 0.46$ hPa

NOTE

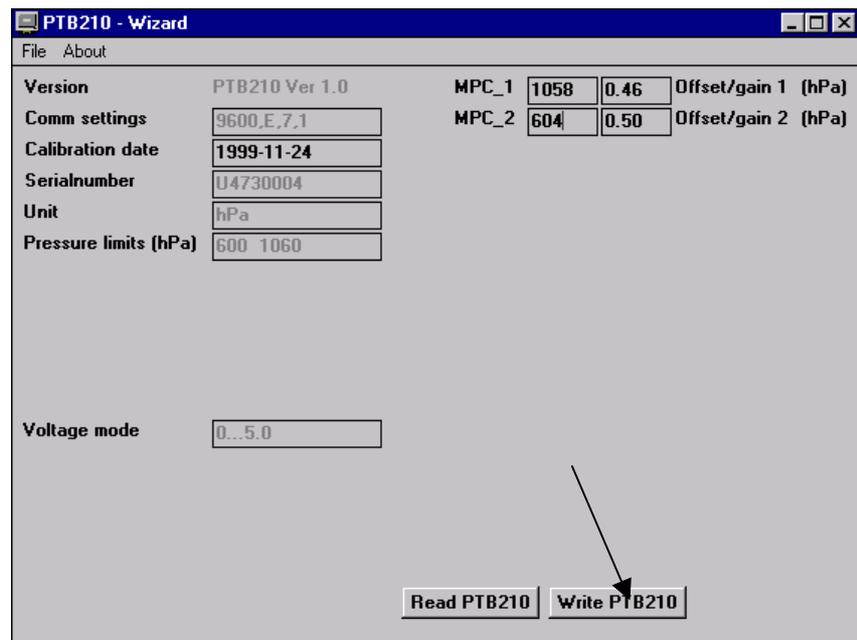
The previous corrections have to be added to the new ones (see the example above).

The correction at the lower end is calculated in similar way. The new calibration date can also be given.

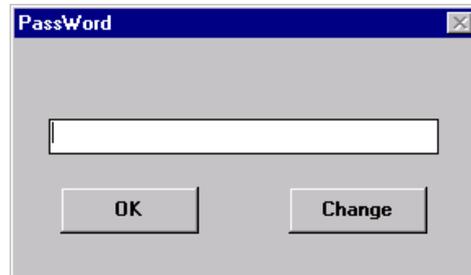
The values are given in hPa: the reference value as whole number, and the correction with two decimals.



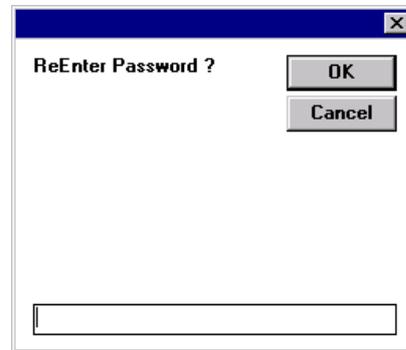
4. To save the new corrections, click the **Write PTB210**-button.



5. The program then asks a password. As default, no password exists. Just click **OK**. The password can be used to prevent saving of any new corrections without entering it. To give a password, click the **Change**-button.



6. Enter a new password and confirm by re-entering it.



NOTE

Remember to set the MPC corrections on after given them.

CHAPTER 5

TECHNICAL DATA

Technical specifications

Operating range

Pressure range (order specified)	500...1300 hPa 800...1060 hPa 600...1060 hPa 900...1100 hPa
Operating temperature range	-40...+60°C
Humidity range	non condensing

Accuracy

Non linearity*	± 0.20 hPa
Hysteresis*	± 0.05 hPa
Repeatability*	± 0.05 hPa
Calibration uncertainty**	± 0.15 hPa
Total accuracy (20°C)***	± 0.30 hPa
Temperature dependence (-40...+60°C)****	± 0.50 hPa
Total accuracy*** (-40...+60°C)	± 0.60 hPa
Long term stability	± 0.10 hPa/year

* Defined as the ± 2 standard deviation limits of end-point non-linearity, hysteresis error or repeatability error.

** Defined as ± 2 standard deviation limits of inaccuracy of the working standard including traceability to NIST.

*** Defined as the root sum of the squares (RSS) of end-point non-linearity, hysteresis error, repeatability error and calibration uncertainty at room temperature.

**** Defined as ± 2 standard deviation limits of temperature dependence over the operating temperature range.

General

Outputs (order specified)	0...5 VDC 0...2.5 VDC
Supply voltage	8 ... 18 VDC reverse polarity protected
Current consumption	
normal mode	< 8 mA
shutdown mode	0.2 mA
Shutdown	ON/OFF
Response time	500 ms
Resolution	300 μ V
Measurement rate	3 measurement/s
Max. pressure	5 000 hPa abs.
Pressure connector	M5 (10-32) internal thread
Pressure fitting	barbed fitting for 1/8" I.D. tubing
Housing	
electronics	IP65
sensor	IP53
Housing material	PC plastic
Cable length	1, 2, 3, 5, or 10 m
Weight	
Instrument	110 g
Cable	28 g/m

Electromagnetic compatibility

Fully electromagnetically compatible according to standards:

- EN 50081-1 Tested according to EN 55022 class B
- EN 50082-1 Tested according to EN 61000-4-2,
EN 61000-4-3 + ENV 50204,
EN 61000-4-4, EN 61000-4-5,
EN 61000-4-6



Dimensions in mm (inch)

