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Technical Information

Tankvision NXA820, NXA821, NXA822

Inventory Management System with completely integrated software for operation via standard web browser
Valid from SW version 01.02.xx

Application
Tankvision is a dedicated tank inventory system which is operated by a standard web browser and does not require proprietary software or licensing costs.

Tankvision is based on a distributed architecture on a Local Area Network (LAN). Due to its modular structure it can be adjusted to any application. It is ideally suited for small tank farms with only a couple of tanks, but also for large refineries with hundreds of tanks.

Tankvision consists of the following components:
- **Tankvision Tank Scanner NXA820**
  scans parameters from tank gauges and performs tank calculations
- **Tankvision Data Concentrator NXA821**
  summarizes data from various Tank Scanners NXA820
- **Tankvision Host Link NXA822**
  provides data to host systems (such as PLC or DCS) via Modbus

Your benefits
- License-free
- Approved for custody transfer applications according to NMI, PTB and others
- Global system engineering and service support
- A robust industrial operating system with embedded software ensures high stability and availability.
- Modular design; easily adjustable to any application; can be upgraded as required
- Configuration, commissioning and operation via web browser; no proprietary software required
- Access for up to 10 users per Tankvision component from any connected PC
- Common hardware platform for all components; no hard disc or fans to wear out
- Volume calculations and correction included according to international standards (API/ASTM/IP tables) in Tank Scanner NXA820
- Predefined or customized operator screens for typical operation of a tank farm
- Includes OPC access

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Applications

Inventory control

By using Tankvision to monitor the tank level and stored volume of valuable liquids remotely, owners or operators of tank farms or terminals for petroleum products and chemicals (liquids) can visualize the volume of the stored medium in real time. The data can be used to plan the inventory and distribution. The data can also be used to manage tank farm operations like pumping or transferring products.
Tankvision has its unique concept using network technology. Without using proprietary software, the users can visualize and manage their valuable liquids stored in the tanks by a web browser.
Tankvision is a flexible and cost effective solution due to its scalable architecture. The application coverage goes from small depots with only a few tanks up to refineries.

Inventory calculations

Based on measured variables and tank capacity tables, Tankvision calculatess:
- gross volumes
- net volumes
- mass

Volumes and density of products like
- Hydrocarbons
- LPG's
- Asphalt
- Alcohols

are corrected according to international standards, including API/ASTM tables 5A, 5B/6, 53A, 53B/54, 23/24, LPG, alcoholometric tables according to OIML R22. This includes temperature corrections at 15C, 60F and alternative temperatures. Additionally, available pumpable volumes and water volume are calculated.
Up to 3000 strapping points per tank are supported for vertical, spherical and bullet tanks.
More standards are added continuously. Please ask Endress+Hauser for an updated list.

Remote configuration of measuring equipment

Tankvision does not only acquire the current measured level or volume from the tanks. The configuration of device settings from the control room is also possible by using FieldCare, the operating software from Endress+Hauser, for the connected Endress+Hauser devices. Tankvision passes on the device setting information transparently, so that all device functions for the respective operating software are available from the control room. Some on-site operations can be avoided using this feature during commissioning or maintenance. (The availability of this feature may depend on the system configuration.)

Application areas

- tank farms in refineries
- ship loading terminals
- marketing and distribution terminals
- pipeline terminals
- logistic terminals for tanks storing products like crude oils, refined white and black products, chemicals, LPGs, fuels, biofuels, alcohols

Function and system design

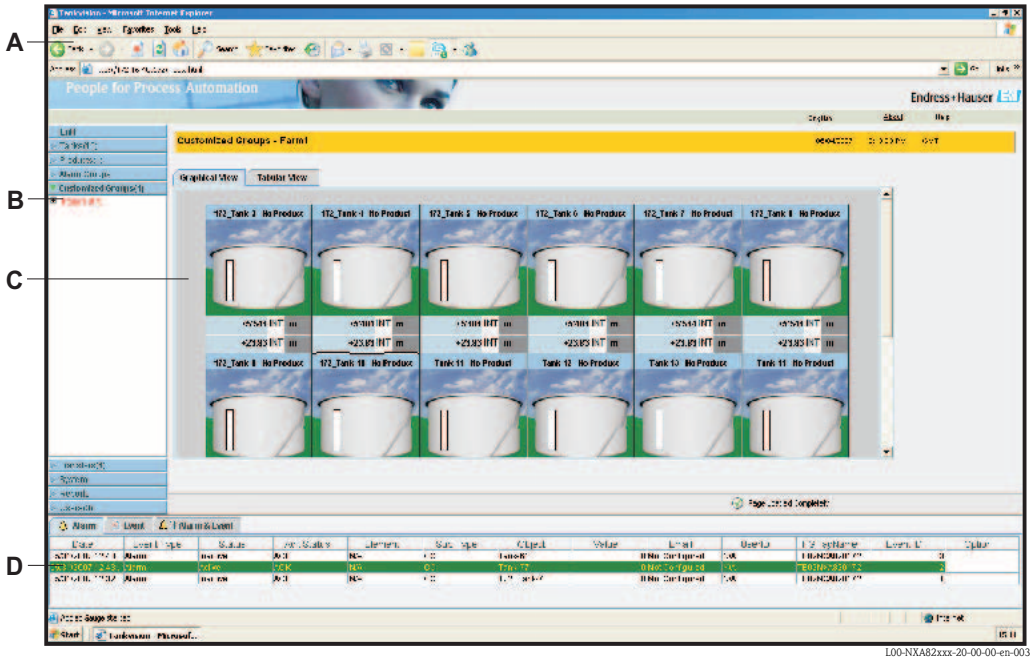
System design

Tank management visualization without proprietary software

Tankvision is the first tank management visualization system providing its functionality without the need to have proprietary software installed and maintained on a PC. The main functionality is realized by embedded web pages in the Tankvision components. Tankvision uses an industrial proven operating system and provides high availability. Tankvision is not based on a PC platform and runs independent of connected PCs. This eliminates the need to maintain a specialized PC with a Windows operating system and necessary updates and hot fixes. Tankvision web pages can be accessed from a standard PC with a web browser and the Java Runtime Environment only. Multiple users with different roles can simultaneously log in to each Tankvision component. Additional users can be added as required. There are no multi-user licence fees.
Please check with Endress+Hauser for recommendations on PC, operating system and web browser.

Examples of operating pages

Tank group



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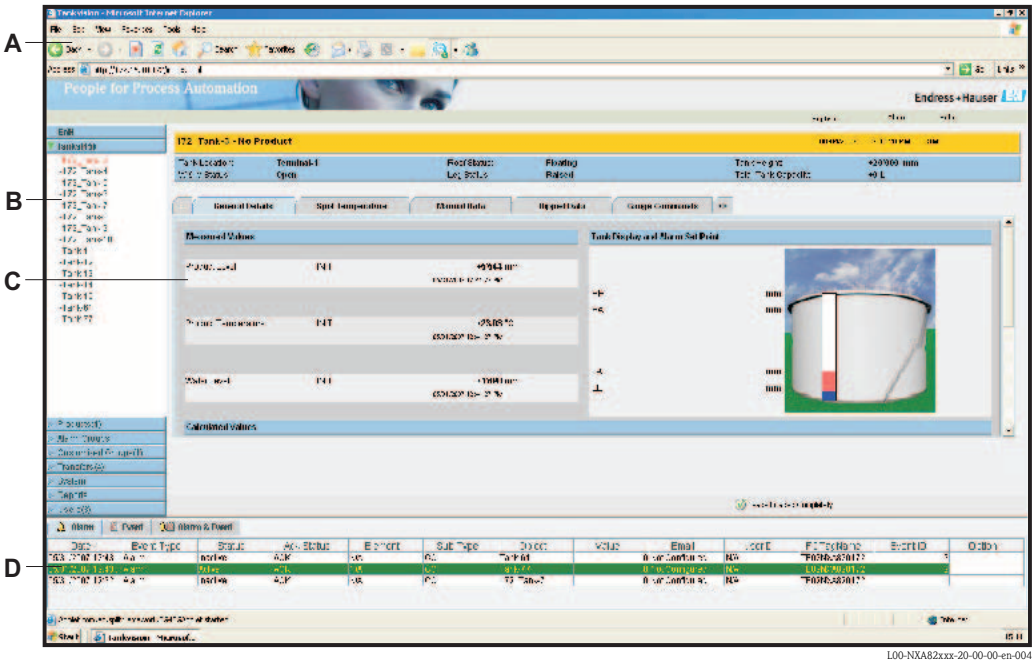
Single tank



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Distributed architecture and scalability

Tankvision is based on a distributed architecture on a Local Area Network (LAN). Coordinated components perform all inventory management tasks. The modular design makes it easy to enlarge the system whenever required and to add further tank areas.
Thus, Tankvision is fully scalable and is ideally suited for applications of any size – from small tank farms to large refineries.

Common hardware platform

The Tankvision components have dedicated tasks in a system, but have a common architecture, based on a 32 Bit processor. The embedded tank management software uses a multi-threaded real time operating system (RTOS), specifically designed for industrial applications. The hardware is designed without wear-out components like hard discs or fans. This guarantees high reliability.

System configuration

Configuration of the components

Each Tankvision component has its own data base and a web server. The components are connected and exchange data with time stamp and status information. Data is optionally encrypted and secured by a CRC checksum.
The Tankvision components are configured with static IP addresses, which are reserved on a DHCP network. The configuration pages are embedded in the Tankvision components and allow configuration of Tankvision via a connected web browser without configuration software. No Internet access is necessary, as all pages are loaded from the Tankvision system itself.

Configuration of the connected tank gauges/sensors

Tankvision supports connection of the Endress+Hauser configuration tool, FieldCare, via LAN. This enables configuration of the tank gauges if they support remote configuration (e.g. Proservo, Tank Side Monitor NRF590 and the level radars Micropilot S FMR53x/FMR54x).
The tank gauges must be connected to the Tank Scanner NXA820 in one of the following ways:

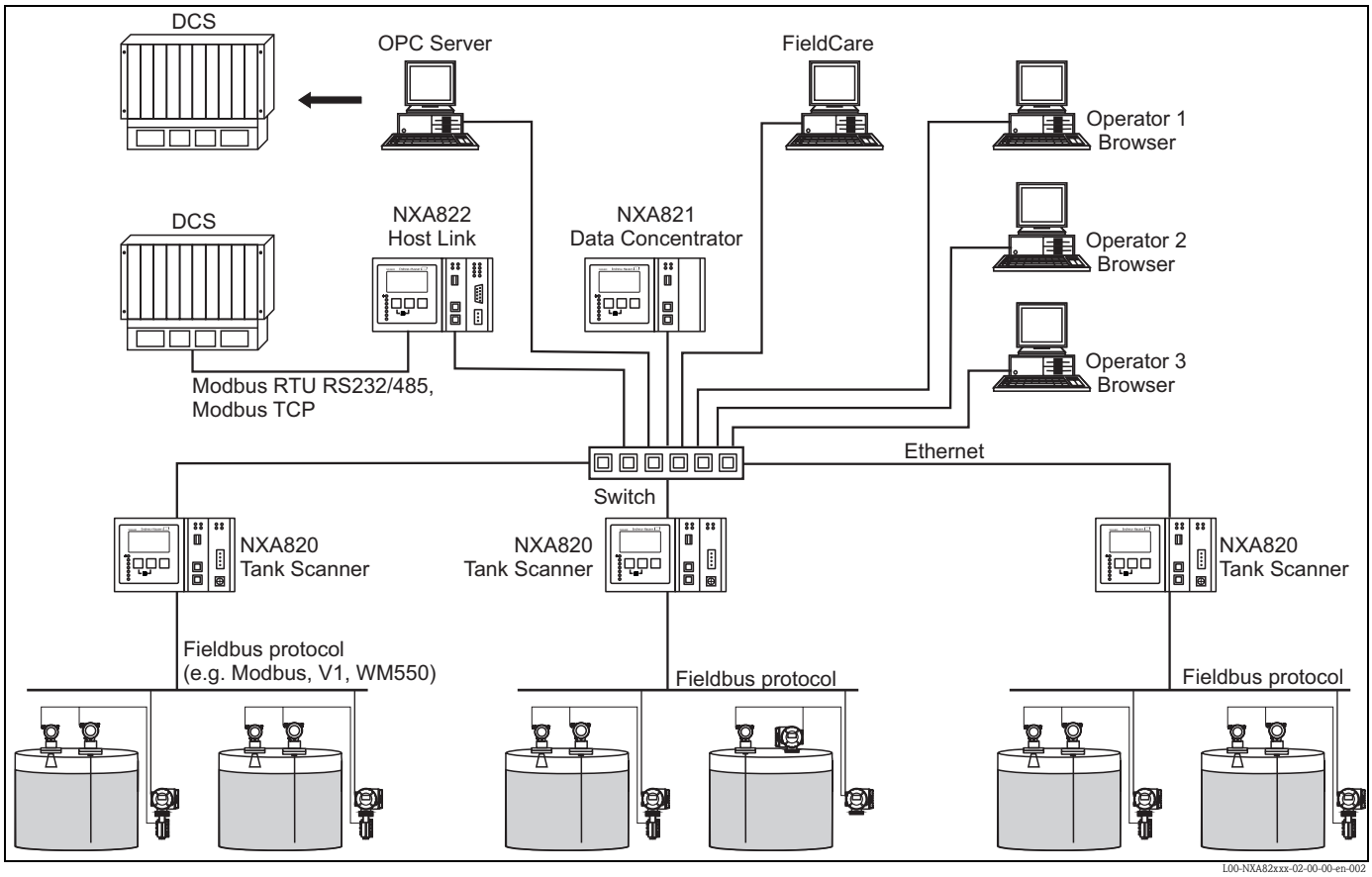
- via a field protocol
- via HART to the Tank Side Monitor NRF590 (version 02.04) which in turn is connected via one of the following protocols to the Tank Scanner NXA820:
  - MODBUS
  - Sakura V1

Features

- **Representation of tank data**
  Tank data can be represented graphically or in tables. The corresponding HTML pages are predefined.
- **Definition and management of tank groups**
  The total contents of static or dynamic tank groups (e.g. of tanks containing the same product) can be displayed.
- **Definition and management of products**
  Product characteristics can be defined. The defined product can be attributed to a number of tanks.
- **Trend display**
  Real time and historical trends of the tank parameters can be displayed. The data is stored in the internal memory.
- **Archive**
  Tankvision stores measured and calculated data, log files and alarms on the internal flash memory.
- **Alarms**
  Limit alarms (high-high, high, low, low-low) can be defined for measured and calculated tank parameters. An alarm bar visualizes alarms in the browser window.
  Alarms can be reported by an optional Alarm Popup[1)] window.
- **Products**
  A product database allows definition of 250 products per NXA or shared in the system.
- **Monitoring of transfers**
  Product transfers from and to tanks can be monitored. Pre-alarms can be generated before completion of the transfer. A report is issued after the transfer.
- **Auditing**
  An auditing table contains all events such as alarms or configuration changes.
- **Log-In roles**
  Log-In roles with different access rights (supervisor, operator, guest) can be assigned to users and user groups.
- **Reports**
  Reports are predefined as HTML pages. They can be sent to a printer connected to a computer at scheduled time intervals by an optional Printer Agent[1].
- **Volume calculation and correction**
  Available calculation tables according to API, ASTM and IP can be integrated.
- **Graphical User Interface (GUI)**
  Tankvision uses an intuitive and optimized user interface (e.g. automatic creation of dynamic tank groups).
- **Remote access**
  Any PC with the specified requirements which is connected to the Intranet can be connected with Tankvision.
- **OPC Server**
  Data can be transferred to other systems using the open OPC standard (OPC DA 2.05a).

1) available for Windows on the device to upload; other operating systems in preparation

Typical system configuration



Function of the components

Tankvision Tank Scanner NXA820

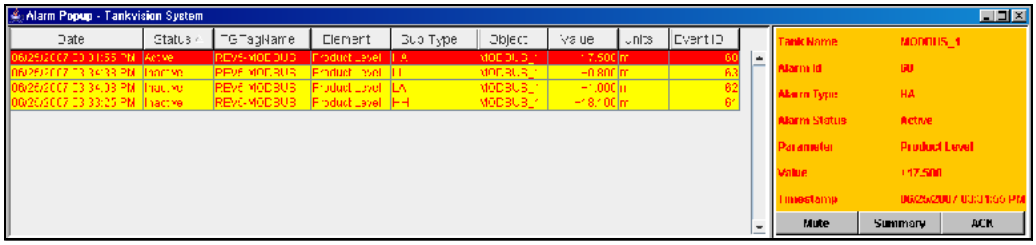
- The Tank Scanner NXA820 connects multiple tank gauges from up to 15 tanks via one field-loop. The Tank Scanner NXA820 supports different field protocols (Modbus EIA485, Sakura V1, Whessoematic WM550).
- The measured values are transmitted by the network and visualized on HTML pages.
- The Tank Scanner NXA820 can be used stand-alone for small tank farms, but also be integrated into a large system for use in refineries.
- The Tank Scanner NXA820 is equipped with a full set of tank inventory calculations. The calculations are based on various international standards such as API, ASTM, IP and many others. Measured values are used to calculate volume and mass.

Tankvision OPC Server

- The OPC Server is a Windows program installed on a PC connecting to NXA820 and allows access to measured and calculated tank parameters.
- The OPC Server connects to OPC clients on the same PC or other PCs via LAN.
- The OPC Server supports browsing tanks and tank parameters on NXA820.
- The OPC Server is included in each NXA820 and can be downloaded.
- The OPC Server is based on OPC DA V2.05a

Tankvision Alarm Pop-Up-Agent

- The Alarm Pop-Up-Agent is a Windows program installed on a PC, connecting to NXA820/NXA821.
- The program is running in the background and scans for alarms generated in NXA820/NXA821.
- If an alarm is present, a pop-up window opens displaying the alarm.
- The alarm can be acknowledged within this window.
- The window can only be closed if no alarm is active.



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Tankvision Printer Agent

- The Printer Agent is a Windows program installed on a PC, connecting to NXA820/NXA821.
- The program is running in the background and enables printing reports on connected printers.
- Up to 3 printers (directly connected to the PC or network printers) can be assigned to the Printer Agent.
- If a printout can not be performed, a record is kept within the Printer Agent.

Tankvision Data Concentrator NXA821

- The NXA821 Tankvision Data Concentrator is the enhanced solution for large tank farms and refineries. The Data Concentrator is required if:
  - the plant contains more than one field loop (each of which has its own Tank Scanner NXA820)
  - tanks of more than one Tank Scanner NXA820 are to be grouped
- The Data Concentrator collects the data of several Tank Scanner units and enables reconciliation and totalization of the tank data of many or all tanks in structured groups.
- Alarms and events from all connected Tank Scanners NXA820 can be shown in a common screen. Any tank of the system can be assigned to any tank group, regardless of the Tank Scanner it is linked to. This ensures the highest possible flexibility for the plant or tank farm.
- An alarm pop-up shows alarms of all connected Tank Scanners NXA820 even if the web browser is closed.
- 90 tanks (more on request) can be allocated to each Data Concentrator NXA821. Each of these tanks must have been allocated to a Tank Scanner NXA820 beforehand.
- Tanks from up to 6 different Tank Scanners NXA820 (more on request) can be integrated in this way.

Tankvision Host Link NXA822

- The Host Link NXA822 collects data from all Tank Scanners NXA820 on a network and transfers them to the host system.
- The MODBUS option supports serial EIA-232(RS) and EIA-485(RS) or MODBUS TCP/IP. The NXA822 is configured as a MODBUS slave. Supported functions are:
  - Coil Status (#01)
  - Holding Registers (#03)
  - Input Registers (#04)
  - Write Modbus Values (#06)
- The MODBUS register map is described via XML files and can easily be adapted to individual MODBUS master requirements.
- Gauge commands for Servo Gauges
- 90 tanks (more on request) can be allocated to each Host Link NXA822. Each of these tanks must have been allocated to a Tank Scanner NXA820 beforehand.
- Tanks from up to 6 different Tank Scanners NXA820 (more on request) can be integrated in this way.

Inputs and Outputs

Power supply NXA 82x

Instrument version	Supply voltage	Power consumption	Current consumption	Fuse
AC voltage NXA82# - #1#######	90 - 250 V_{AC} (50/60Hz)	max. 23 VA	max. 100 mA at 230 VAC	400 mA T
DC voltage NXA82# - #2#######	10.5 - 32 V_{DC}	max. 14 W	max. 580 mA at 24 VDC	2 A T

Galvanic isolation

The following terminals are galvanically isolated from each other:
- Alarm relay output
- LAN interfaces
- Fieldbus interface

LAN connections

System LAN port

100 BASE-TX, Full/Half Duplex, 100 Mbit, Shielded RJ45 connector
Connects the NXA82x to the Local Area Network (LAN)

Service LAN port

100 BASE-TX, Full/Half Duplex, 100 Mbit, Shielded RJ45 connector
Connects the NXA82x to a local computer only for local commissioning and service operations. The computer does not become part of the local area network the NXA82x is connected to through the System LAN port. This port has a fixed IP address and can also provide the connected computer automatically with a compatible IP address using a DHCP server built into the NXA82x. For this automatic IP function to work the computer must be set to obtain its IP address using a DHCP server.

Note!
All LAN ports support Auto-MDIX, this system automatically detects the type of cable connected (either straight or crossed) and adjusts itself to match. With this feature you do not need to obtain special crossed cables to interconnect Tankvision components.

Fieldbus protocols (NXA820)

The Tank Scanner NXA820 is available with the following field protocols:

- MODBUS EIA-master, max. 15 gauges[2)]
- Sakura V1, max. 10 gauges
- Whessoematic 550, max. 15 gauges (in preparation)

Host connection (NXA822)

Modbus[3)]
- EIA-232(RS)
- EIA-485(RS)
- TCP-IP on system LAN port
- others on request

NXA Status Relay

- potential free relay, SPDT
- normally-closed when NXA is operating normally, open when NXA is powered off or fault status exists
- switching power:
  - 25 V_{DC}, 100 W
  - 250 V_{AC}, 4 A, 1000VA

2) Consider the "MODBUS over Serial Line Specification and Implementation Guide V1.02" (Dec. 2006), which can be downloaded from MODBUS-IDA.org.
3) Consider the "MODBUS over Serial Line Specification and Implementation Guide V1.02" (Dec. 2006) and the "MODBUS Messaging on TCP/IP Implementation Guide V1.0b" (Oct. 2006), which can be downloaded from MODBUS-IDA.org.

Ambient conditions

Ambient conditions NXA82x

Mounting location	Cabinet or protective housing
Ambient temperature	–40 ... +60 °C (–40 ... +140 °F)
Storage temperature	–40 ... +85 °C (–40 ... +185 °F)
Relative humidity	max. 90% at +25 °C (non-condensing)
Ingress protection	IP20

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

The devices comply with the requirements of the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC, "Electromagnetic Compatibility".

Installation

Tankvision Tank Scanner NXA820, Data Concentrator NXA821 and Host Link NXA822 are designed to be installed in a cabinet, using a standard 35 mm DIN (top-hat) rail conforming to EN50022 (BS5584) (IEC 60715).

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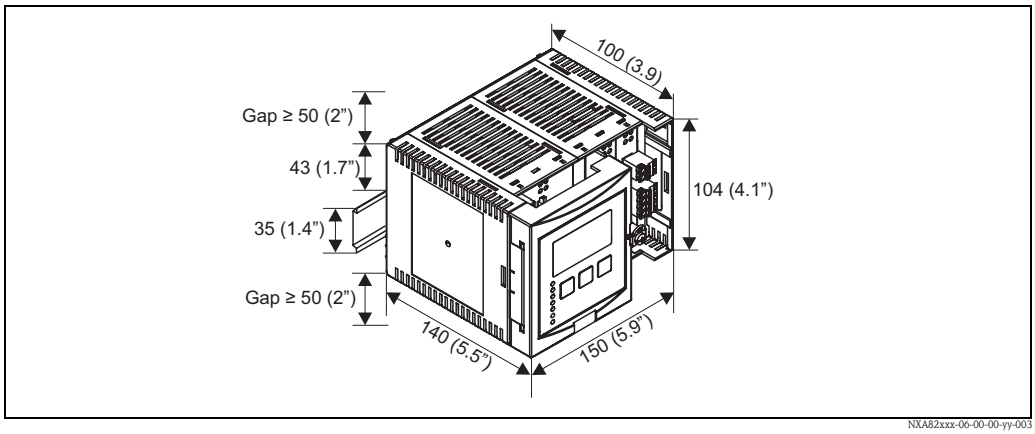
Dimensions



Dimensions in mm (inch)

Materials

Housing

Polycarbonate
Colour: light grey

Front cover

Polyamide PA6
Colour: grey

Installation considerations

Note!
It is recommended to take the information contained in the Operating Instructions into consideration when designing the system architecture. See "Supplemenatary documentation" on page 13.

System requirements of user PC

Check with Endress+Hauser for the latest information on hardware and software requirements.

Network requirements

Network switches **must** always be used to interconnect Tankvision components (Network hubs must **never** be used).
Only use screened Category 5 (or higher) cables.

Caution!
The legal EMC requirements are fulfilled **only** when screened LAN cable is used and the cable screen is properly terminated to screened RJ45 connectors.

Caution!
Most commercial and IT infrastructure networking switches (and components) are not designed to be used within harsh environments (e.g. temperatures below +5°C, dusty or with high levels of EMC or electrical noise), it is therefore recommended that **only** networking components specifically designed for industrial control purposes be used within the control room (or control cabinet) environment as part of the Tankvision system.

Shielding and Grounding

When planning the shielding and grounding for a fieldbus system, there are three important points to consider:

- Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)
- Explosion protection
- Safety of the personnel

To ensure the optimum electromagnetic compatibility of systems, it is important that the system components and above all cables, which connect the components, are shielded and that no portion of the system is unshielded. Ideally, the cable shields are connected to the normally metal housings of the connected field devices. Since these are generally connected to the protective earth, the shield of the bus cable is grounded many times. Keep the stripped and twisted lengths of cable shield to the terminals as short as possible.
This approach, which provides the best electromagnetic compatibility and personnel safety, can be used without restriction in systems with good potential equalization.
In the case of systems without potential equalization, a power supply frequency (50/60 Hz) equalizing current can flow between two grounding points which, in unfavourable cases, e.g. when it exceeds the permissible shield current, may destroy the cable.
To suppress the low frequency equalizing currents on systems without potential equalization, it is therefore recommended to connect the cable shield directly to the building ground (or protective earth) at one end only and to use capacitive coupling to connect all other grounding points.

The NXA820 provides two grounding points for the shield, close to the fieldbus interface connector:

- The "⏚" terminal, which should already be connected directly to ground
- The "S" terminal (13), which provides capacitive connection to the "⏚" terminal

Caution!
The legal EMC requirements are fulfilled **only** when the cable shield is grounded on both sides!

Human interface

Operating concept

Tankvision is operated by a standard web browser (e.g. Microsoft Internet Explorer).
The Tankvision components contain predefined operating pages. If required, they can be adjusted by the user.

Languages

The operating pages are available in the following languages:
- English
- German
- French
- Spanish
- Japanese
- Russian

Note!
Check with Endress+Hauser for the latest information on available languages.

Certificates and approvals

Metrological approvals

OIML R85 (2008)

Compliance tested by NMi

NMi

Test certificate TC 7445

PTB

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Note!
Due to legislational regulations, the connection to other systmes (via Host Link NXA822 or Tankvision OPC Server) is not included in the approvals listed above.

Supplementary documentation

Operating Instructions

BA340F

Operating Instructions for NXA820, NXA821 and NXA822
Describes installation, electrical connection and first setup.

Description of Instrument Functions

BA339F

Description of Instrument Functions for Tank Scanner NXA820, Data Concentrator NXA821 and Host Link NXA822.
Contains a detailed description of all instrument functions.

Trademarks

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Windows

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