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## Ramsey SonaTech® Sonic Level Indicator

Accurate Sonic Level Detection  
of Bulk Solids and Liquids

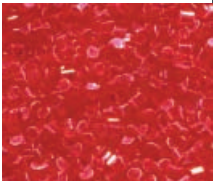


The Ramsey SonaTech Sonic Level Indicator from Thermo Electron Corporation is a continuous level measurement device that uses sound waves to accurately determine the level of solids or liquids in any given bin, tank, silo, or other container. Like all Thermo sonic products, the SonaTech Sonic Level Indicator uses frequencies lower than our competition's to penetrate dust, steam, vapors and other harsh environmental obstacles. This gives you precise and reliable readings in any bin condition.

Most of the sonic level measuring systems in use today do not perform optimally if their sound waves are subject

to interference from dust, air turbulence, steam or other environmental factors. That's because these are higher frequency systems that operate in the 20-50 kHz range, and higher frequency means diminished penetrating capability.

But Thermo's state-of-the-art SonaTech systems provide more penetrating power, because they operate in the 5-30 kHz range. That means superior performance in dusty, turbulent or steamy atmospheres. The bottom line for you is more reliable inventory management over a wide range of applications—even the most difficult ones.



### System Operation

The SonaTech Sonic Level Indicator is designed for basic level measurement applications. It's easy to install and operate, requiring a minimal amount of operator input to set up and calibrate. Though simple to operate, this level indicator uses sophisticated echo processing software to assure optimum performance and accuracy.

During operation, the SonaTech Sonic Level Indicator transmits sound waves toward the stored material and receives the reflected echoes. Material level is then determined by calculating the elapsed time between sending the sound signal and receiving its echo. Our special software ignores false echoes that may be created by foreign objects and locks onto the real echo for an accurate reading. The correct signal is assigned parameters of possible change, thus producing a window that takes into consideration the actual material level and allowable changes. If the signal is lost for any reason, the electronics will automatically search within the programmed parameters to locate the "real" signal.

At the heart of the SonaTech Sonic Level Indicator is one of several Thermo transducers. They succeed where those from other manufacturers fail, because our models utilize an adaptive gain control that automatically compensates for changes in echo amplitude, and an automatic temperature compensator that adjusts to optimize accuracy. The transducers are sized according to each specific application.

### Transducers

The TRA-30 transducer is designed for short-range applications such as sumps, short feed bins, surge hoppers, and most liquid applications. Its 30 kHz frequency covers a maximum range of 4 m (13 ft) in solids and 8 m (25 ft) in liquids. Small and compact, it is easily mounted by its threaded barrel; a pipe clamp; or a DN100/PN10 (4 in, 150 lb ANSI) mounting flange.

The TRA-60 is popular because of its versatility and its ability to perform well in a wide variety of applications. Because of its 20 kHz frequency, it also can do longer-range simple applications up to 9 m (30 ft) in solids and 18 m (60 ft) in liquids. Coal bunkers, cement silos and grain storage terminals are ideal applications for this transducer.

The TRA-75 is applied to mid-range solids applications that are considered very difficult, such as those with pneumatic fill or an extreme amount of dust. Its 15 kHz frequency excels in solids applications up to 14 m (45 ft) and in liquid applications up to 23 m (75 ft).

The TRA-90 is designed for applications ranging up to 21 m (70 ft) in solids and 27 m (90 ft) in liquids at a frequency of 10 kHz.

The TRA-200 is the ultimate sonic transducer. It is designed for difficult applications such as blending silos, or grain or coal storage bins that require measurement up to 30 m (100 ft) during filling. Its 5 kHz frequency easily handles 40 m (131 ft) in solids or 80 m (262 ft) in liquids.

### Quality Electronics

Thermo's electronics are designed to provide the correct amount of power and performance required for each specific level application. The SonaTech electronics can be mounted up to 91 m (300 ft) from the transducer and come standard with four relays and a 4-20mA output.



SonaTech R Electronics and Transducer

**Features and Benefits**

**Automatic Temperature Compensation**

A small temperature sensor is built into every transducer to continuously monitor the air temperature in the vessel. The software automatically compensates for temperature changes to optimize accuracy.

**Easy to Install and Calibrate**

Electronics can be pre-calibrated for repeat applications, which shortens start-up time.

**Simulation Program**

This simulation program allows the set-up of interface with remote equipment (PLCs, etc.) without actually having to run the unit.

**Diagnostic Displays**

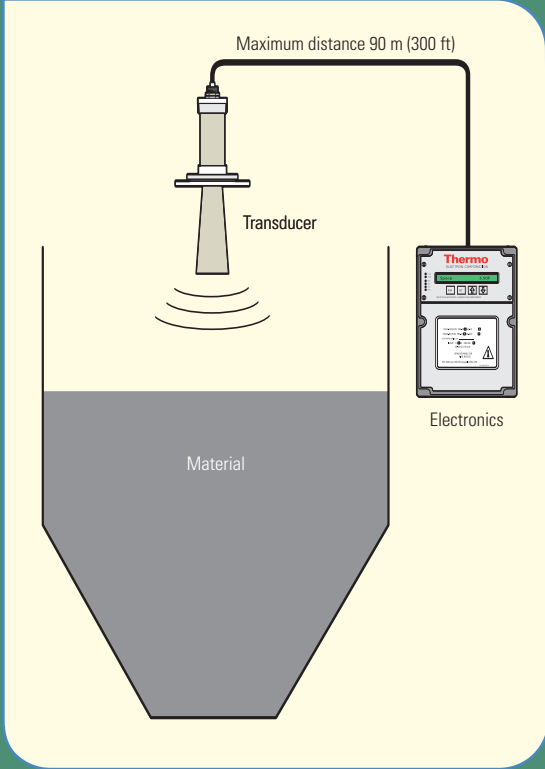
These displays permit quick diagnosis and corrections of problems.

**Adaptive Gain**

This compensates for changes in echo amplitude due to varying environmental conditions.

**Automatic Calibration**

The SonaTech does not need calibration. Programming is simply entering units of measure, displaying space or material, fill speed, and 4-20mA values. It also has four adjustable relay alarms set as on/off and distances. A password can then be used to protect the information so no further adjustments are necessary.

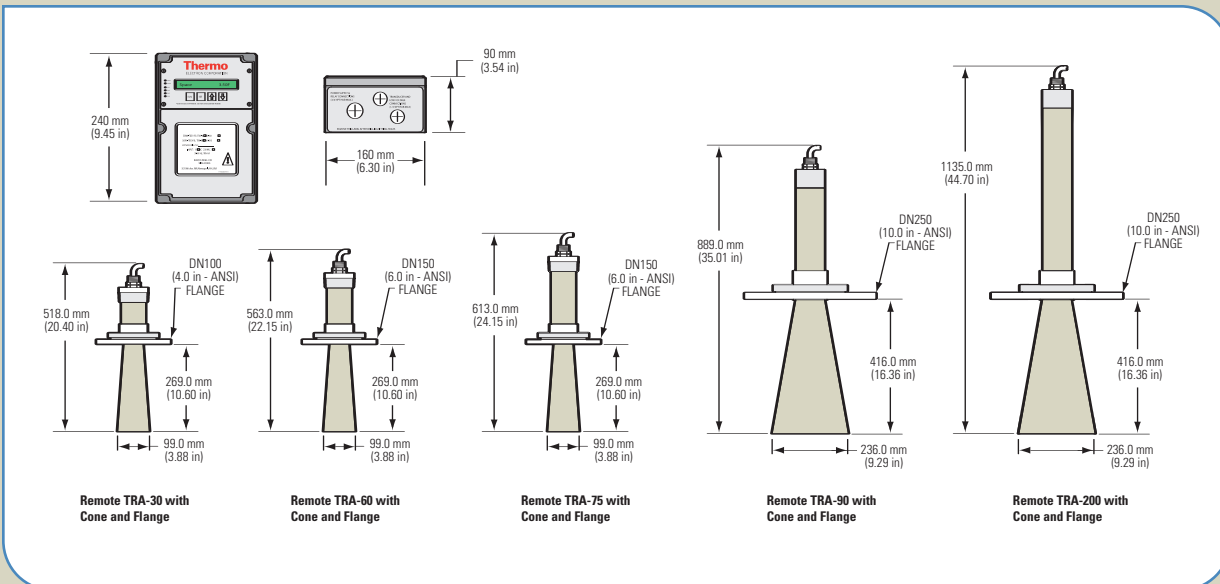


**Display Mode**

Indicates material in tank or bin, selectable from the following:

- Space: empty space in meters or feet
- Material: depth of material in meters or feet
- Material Percentage: level of material in the vessel as a percentage

**SonaTech R Dimensions**



## SonaTech® Sonic Level Indicator

Specification	
Supply Voltage	115 VAC standard; 230 VAC available
Enclosures	NEMA 4X; Polypropylene; Polycarbonate
Relays	SonaTech I: Two SPDT, 10 amps, 240 VAC resistive SonaTech R: Four SPDT, 10 amps, 240 VAC resistive
Temperature Compensation	Internal temperature sensor by transducer face
Current Output	Isolated 4-20 mA; 750 ohm maximum
Temperature Limits	Standard limits listed; High-temp versions available
Control Electronics	-40°C to +60°C (-40°F to +140°F)
Transducers	-40°C to +80°C (-40°F to +176°F)
Flange/Cone	+100°C (+212°F) maximum
Transducer Materials	Standard materials listed; Special materials available TRA-30: Polypropylene housing; Teflon face TRA-60: Polypropylene housing; Teflon face TRA-75: Polypropylene housing; Teflon face TRA-90: Polypropylene housing; Polyolfin/elastomer face TRA-200: Polypropylene housing; Polyolfin/elastomer face
Transducer/Amplifier Separation	SonaTech R: 91 m (300 ft) maximum
Resolution	Capable of 0.1% of full range
Accuracy	Capable of 0.2% of full range

## SonaTech® Transducer Selection

Transducer	Maximum Distance in Solids	Maximum Distance in Liquids	Operating Frequency
TRA-30	4 m (13 ft)	8 m (25 ft)	30 kHz
TRA-60	9 m (30 ft)	18 m (60 ft)	20 kHz
TRA-75	14 m (45 ft)	23 m (75 ft)	15 kHz
TRA-90	21 m (70 ft)	27 m (90 ft)	10 kHz
TRA-200	40 m (131 ft)	80 m (262 ft)	5 kHz

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