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**Description of the hygrostat**

The humidity measuring element, produced under the name „Polyga<sup>®</sup>“, consists of several synthetic fabric bands each with 90 individual fibres with a diameter of of 0.003mm. A special process gives the fibre hygroscopic properties. The measuring element absorbs and desorbs humidity. The swelling effect, which is predominantly in a lengthways direction, is carried via a suitable lever system to a microswitch with an extremely small switching path. The measuring element reacts quickly and precisely to the change in air humidity. By adjusting the set value control knob, the lever system is engaged so that when the set air humidity is reached the microswitch is activated.

In the case of the hygrostat type HG120-2, a second microswitch is positioned parallel to the first microswitch. After the housing cover has been removed, the second set value can be finely adjusted at the microswitch lever using a screwdriver. The switch point of the second microswitch is connected to the switch point of the first microswitch. The switch distance (neutral zone) can be set from 3%rh to +15%rh.

The fan-shaped measuring element is accomodated inside the housing and must be protected against coarse dust, dirt and water. The sensors are designed for pressureless systems. The mounting position should be chosen such that condensed water cannot get into the interior of the housing. Any mounting posotion is possible, preferably with ventilation slots across the direction of wind.

**Maintenance**

The measuring element is maintenance-free in pure ambient air. Aggressive media containing solvent can cause measuring errors and failure, depending on the type and concentration. As with almost all humidity measuring elements, deposits which eventually form a water-repellent film over the sensor are harmful. Such substances are resin aerosols, lacquer aerosols, smoke deposits etc.

**Room Hygrostat**

measuring range 30...100%rh

**HG120**  
**HG120-2**  
**HG120S**  
**HG120i**

**Application**

The hygrostat type **HG120** is used as an on-off controller to control the relative air humidity in climatic cabinets, to control air humidifiers and dehumidifiers in offices and computer rooms. Other areas of use are storage of foodstuffs and luxury foods, cooling rooms for fruit and vegetables, green-houses for gardening use, the textile industry, the paper and printing industry, the film industry and hospitals. The hygrostat **HG120** can be used almost anywhere that air humidity has to be regulated or monitored.

The room hygrostat **HG120S** is additionally equipped with a 2 m cable and an intermediate connector and is thus ready for connection for controlling humidifiers and dehumidifiers.

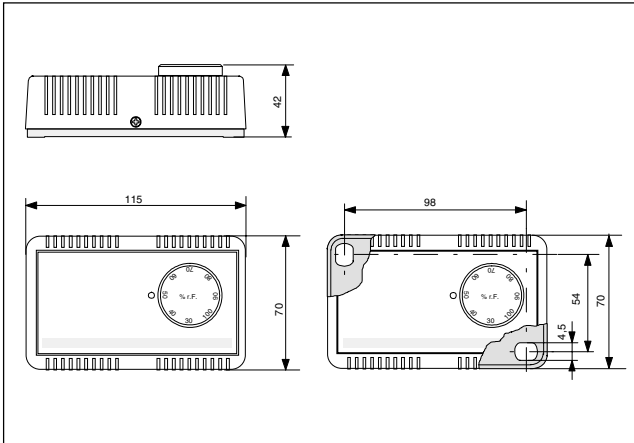
The room hygrostat **HG120-2** is equipped with a 2nd microswitch. It can be used as a 2-level controller or as a max-min controller.

Room hygrostats with internal scale are available for all variations. The type designation has a small "i" at the end, e.g. **HG120i**.

**Technical Data**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| measuring range .....   | 30...100%rh  |
| measuring accuracy .....  | ±3.0%rh  |
| range of operation .....  | 35...100%rh  |
| switching difference (microswitch) ref. to 50%rh  | 4%rh approx.   |
| neutral zone (distance between microswitches) ...   | +3...+15%rh<br>(only for the HG120-2)                                |
| max voltage .....   | 250 V AC   |
| !!Attention: 250V only if it is ensured that no condensate can form in the sensor head, because voltage flashover must otherwise be expected. |  |
| breaking capacity, <i>maximum load</i>  |  |
| ohmic load .....  | 5A 230V AC (lifetime 10.000 cycles)                                  |
| max load "humidify" .....   | 2A   |
| "dehumidify" .....  | 5A   |
| inductive load* cos φ = 0.8 .....   | 0.2A 230V AC   |
| inductive load* L/R=3ms .....   | 1A to 50V DC   |
| .....   | 0.5A to 75V DC   |
| electric bulb load .....  | 0.2A to 50V DC   |
| breaking capacity, <i>minimum load</i> .....  | 100mA, 20VDC / AC  |
| allowable ambient temperature .....   | 0...60°C   |
| medium temp. coefficient .....  | -0.2%/K rel. to 20°C and 50%rh                                       |
| adjustment .....  | at average air pressure 430 m NN                                     |
| allowable air speed .....   | 15m/sec  |
| t <sub>50</sub> at v=2m/sec .....   | 1.2min   |
| fixing .....  | slots in housing base  |
| mounting position .....   | preferably ventilation slots at<br>right-angles to wind direction    |
| contacting .....  | connecting terminal in the case<br>electromagnetic compatibility EMC |
| resistance to interference .....  | ref. EN 50 082-2   |
| interference emission .....   | ref. EN 50 081-2   |
| housing .....   | solid plastic, light grey  |
| protective system .....   | IP20   |
| dimensions .....  | 115x70x47mm  |
| weight .....  | approx. 0.12 kg  |
| *subject to technical modifications"  |  |
| *check for suitability!   |  |

**Dimensions diagram**



**Type Survey**

| Type                | Order No.            | switching   |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| HG120<br>HG120i     | 51010120<br>51011120 | 1 changeover switch for humidification or dehumidification  |
| HG120S              | 51012120             | with adapter plug<br>1x normally closed contact (hum)<br>1x normally open contact (dehum)   |
| HG120-2<br>HG120-2i | 51020120<br>51021120 | 2x changeover switch with neutral zone (adjustable)<br>2x humidification or dehumidification<br>1x humidification and 1x dehumidification |

Note:  
Moving the adjuster screw nullifies the guarantee.

**Slot diagram**

**HG120**

Set value adjusting knob

$F_x > F_w \leftrightarrow F_x < F_w$

**HG120-2**

Set value relative to adjusting knob

$F_x > F_w \leftrightarrow F_x < F_w$

$F_x$  rel.humidity of the air (process value)  
 $F_w$  adjusted humidity at the set value generator (set value).  
 If the rel. humidity  $F_x$  falls below the adjusted set value  $F_w$ , then contact 1/4 [7/5] opens and contact 1/2 [7/6] closes.

**Adjusting the 2nd set value**

The hygrostats HG120-2(i) are set by the factory such that the 2nd set value is 6%rh higher than the 1st set value. The neutral zone (distance between the 1st and 2nd set value) can be adjusted after removing the housing cover using a screwdriver. If turned to the right the 2nd set value goes up, if turned to the left it goes down. As soon as the colour points of the 2nd set value regulator are facing, both microswitches are switching at the same time. The neutral zone can be read using the rotary knob.

**Mounting**

- > The hygrostats must not come into direct contact with water, e.g. splashed water when cleaning the climatic chamber etc.
- > The mounting location should be chosen so that a representative measurement of the air humidity can be guaranteed, i.e. the humidity readings at the mounting location should correspond to those in the room as far as possible.
- > The hygrostat should be exposed to the flow of air.

**Influence of the relative air humidity**

at a temperature fluctuation of  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  referred to various room temperatures.

|       | 10°C          | 20°C          | 30°C          | 50°C          |
|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 10%rh | $\pm 0,7\%rh$ | $\pm 0,6\%rh$ | $\pm 0,6\%rh$ | $\pm 0,5\%rh$ |
| 50%rh | $\pm 3,5\%rh$ | $\pm 3,2\%rh$ | $\pm 3,0\%rh$ | $\pm 2,6\%rh$ |
| 90%rh | $\pm 6,3\%rh$ | $\pm 5,7\%rh$ | $\pm 5,4\%rh$ | $\pm 4,6\%rh$ |

It is thus of extreme importance that the temperature is constant for measurements of the relative air humidity. The air must be homogenous, e.g. possess constant humidity and temperature for the whole duration of the measurement.

*The measurement location of the humidity controller should be selected such that there is no build-up of condensate on or in the device. This applies particularly for operation with a voltage higher than 48V. If the voltage is higher, there is a risk of voltage arcing in the event of water condensation on the microswitch or connecting terminals which might destroy the controller. In the case of voltage below 48V, the humidity controller can be used up to 100%RH. The humidity controller should not be used in aggressive media.*