



Level switch

Nivotemp NT-EL

Installation and Operation Instructions

Original instructions





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Read this instruction carefully prior to installation and/or use. Pay attention particularly to all advises and safety instructions to prevent injuries. Bühler Technologies can not be held responsible for misusing the product or unreliable function due to unauthorised modifications.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Intended Use

Level switches are used to monitor the liquid level and temperature in fluid systems. Level switches must not be used in highly flammable or corrosive liquids.

The medium must not contain particles, particularly metallic particles, to prevent deposits on the float or between the float and switching tube. If necessary, filter the medium.

Please note the technical data in the appendix for the specific intended use, existing material combinations, as well as temperature limits.

WARNING



All device models are solely intended for industrial applications. They are **not safety components**. The devices must not be used if failure or malfunction thereof jeopardises the safety and health of persons. Use in explosive areas is **prohibited**.

1.2 Functionality

1.2.1 Liquid level monitoring

The measuring tube is located inside the tank. The level switches are located inside the measuring tube. These are activated by a magnet inside the level switch float.

The contacts are soldered to the board, spaced as specified in the purchase order.

1.2.2 Temperature monitor

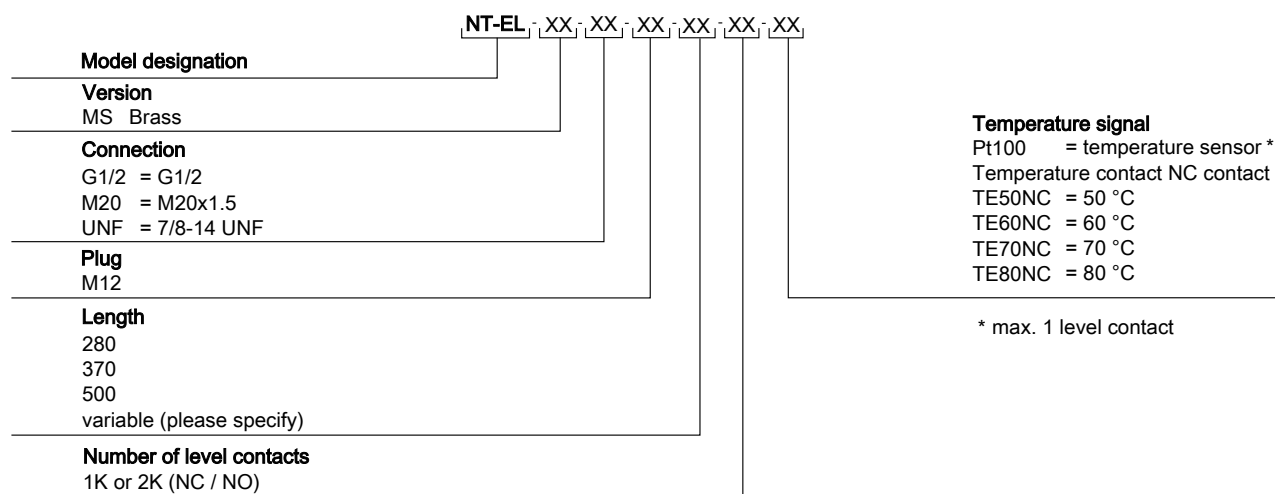
The temperature is monitored via thermal element soldered to the end of the contact board. Choose from temperature contacts with fixed increments or a resistance thermometer (Pt100).

When equipped with resistance thermometer (model key "Pt100") the temperature is output using the change in resistance ($0\text{ °C} = 100\ \Omega$) of the Pt100.

Please note the technical data in the appendix.

1.3 Ordering instructions NT-EL

Model key



Ordering example

You require: Level switch with connector M20x1.5, length L= 370 mm,
2 level contacts, L1 = 280 mm NC / L2 = 320 mm NO

Order	NT-EL-MS-M20-M12/370-2K-280NC/320NO
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1.4 Scope of Delivery

- Level switch
- Product documentation
- Connection/mounting accessories (optional)

2 Safety instructions

2.1 Important advice

Operation of the device is only valid if:

- the product is used under the conditions described in the installation- and operation instruction, the intended application according to the type plate and the intended use. In case of unauthorized modifications done by the user Bühler Technologies GmbH can not be held responsible for any damage,
- when complying with the specifications and markings on the nameplates.
- the performance limits given in the datasheets and in the installation- and operation instruction are obeyed,
- monitoring devices and safety devices are installed properly,
- service and repair is carried out by Bühler Technologies GmbH,
- only original spare parts are used.

This manual is part of the equipment. The manufacturer keeps the right to modify specifications without advanced notice. Keep this manual for later use.

Signal words for warnings

DANGER	Signal word for an imminent danger with high risk, resulting in severe injuries or death if not avoided.
WARNING	Signal word for a hazardous situation with medium risk, possibly resulting in severe injuries or death if not avoided.
CAUTION	Signal word for a hazardous situation with low risk, resulting in damaged to the device or the property or minor or medium injuries if not avoided.
NOTICE	Signal word for important information to the product.

Warning signs

These instructions use the following warning signs:

	Warns of a general hazard		General information
	Warns not to inhale toxic gasses		Wear respiratory equipment
	Warns of corrosive liquids		Wear a safety mask
	Warns of explosive areas		Wear gloves

2.2 General hazard warnings

The equipment must be installed by a professional familiar with the safety requirements and risks.

Be sure to observe the safety regulations and generally applicable rules of technology relevant for the installation site. Prevent malfunctions and avoid personal injuries and property damage.

The operator of the system must ensure:

- Safety notices and operating instructions are available and observed,
- The respective national accident prevention regulations are observed,
- The permissible data and operational conditions are maintained,
- Safety guards are used and mandatory maintenance is performed,
- Legal regulations are observed during disposal,
- compliance with national installation regulations.

Maintenance, Repair

Please note during maintenance and repairs:

- Repairs to the unit must be performed by Bühler authorised personnel.
- Only perform conversion-, maintenance or installation work described in these operating and installation instructions.
- Always use genuine spare parts.
- Do not install damaged or defective spare part. If necessary, visually inspect prior to installation to determine any obvious damage to the spare parts.

Always observe the applicable safety and operating regulations in the respective country of use when performing any type of maintenance.

The method for cleaning the devices must be adapted to the IP protection class of the devices. Do not use cleaners which could damage the device materials.

DANGER



Toxic, acidic gases/liquids

Protect yourself from toxic, corrosive gasses/liquids when performing any type of work.
Wear appropriate protective equipment.



3 Transport and storage

Only transport the product inside the original packaging or a suitable alternative.

The equipment must be protected from moisture and heat when not in use. It must be stored in a covered, dry, dust-free room at room temperature.

4 Setup and connection

DANGER

Toxic, acidic gases/liquids

Protect yourself from toxic, corrosive gasses/liquids when performing any type of work.
Wear appropriate protective equipment.



4.1 Assembly

Please note before installing the level switch!

After transport and delivery of the level switch, the switching status of the bistable contacts may be different than required for proper operation.

Therefore slide the float for the level switch along the level switch tube from below immediately before installation.

This ensures all built-in bistable contacts have a clearly defined switching status (NC or NO).

The level switch comes fully assembled and can be mounted to the tank with 30 Nm of torque. Please be sure the float can move freely and to leave enough space between the tank wall and add-ons.

After removing the float, where applicable, be sure the magnet inside the float is above the fluid level. This can easily be verified with a piece of iron to determine the magnet position inside the float.

The level contacts are mounted (with the tank empty) as NO contact (NO) or NC contact (NC).

The contact logic assumes the level switch is installed in an empty tank, i.e. it is only in the operating position once filled.

4.2 Electrical connections

The level switch is powered by 24 V (max. 30 V). The switch connects with a cable and standard M12 plug-in connectors. Please refer to the appendix for installation dimensions and plug configuration.

4.3 Information on the correct operation of reed contacts in Bühler level switches

Based on their construction, reed contacts are very long lasting and reliable components. Yet the following should be considered when using them:

Life of reed switches

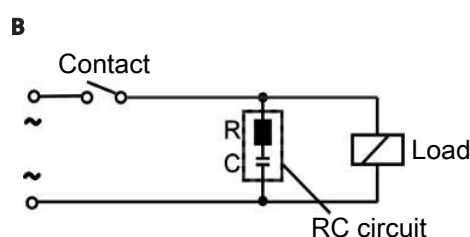
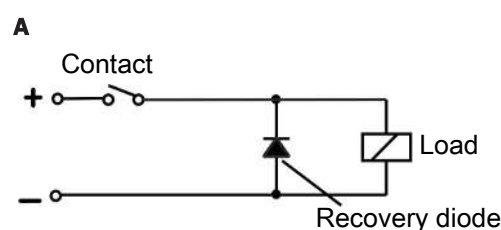
The life of reed switches can be up to 10^9 cycles. This is reduced by high stress and / or incorrect or the absence of protective circuits when switching inductive, capacitive or lamp loads.

It's therefore important to ensure NEVER to exceed one or several of the maximum approved limits, even temporarily, and to install a contact protective circuit for loads which are not purely ohmic. Using test lamps when installing the devices is also prohibited, as these can temporarily allow too much current to flow, which can damage the reed contacts. In this case non-volatile testing equipment should always be used.

Contact protective circuits for reed switches

For direct current voltage a recovery diode per figure A must be connected parallel to the contact.

For alternating current voltage an RC circuit per Figure B and Table 1 must be connected parallel to the contact.



Load in VA	10		25		50	
Voltage at contact V	R/Ohm	C/ μ F	R/Ohm	C/ μ F	R/Ohm	C/ μ F
24	22	0.022	1	0.1	1	0.47
60	120	0.0047	22	0.022	1	0.1
110	470	0.001	120	0.0047	22	0.022
230	470	0.001	470	0.001	120	0.0047

Please note the max. voltage/load ratings of the respective level contacts!

Voltages and currents

All Bühler level contacts with reed switch can switch minimal Switching voltages of 10 μ V and minimal switching currents of 1 μ A.

The maximum values specified for the respective contact types apply.

Level contact with reed switches can therefore be used for SPS applications as well as for high loads (within the maximum limits) without hesitation.

Contact material

All reed switches in Bühler level contacts use rhodium as the contact material for the actual contact areas.

Magnetic fields

Avoid external magnetic fields, including from electric motors. These can interfere with the function of the reed switches.

Mechanical loads

Do not expose the level switch to strong blows or bending.

5 Operation and control

NOTICE



The device must not be operated beyond its specifications.

6 Cleaning and Maintenance

This device is maintenance-free.

The method for cleaning the devices must be adapted to the IP protection class of the devices. Do not use cleaners which could damage the device materials.

7 Service and repair

This chapter contains information on troubleshooting and correction should an error occur during operation.

Repairs to the unit must be performed by Bühler authorised personnel.

Please contact our Service Department with any questions:

Tel.: +49-(0)2102-498955 or your agent

If the equipment is not functioning properly after correcting any malfunctions and switching on the power, it must be inspected by the manufacturer. Please send the equipment inside suitable packaging to:

Bühler Technologies GmbH

- Reparatur/Service -

Harkortstraße 29

40880 Ratingen

Germany

Please also attach the completed and signed RMA decontamination statement to the packaging. We will otherwise be unable to process your repair order.

You will find the form in the appendix of these instructions, or simply request it by e-mail:

service@buehler-technologies.com.

8 Disposal

The applicable national laws must be observed when disposing of the products. Disposal must not result in a danger to health and environment.

The crossed out wheelie bin symbol on Bühler Technologies GmbH electrical and electronic products indicates special disposal notices within the European Union (EU).



The crossed out wheelie bin symbol indicates the electric and electronic products bearing the symbol must be disposed of separate from household waste. They must be properly disposed of as waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Bühler Technologies GmbH will gladly dispose of your device bearing this mark. Please send your device to the address below for this purpose.



We are obligated by law to protect our employees from hazards posed by contaminated devices. Therefore please understand that we can only dispose of your waste equipment if the device is free from any aggressive, corrosive or other operating fluids dangerous to health or environment. **Please complete the "RMA Form and Decontamination Statement", available on our website, for every waste electrical and electronic equipment. The form must be applied to the packaging so it is visible from the outside.**

Please return waste electrical and electronic equipment to the following address:

Bühler Technologies GmbH
WEEE
Harkortstr. 29
40880 Ratingen
Germany

Please also observe data protection regulations and remember you are personally responsible for the returned waste equipment not bearing any personal data. Therefore please be sure to delete your personal data before returning your waste equipment.

9 Appendices

9.1 NT-EL Technical Data

Version	MS
Operating pressure:	max. 1 bar
Operating temperature:	-20 °C to +80 °C
Float:	SK 174
Min. fluid density:	0.80 kg/dm ³
Lengths (all versions):	280, 370, 500 mm (standard) variable to max. 500 mm
Weight at L = 500 mm:	approx.180 g

Material

Float:	PU
Immersion tube:	Brass
G1/2 connection, M20 x 1,5, 7/8-14UNF:	Aluminium

Level switching output K40

Number max.:	2 not adjustable
Function:	NO / NC*
Max. voltage:	30 V DC
Max. switching current:	0.5 A
Max. contact load:	5 VA
Min. contact spacing:	30 mm (in 10 mm increments)
*NO= falling NC contact / NC = falling NO contact	

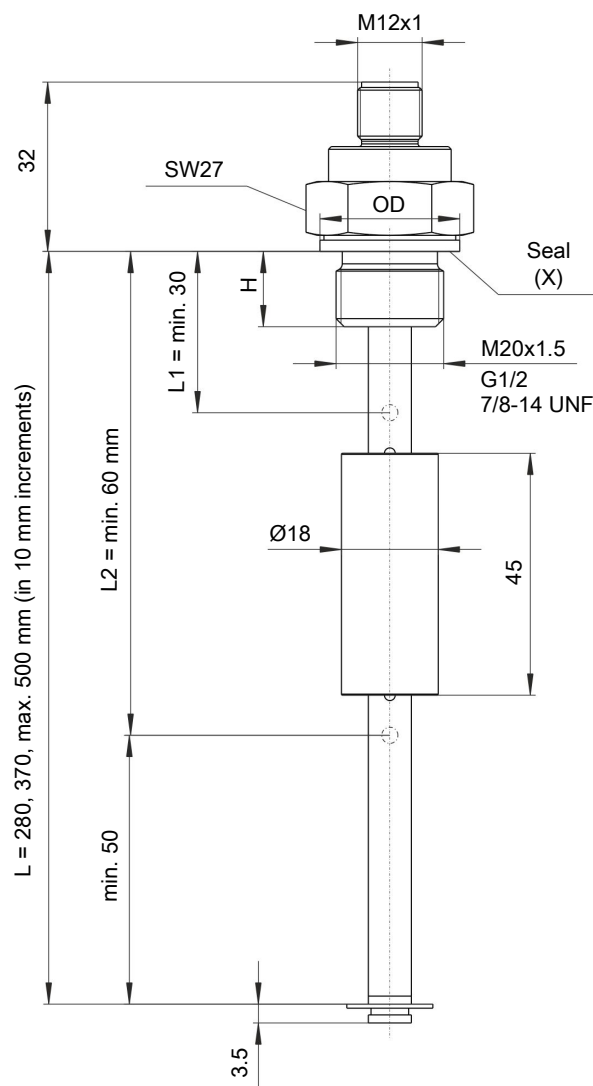
Optional temperature

Temperature contact:	TEL xx
Max. voltage:	30 V DC
Max. switching current:	1 A
Max. contact load:	10 VA
Function:	NC
Switching point °C:	50 / 60 / 70 / 80
Switching point tolerance:	± 5 K
Max. hysteresis:	20 K ± 5 K
Other temperatures and switching function available upon request	

Temperature sensor

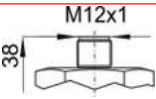
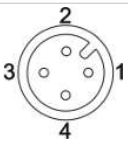
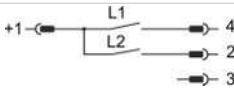
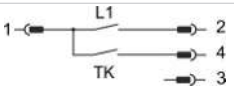
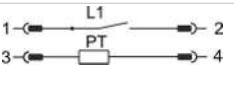
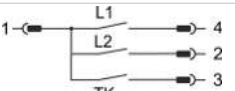
Pt100	DIN EN 60 751 (Tolerance ± 0.8 °C)
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Dimensions



	M20 x1.5	G1/2	7/8-14UNF
OD	26	26.6	26
H	14	14	12.7
X	Eolastic seal	Eolastic seal	O-ring

9.2 NT-EL default pin assignment

 M12x1 IP rating IP67*	Level contact(s) only	Only level contact K40 and temperature contact (TK)	Level contact K40 and temperature sensor (PT)	Level contacts K40 and temperature contact (TK) with special connection
				

* with IP67 cable box attached

10 Attached documents

- Declaration of conformity KX100029
- RMA - Decontamination Statement

EU-Konformitätserklärung
EU-declaration of conformity



Hiermit erklärt Bühler Technologies GmbH,
dass die nachfolgenden Produkte den
wesentlichen Anforderungen der Richtlinie

*Herewith declares Bühler Technologies GmbH
that the following products correspond to the
essential requirements of Directive*

2014/30/EU

(Elektromagnetische Verträglichkeit / *electromagnetic compatibility*)

in ihrer aktuellen Fassung entsprechen.

in its actual version.

Produkt / products: Niveauschalter und –geber / Level switches and gauges
Typ / type: Nivotemp NT-EL

Die Betriebsmittel dienen zur Überwachung des Füllstandes und der Temperatur in Fluidsystemen.
The equipment is designed for monitoring level and temperature in fluid systems.

Das oben beschriebene Produkt der Erklärung erfüllt die einschlägigen
Harmonisierungsrechtsvorschriften der Union:

*The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation
legislation:*

EN 61326-1:2013

Die alleinige Verantwortung für die Ausstellung dieser Konformitätserklärung trägt der Hersteller.
This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.

Dokumentationsverantwortlicher für diese Konformitätserklärung ist Herr Stefan Eschweiler mit
Anschrift am Firmensitz.

*The person authorised to compile the technical file is Mr. Stefan Eschweiler located at the company's
address.*

Ratingen, den 27.10.2016

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Stefan Eschweiler
Geschäftsführer – *Managing Director*

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Frank Pospiech
Geschäftsführer – *Managing Director*

UK Declaration of Conformity



The manufacturer Bühler Technologies GmbH declares, under the sole responsibility, that the product complies with the requirements of the following UK legislation:

Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016

Product: Level switches and gauges
Type: Nivotemp NT-EL

The equipment is designed for monitoring level and temperature in fluid systems.

The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant designated standards:

EN 61326-1:2013

Ratingen in Germany, 01.11.2022

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Stefan Eschweiler
Managing Director

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Frank Pospiech
Managing Director

RMA-Formular und Erklärung über Dekontaminierung

RMA-Form and explanation for decontamination



RMA-Nr./ RMA-No.

Die RMA-Nr. bekommen Sie von Ihrem Ansprechpartner im Vertrieb oder Service. Bei Rücksendung eines Altgeräts zur Entsorgung tragen Sie bitte in das Feld der RMA-Nr. "WEEE" ein./ You may obtain the RMA number from your sales or service representative. When returning an old appliance for disposal, please enter "WEEE" in the RMA number box.

Zu diesem Rücksendeschein gehört eine Dekontaminierungserklärung. Die gesetzlichen Vorschriften schreiben vor, dass Sie uns diese Dekontaminierungserklärung ausgefüllt und unterschrieben zurücksenden müssen. Bitte füllen Sie auch diese im Sinne der Gesundheit unserer Mitarbeiter vollständig aus./ This return form includes a decontamination statement. The law requires you to submit this completed and signed decontamination statement to us. Please complete the entire form, also in the interest of our employee health.

Firma/ Company

Firma/ Company

Straße/ Street

PLZ, Ort/ Zip, City

Land/ Country

Gerät/ Device

Anzahl/ Quantity

Auftragsnr./ Order No.

Ansprechpartner/ Person in charge

Name/ Name

Abt./ Dept.

Tel./ Phone

E-Mail

Serien-Nr./ Serial No.

Artikel-Nr./ Item No.

Grund der Rücksendung/ Reason for return

- ☐ Kalibrierung/ Calibration ☐ Modifikation/ Modification
☐ Reklamation/ Claim ☐ Reparatur/ Repair
☐ Elektroaltgerät/ Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
☐ andere/ other

bitte spezifizieren/ please specify

Ist das Gerät möglicherweise kontaminiert?/ Could the equipment be contaminated?

- ☐ Nein, da das Gerät nicht mit gesundheitsgefährdenden Stoffen betrieben wurde./ No, because the device was not operated with hazardous substances.
☐ Nein, da das Gerät ordnungsgemäß gereinigt und dekontaminiert wurde./ No, because the device has been properly cleaned and decontaminated.
☐ Ja, kontaminiert mit:/ Yes, contaminated with:



☐
explosiv/
explosive



☐
entzündlich/
flammable



☐
brandfördernd/
oxidizing



☐
komprimierte
Gase/
compressed
gases



☐
ätzend/
caustic



☐
giftig,
Lebensgefahr/
poisonous, risk
of death



☐
gesundheitsge-
fährdend/
harmful to
health



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gesund-
heitsschädlich/
health hazard



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umweltge-
fährdend/
environmental
hazard

Bitte Sicherheitsdatenblatt beilegen! / Please enclose safety data sheet!

Das Gerät wurde gespült mit:/ The equipment was purged with:

Diese Erklärung wurde korrekt und vollständig ausgefüllt und von einer dazu befugten Person unterschrieben. Der Versand der (dekontaminierten) Geräte und Komponenten erfolgt gemäß den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen.

This declaration has been filled out correctly and completely, and signed by an authorized person. The dispatch of the (decontaminated) devices and components takes place according to the legal regulations.

Falls die Ware nicht gereinigt, also kontaminiert bei uns eintrifft, muss die Firma Bühler sich vorbehalten, diese durch einen externen Dienstleister reinigen zu lassen und Ihnen dies in Rechnung zu stellen.

Should the goods not arrive clean, but contaminated, Bühler reserves the right, to commission an external service provider to clean the goods and invoice it to your account.

Firmenstempel/ Company Sign

Datum/ Date

rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift/ Legally binding signature



Vermeiden von Veränderung und Beschädigung der einzusendenden Baugruppe

Die Analyse defekter Baugruppen ist ein wesentlicher Bestandteil der Qualitätssicherung der Firma Bühler Technologies GmbH. Um eine aussagekräftige Analyse zu gewährleisten muss die Ware möglichst unverändert untersucht werden. Es dürfen keine Veränderungen oder weitere Beschädigungen auftreten, die Ursachen verdecken oder eine Analyse unmöglich machen.

Umgang mit elektrostatisch sensiblen Baugruppen

Bei elektronischen Baugruppen kann es sich um elektrostatisch sensible Baugruppen handeln. Es ist darauf zu achten, diese Baugruppen ESD-gerecht zu behandeln. Nach Möglichkeit sollten die Baugruppen an einem ESD-gerechten Arbeitsplatz getauscht werden. Ist dies nicht möglich sollten ESD-gerechte Maßnahmen beim Austausch getroffen werden. Der Transport darf nur in ESD-gerechten Behältnissen durchgeführt werden. Die Verpackung der Baugruppen muss ESD-konform sein. Verwenden Sie nach Möglichkeit die Verpackung des Ersatzteils oder wählen Sie selber eine ESD-gerechte Verpackung.

Einbau von Ersatzteilen

Beachten Sie beim Einbau des Ersatzteils die gleichen Vorgaben wie oben beschrieben. Achten Sie auf die ordnungsgemäße Montage des Bauteils und aller Komponenten. Versetzen Sie vor der Inbetriebnahme die Verkabelung wieder in den ursprünglichen Zustand. Fragen Sie im Zweifel beim Hersteller nach weiteren Informationen.

Einsenden von Elektroaltgeräten zur Entsorgung

Wollen Sie ein von Bühler Technologies GmbH stammendes Elektroprodukt zur fachgerechten Entsorgung einsenden, dann tragen Sie bitte in das Feld der RMA-Nr. „WEEE“ ein. Legen Sie dem Altgerät die vollständig ausgefüllte Dekontaminierungserklärung für den Transport von außen sichtbar bei. Weitere Informationen zur Entsorgung von Elektroaltgeräten finden Sie auf der Webseite unseres Unternehmens.

Avoiding alterations and damage to the components to be returned

Analysing defective assemblies is an essential part of quality assurance at Bühler Technologies GmbH. To ensure conclusive analysis the goods must be inspected unaltered, if possible. Modifications or other damages which may hide the cause or render it impossible to analyse are prohibited.

Handling electrostatically conductive components

Electronic assemblies may be sensitive to static electricity. Be sure to handle these assemblies in an ESD-safe manner. Where possible, the assemblies should be replaced in an ESD-safe location. If unable to do so, take ESD-safe precautions when replacing these. Must be transported in ESD-safe containers. The packaging of the assemblies must be ESD-safe. If possible, use the packaging of the spare part or use ESD-safe packaging.

Fitting of spare parts

Observe the above specifications when installing the spare part. Ensure the part and all components are properly installed. Return the cables to the original state before putting into service. When in doubt, contact the manufacturer for additional information.

Returning old electrical appliances for disposal

If you wish to return an electrical product from Bühler Technologies GmbH for proper disposal, please enter "WEEE" in the RMA number box. Please attach the fully completed decontamination declaration form for transport to the old appliance so that it is visible from the outside. You can find more information on the disposal of old electrical appliances on our company's website.

