

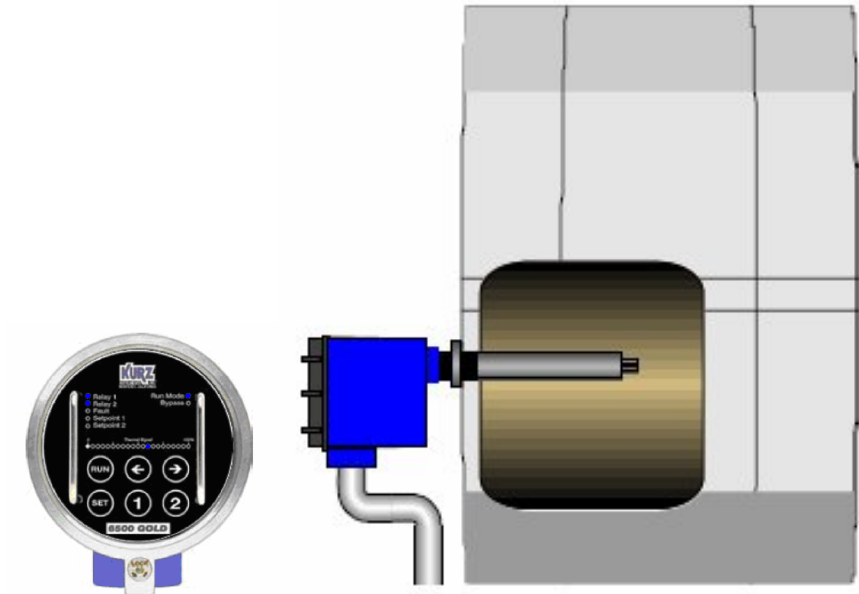


APPLICATION NOTE 365029: **OIL/WATER SEPARATOR TANK**

Oil & Gas

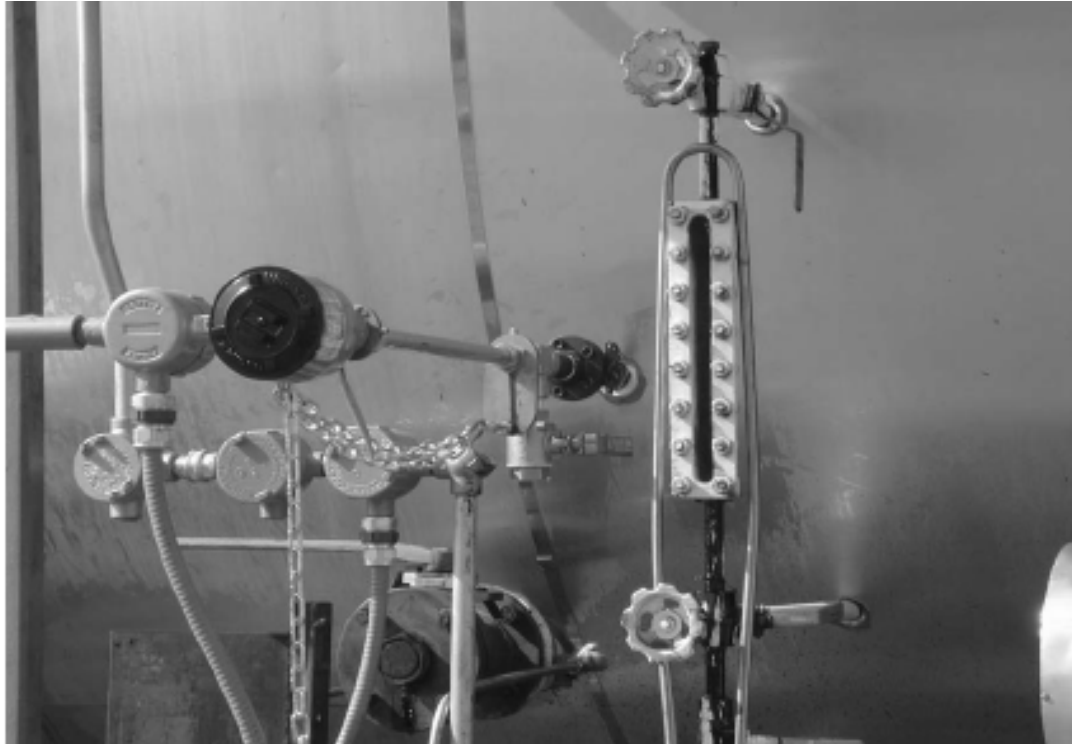
Application: Interface (Level) Detection: Oil/Water, Separator (Treater) Tank

Product Used: Kurz 6500 Series Flow-Level-Interface-Temperature Switch



Description: Oil is pumped from the well (or well storage) into the (“knock-out”) tank to separate the oil from the water and debris (sand, etc.). The interface (level) switch controls the (water) drain valve by energizing/de-energizing one of the internal relay contacts as the switch reacts to the material difference of the oil/water.

- Challenges:** In oil/water interface applications the level switch must:
- Resist failures caused by corrosion and/or “sludging” damage to sensor.
 - Not react slowly or intermittently due to coating of the sensor.
 - Easily be configured (programmed, adjusted) by the user to achieve the optimum balance between response time and sensitivity to prevent tank overflows, oil in the drain line and unwanted cycling of the drain valve.



Solution: The **Kurz 6500 Series Thermal Dispersion Flow, Level, Interface Switch** is used to provide the critical control for interface level in the tank.

Unlike float, paddle or gap switches **Kurz's switches feature all –welded sensors, no-moving-parts design and true digital electronics in a rugged package that is not bothered by coating of the probe and will not drift, seize or ever require calibration.**

- Easy, front panel controls and display make set up fast and easy.
- The switch may be set to activate or de-activate the pump or feed valve using either of the independent relay contacts or the 4-20 mA analog output.
- Each relay contact may be configured with a digital time delay to pre-set tank drain cycles based on tank capacity.
- To accommodate different mounting positions and tank configurations (screens, weirs etc.), Kurz switches are available with several connection types (Threaded Insertion, Flanged, and Packing Gland & Ball Valve) and *sizes* (no premium charge for “custom” insertion lengths).
- The self-diagnostic function runs automatically and continuously monitors all parts and functions of the Kurz switch. In the event of any error the relay contacts de-energize and the FAULT alarm is activated and displayed on the front panel, via the 4-20 mA signal and via Modbus to the **RCM software.**
- The Kurz **RCMsoftware** (provided free on request) may be used via Modbus RS-485) to continuously trend the fill/drain cycles of the tank.