

Operating Instructions for Configuration Set/HART®-Modem Model: NGM-HART

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2. Note

Please read these operating instructions before unpacking and putting the unit into operation. Follow the instructions precisely as described herein.

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The devices are only to be used, maintained and serviced by persons familiar with these operating instructions and in accordance with local regulations applying to Health & Safety and prevention of accidents.

When used in machines, the measuring unit should be used only when the machines fulfil the EC-machine guidelines.

3. Instrument Inspection

Instruments are inspected before shipping and sent out in perfect condition. Should damage to a device be visible, we recommend a thorough inspection of the delivery packaging. In case of damage, please inform your parcel service / forwarding agent immediately, since they are responsible for damages during transit.

4. Installation

4.1 Hard- and Software requirements

To run the configuration tool the following requirements are necessary:

- Windows PC with available USB port
- Operating system: Windows 10, 8.1, Server 2012, Server 2008 R2, 7, Vista, Server 2003, XP, ME, 98
- Microsoft Excel version from 2007 (32 Bit and 64 Bit version!)
- Excel-Configuration-Sheet "NGM configuration tool LA V177.xls" (since 01/2022)
- DC supply 24V@30mA (for powering the NGM meter)
- Kobold-HART-Modem with USB connector (Order code HARTCOMM) or any similar standard HART modems available on the market.
- Communication resistor approx. 250 Ohm
- NGM level probe

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4.2 Electrical connection

The supplied HART $^{\otimes}$ modem must be connected on the device side via a current loop resistor (250 Ohm, in the scope of supply).

On the PC side is a normal USB connection required.



Figure 1

The complete wiring is shown in Figure 2:

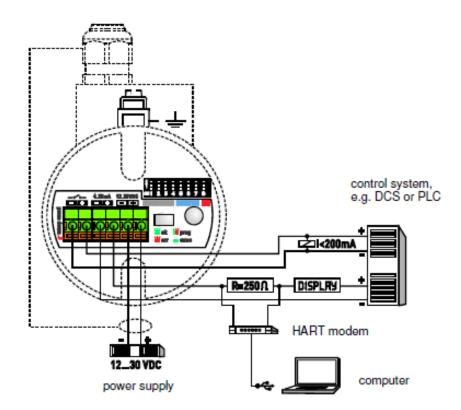


Figure 2

4.3 Commissioning

Before commissioning the hardware drivers for the HART® modem should be installed.

Note 1!

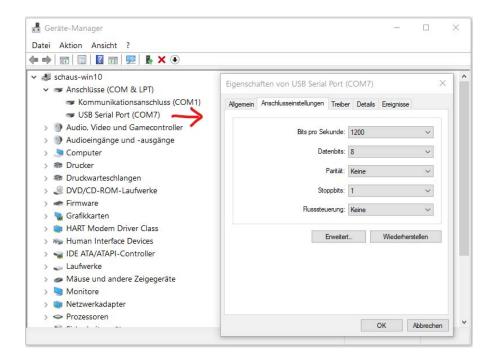


The current Excel file for configuring the NGM sensor, as well as the drivers for the modem, can also be downloaded from our homepage www.kobold.com, under Product search "NGM" / Downloads.

Note 2!



When using the configuration of the NGM with a HART modem, the baud rate of your USB communication "must" be reduced to 1200 bits/s! This is set to 9600Bit/s in the standard. If the parameter is not set, no communication between NGM and EXCEL programming tool can be established.



After the installation the USB plug of the modem should be plugged into the USB port and the PC will recognize the modem as "USB Serial Device" and is assigned a virtual COM port.

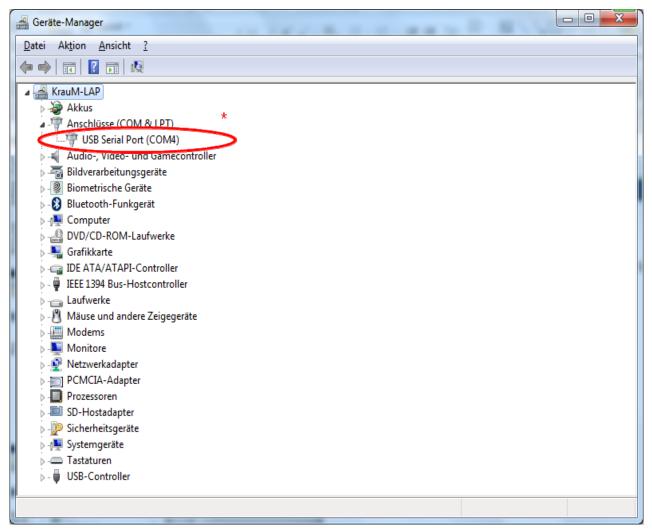
After opening the Excel configuration tool, the security level should be set to the lowest setting for the execution of MACROS.

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4.3.1 Connection of a NGM Probe to a PC

 Check the COM port assignment of the PC to the USB HART® modem with the Device Manager

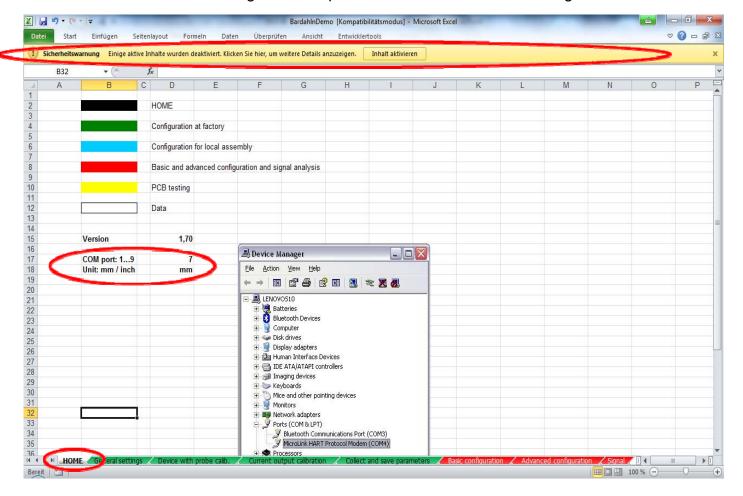
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^{*} In this case COM port 4 has been assigned to the HART® modem

4.3.2 First Steps with the Excel Tool

- 1. Open the Excel file
- 2. Prerequisite: worksheet is active and the macros are running (*Hint: A restart of the Excel file might help to activate the Macros.*)
- 3. HOME
- 4. Enter the assigned COM port indicated at the device manager.



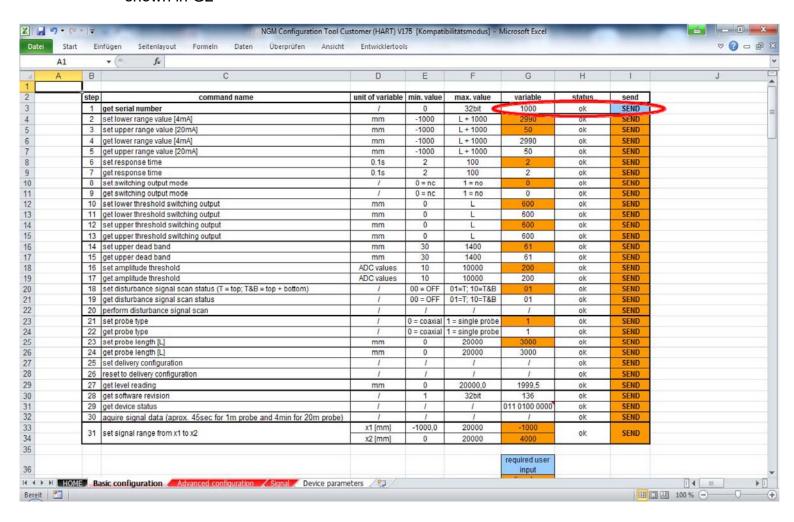
For the usage of the Excel tool, a click on the necessary cell activates the communication and/or parameters can be changed. For re-sending the command, click on a free cell elsewhere and move back to the required cell. The OK status has to return for a successful communication.

5. Configuration

5.1 Basic Configuration

Establishing a HART® communication:

- Serial number obtainable by clicking on the light blue SEND button J2 in step 1 "get serial number"
- Macros are running
- OK status (H2) disappears and reappears after serial number read out and shown in G2





If OK status does not reappear, check the connection or the COM port settings

Now the HART® communication is established and the modification of device-specific parameter as well as the read-out of the echo curve can be performed.

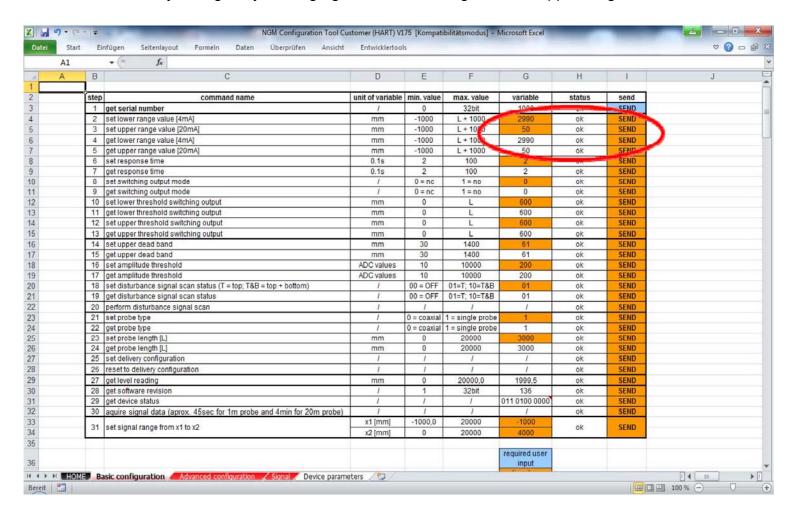
5.2 Upper / Lower Range Value

BASIC CONFIGURATION

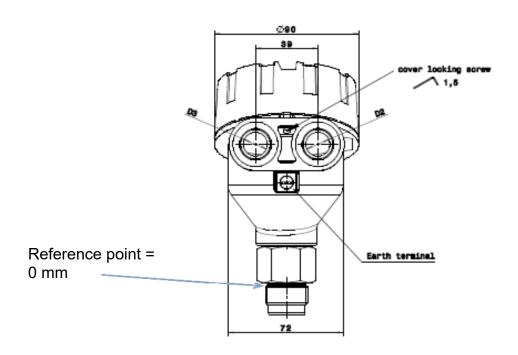
Read out actual 4...20mA settings by clicking on I6 and I7

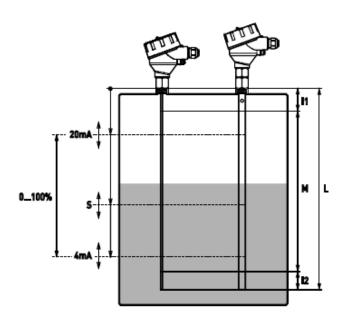
With the command "get lower / upper range value", the actual 4...20 mA values in mm are shown after the OK status disappeared and is visible again.

- Change actual 4...20 mA settings by changing the values in G4 and G5 and clicking on I4 and I5 "set lower / upper range value"
- Verify changes by clicking again on I6 and I7 "get lower / upper range value"



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5.3 Response Time

BASIC CONFIGURATION

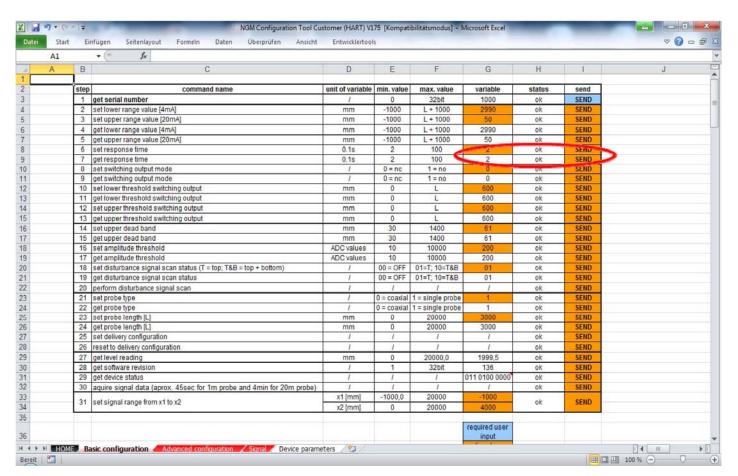
Read out actual response time, by clicking on I9.

Field G9 is showing the actual response time multiplied with 0,1ms.

• Change actual response time within a range of 2 ... 100 (0,2 ... 10 sec) in field G8 and clicking on I8 "set response time".



Use high response times for storage tanks with slow level movements. Use low response times for buffer and process tanks.





Verify changes by clicking again on I9 "get response time"

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5.4 Switching Output Mode

BASIC CONFIGURATION

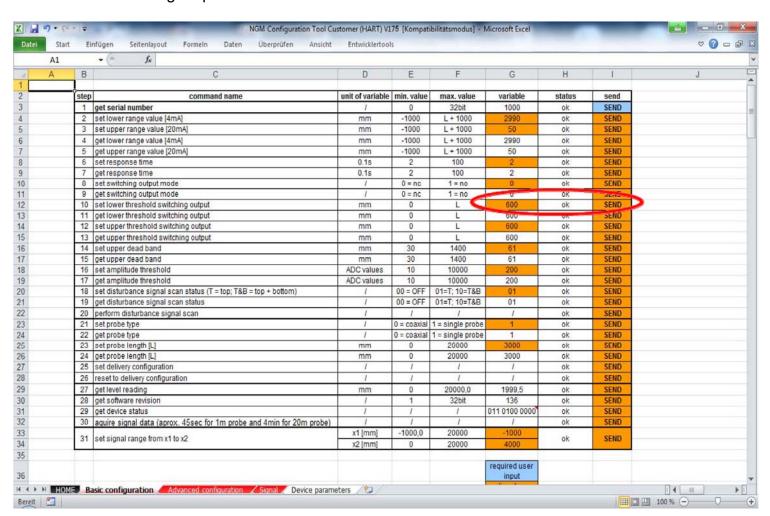
Read out actual switching output mode by clicking on I11

Field G11 is showing the actual switching output mode.

- -0 = nc = normally closed
- -1 = no = normally open

Once the probe is powered, the switch output can be open or closed. The standard switch output mode is set to "normally closed", as it would open at a power failure for highest safety.

• Change actual switching output mode 0 or 1 in field G10 and clicking on I10 "set switching output mode"





Verify changes by clicking again on I11 "get switching output mode"

5.4.1 Threshold switching output

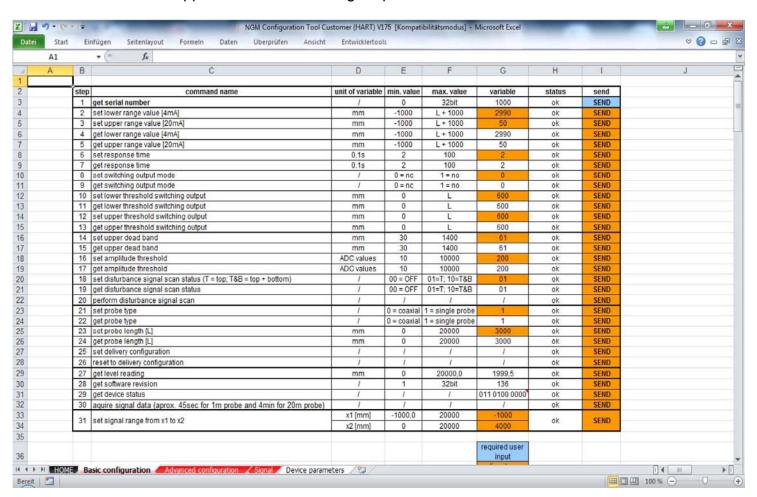
BASIC CONFIGURATION

 Read out actual lower / upper threshold switching output, by clicking on I13 and I15.

Field G13/15 indicates the actual lower / upper switching threshold.

With the help of the thresholds, a hysteresis can be programmed to avoid output switching at turbulent levels. First, the upper threshold must be passed to activate the output then the lower threshold for deactivation of the output.

• Change actual lower / upper threshold in field G12 / G14 and click on I12 / I14 "set lower / upper threshold switching output mode".





Verify changes by clicking again on I13 / I15 "get lower / upper threshold switching output"

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5.4.2 Upper Dead Band

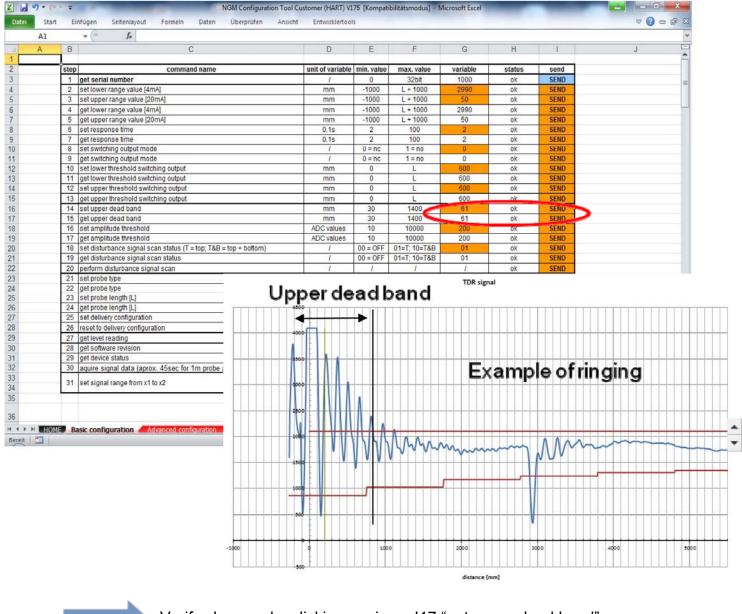
BASIC CONFIGURATION

Read out actual upper dead band, by clicking on I17.

Field G17 indicates the actual upper dead band.

With the upper dead band, noisy signals or ringing caused by the installation can be blocked. Increase the value for cutting signals left to the dead band, whose position is indicated by a green line. Any signal left to the green line will not be analyzed by the software. Entered values are in mm and are visible at the echo curve.

• Change actual upper dead band in field G16 and click on I16 "set upper dead band".



Verify changes by clicking again on I17 "get upper dead band"

5.4.2 Amplitude threshold

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Read out actual amplitude threshold, by clicking on I19

Field G19 indicates the actual amplitude threshold. Dynamic noise or ringing can be blocked if it is within the amplitude threshold band. The level reflection should be always 1/3 bigger than the width of the amplitude threshold band.

• Change actual amplitude threshold in field G18 and click on I18 "set amplitude threshold".





Verify changes by clicking again on I19 "get amplitude threshold"

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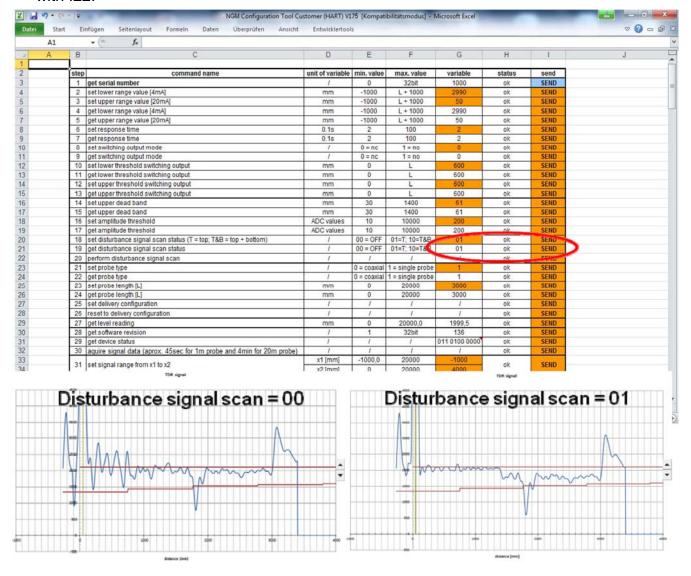
5.4.3 Disturbance Signal Scan Status

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Read out actual disturbance signal scan status by clicking on I21

Field G21 indicates the actual disturbance scan signal status.

- 00=off, raw echo curve
- 01=disturbance signal active on top
- 10=disturbance signal active on top and bottom
- Change actual disturbance signal scan status in field G20 and click on I20 "set disturbance signal scan status"
- Once changing it to "10" or "01" a disturbance signal scan must be performed with I22.





Verify changes by clicking again on I21 "get disturbance signal scan status"

5.4.4 Probe Type

BASIC CONFIGURATION

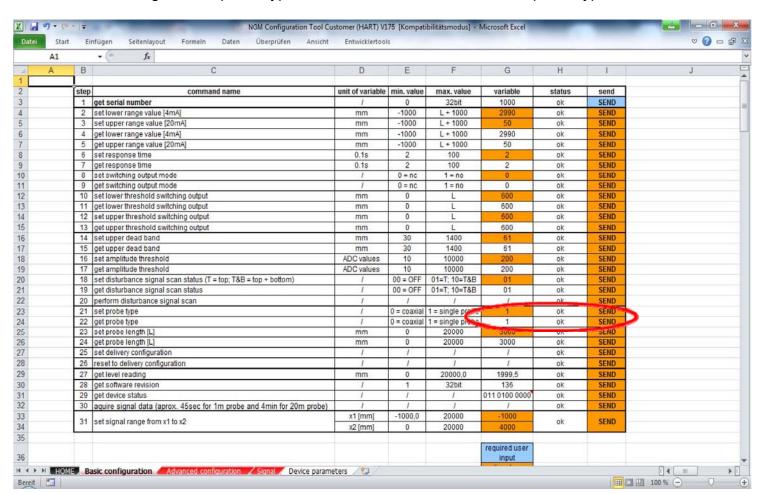
• Read out actual probe type status, by clicking on I24.

Field G24 indicates the actual probe type status.

- -0= coaxial probe
- 1= single probe rod or rope

Thresholds are adapted automatically by changing this parameter.

Change actual probe type in field G23 and click on I23 "set probe type".





Verify changes by clicking again on I24 "get probe type"

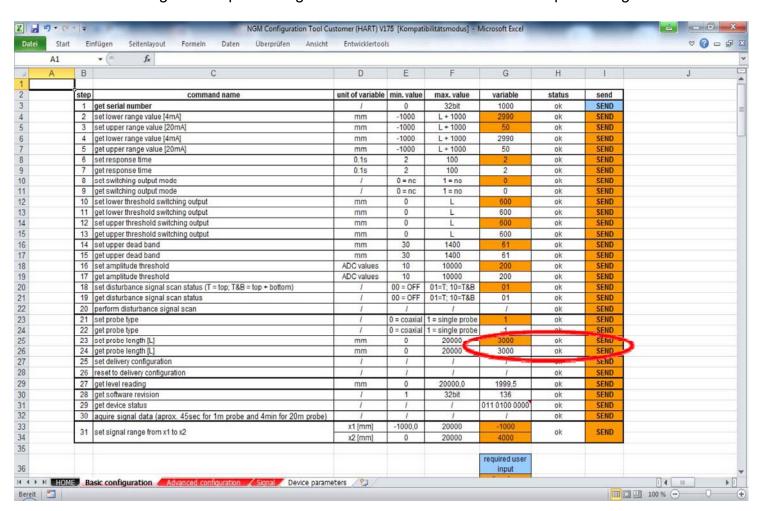
5.4.5 Probe Length

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Read out actual probe length, by clicking on I26.

Field G26 indicates the actual probe length in mm.

• Change actual probe length in field G25 and click on I25 "set probe length".





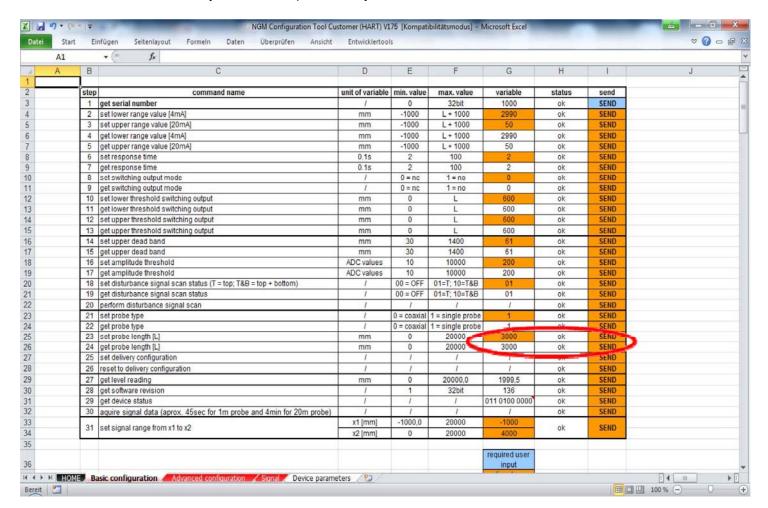
Verify changes by clicking again on I26 "get probe length"

5.4.6 Set Delivery Configuration

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Set actual parameters as delivery configuration by clicking on I27

Former delivery configuration parameters will be overwritten! No reset to factory conditions is possible anymore.





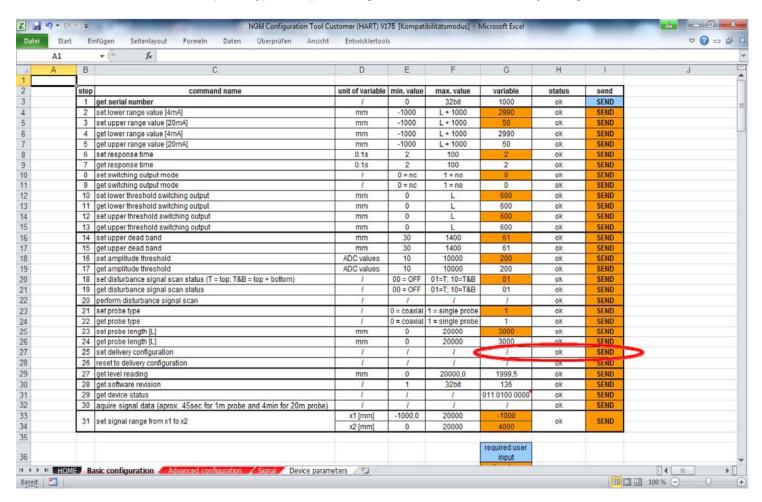
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5.4.7 Reset to Delivery Configuration

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Reset unit back to delivery configuration, by clicking on I28.

4...20mA, response time, switching mode and thresholds, upper dead band, amplitude threshold, disturbance scan, probe type, and probe length will be set back to delivery configuration.





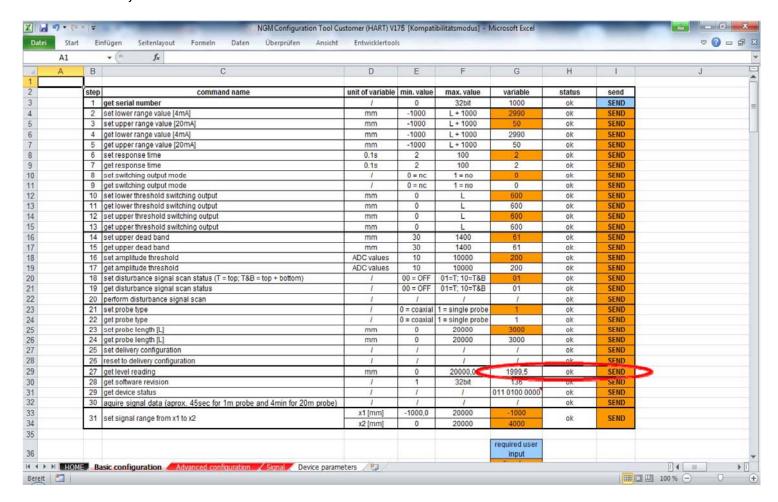
5.4.8 Level Reading

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Get actual level reading, by clicking on I29.

If you do not measure the current output in series with a Multimeter, it is recommended to read out the level 3 – 5 times to recognize potential current fluctuations.

If a fluctuating current can be observed, the amplitude threshold or dead band needs to be adjusted.

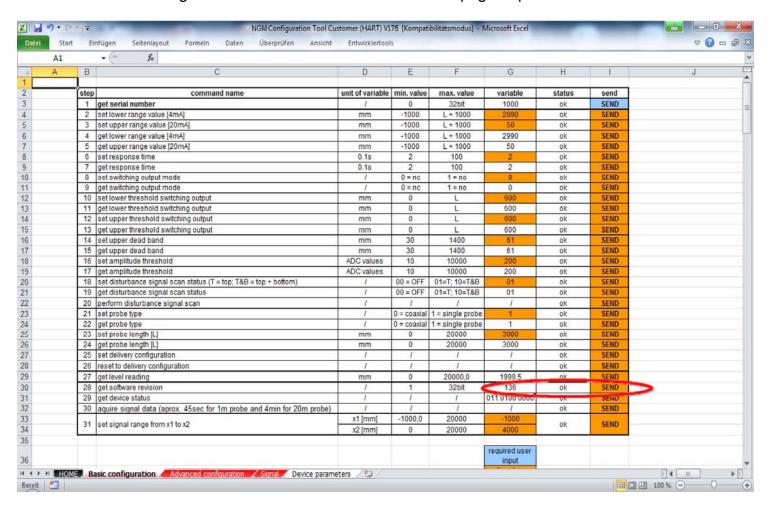


5.4.9 Software Revision

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Get actual software revision, by clicking on I30.

You can get the actual softwaretool on our homepage https://www.kobold.com/



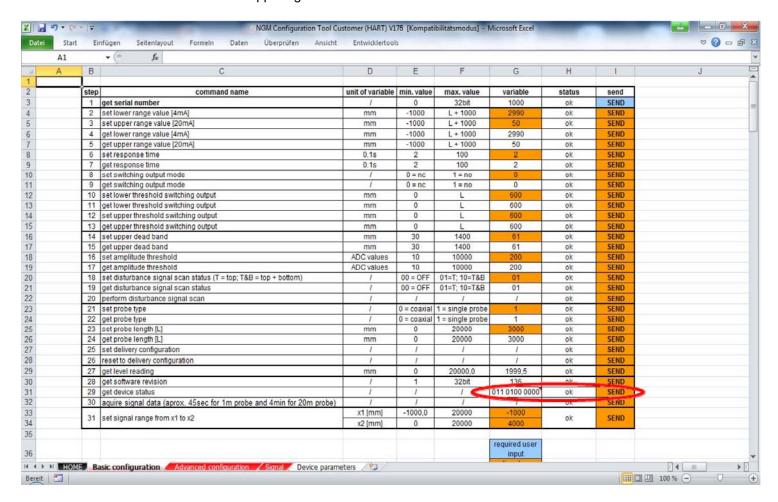
5.4.10 Device Status

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Get actual devise status, by clicking on I31.

Important probe status information can be communicated.

Click on the small red upper right corner for more details.



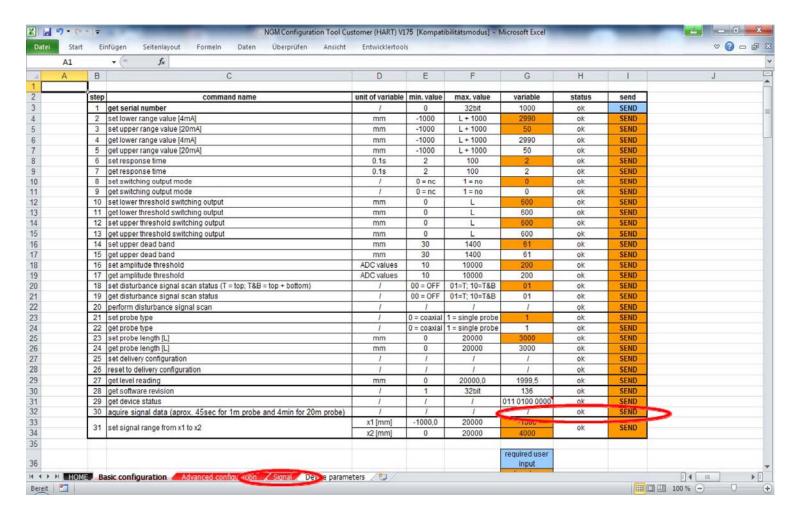
5.4.11 Signal Data – Echo Curve

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Acquire actual signal data or also called echo curve by clicking on I32

Once the OK status in field H32 does not disappear anymore, the echo curve can be visualized by clicking on worksheet SIGNAL.

Reading out the echo curve from the electronics can take several seconds, as all data must be communicated via the serial HART[®] protocol to the PC.



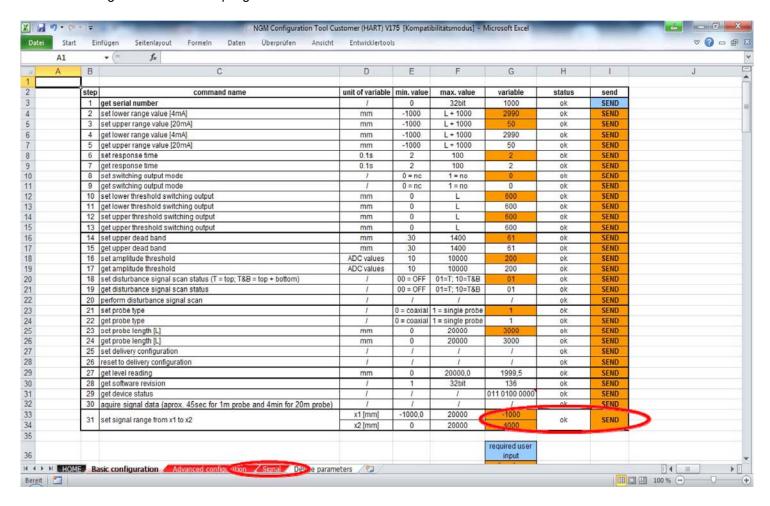
5.4.12 Signal Range

BASIC CONFIGURATION

Set signal range, by entering values in field G33/34 and clicking on I33/34

Depending on the probe length, the range within the echo curve in worksheet SIGNAL can be adapted.

A negative X1 range of -1000 is always recommended and standard. With this the microwave generation and coupling can be verified.



5.4.13 Signal

SIGNAL

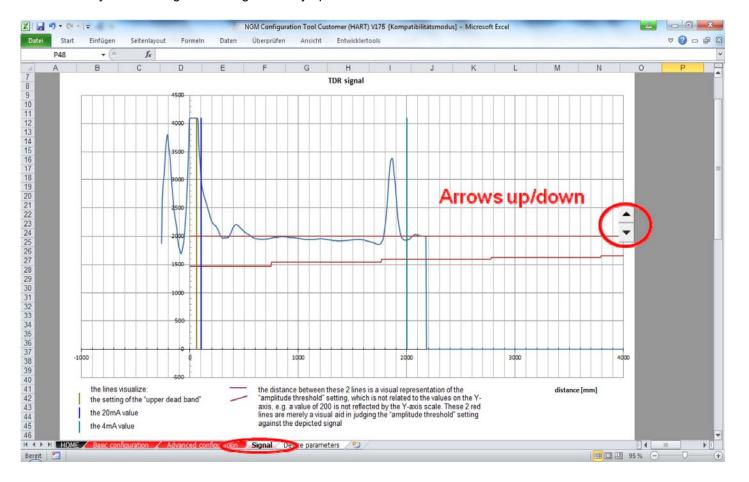
- Visualization of the actual echo curve, where the level calculation is based on.
- The NGM gets 70 echo curves every second for calculating the level.

The most important parameters (4...20mA; dead band and amplitude threshold) are visualized.

With the arrows up/down, the amplitude threshold can be positioned properly on the average zero line of the echo curve as a means to evaluate the correct value.

- x-axis: length in mm

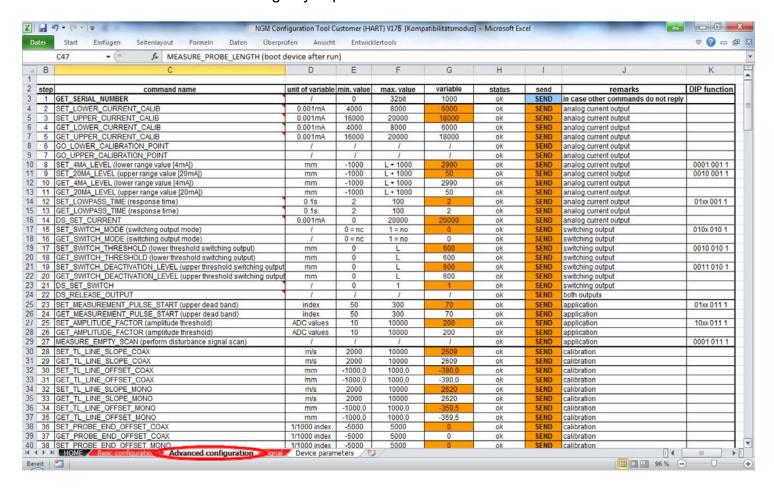
y-axis: voltage according to factory-specific scales



5.4.14 More Parameters...

ADVANCED CONFIGURATION

• Parameters within the worksheet ADVANCED CONFIGURATION are only recommended to change by experts.



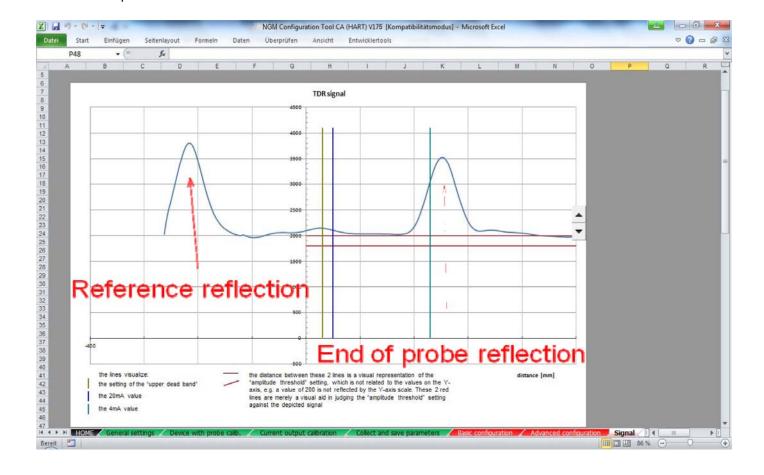
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5.4.15 Signal Discussion 1

Empty Coaxial Probe

- Nice reference reflection at the beginning
- · Perfect coupling into the coaxial probe
- Positive end of probe reflection which corresponds to the physical end of probe

Dead band parameter at 30 mm. 20 mA parameter at 50 mm. 4 mA parameter at 230 mm. Amplitude threshold at 1000.

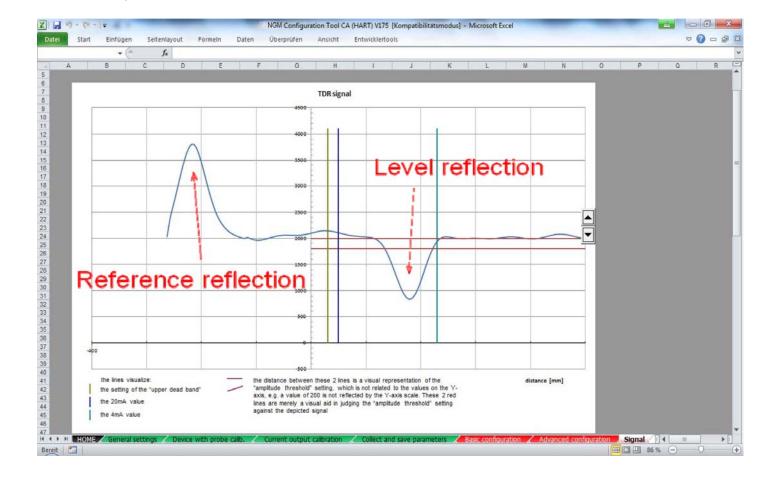


5.4.16 Signal Discussion 2

Level Coaxial Probe

- · Stable reference reflection at the beginning
- Negative level reflection at 168mm
- No end of probe reflection as energy is completely reflected at water surface

Dead band parameter at 30 mm. 20 mA parameter at 50 mm. 4 mA parameter at 230 mm. Amplitude threshold at 1000.



5.4.17 Signal Discussion 3

Empty Rod Probe

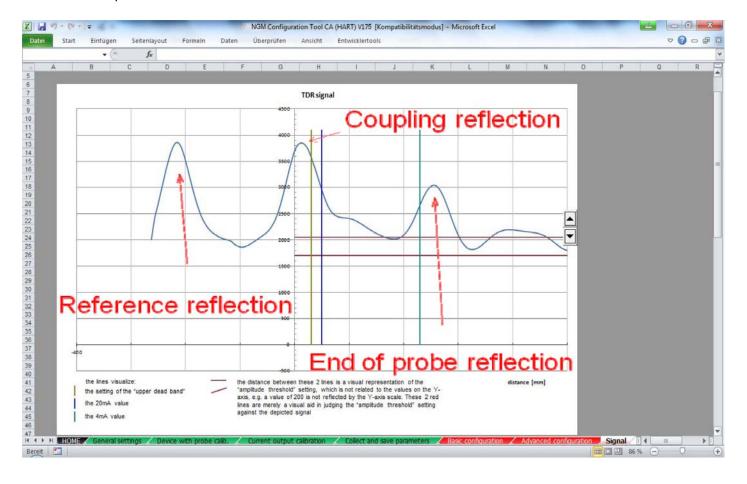
- · Nice reference reflection at the beginning
- Strong positive impulse at the transition of coupling to the single rod
- Reflection can change with mounting conditions.
- Positive end of probe reflection which corresponds to the physical end of probe

Dead band parameter at 30mm.

20 mA parameter at 50 mm.

4 mA parameter at 230 mm.

Amplitude threshold at 1000.



5.4.18 Signal Discussion 4

Level Rod Probe

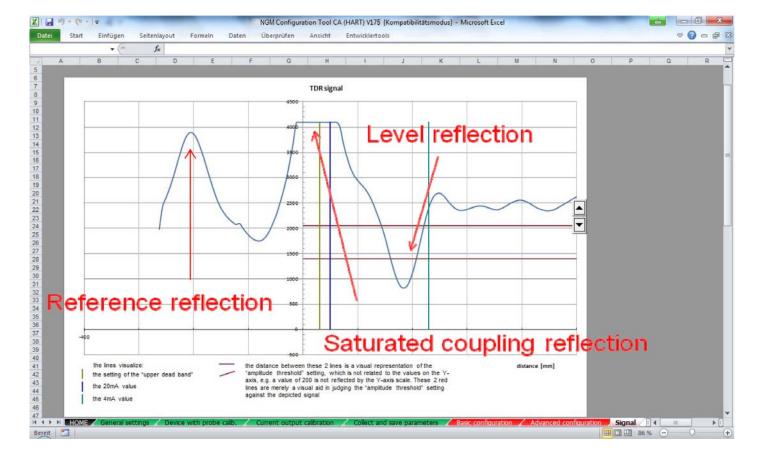
- Stable reference reflection at the beginning
- Negative level reflection at 168mm
- No end of probe reflection as energy is completely reflected at water surface
- · Positive coupling reflection in saturation as amplification factor increased

Dead band parameter at 30 mm.

20 mA parameter at 50 mm.

4 mA parameter at 230 mm.

Amplitude threshold at 1000.



6. Technical Data

Operating temperature	-25 °C +55 °C
Enclosure	Polystyrene
Connection to PC	USB 1.1 "B" connector
Cable to PC	USB "A-B" 1.8 m
Connection to HART filed	KLEPS 2
Spiral cable length	0.6 m (1.1 m)
Ingress protection	IP 20
Electrical protection	Class III
Weight	0.1 kg

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Ambient temperature: -25... +55 °C

Relative humidity: max. 98%

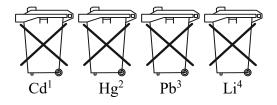
7. Disposal

Note!

- Avoid environmental damage caused by media-contaminated parts
- Dispose of the device and packaging in an environmentally friendly manner
- Comply with applicable national and international disposal regulations and environmental regulations.

Batteries

Batteries containing pollutants are marked with a sign consisting of a crossed-out garbage can and the chemical symbol (Cd, Hg, Li or Pb) of the heavy metal that is decisive for the classification as containing pollutants:



- 1. "Cd" stands for cadmium
- 2. ,,Hg" stands for mercury
- 3. "Pb" stands for lead
- 4. ,,Li" stands for lithium

Electrical and electronic equipment



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