

MODEL 4500 SERIES



Front to back Model 4500C, 4500S, 4500H, 4500DP and 4500HD Vibrating Wire Piezometers (front to back).

APPLICATIONS

For the measurement of...

- Ground water elevations
- Pore water pressures
- Pump tests
- Uplift pressures in dam foundations
- Hydraulic pressures in tanks and pipelines
- Wick drain efficiency
- Water pressures behind tunnel linings

OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The transducer uses a pressure sensitive diaphragm with a vibrating wire element attached to it. The diaphragm is welded to a capsule which is evacuated and hermetically sealed. Fluid pressures acting upon the outer face of the diaphragm cause

deflections of the diaphragm and changes in tension and frequency of the vibrating wire. The changing frequency is sensed and transmitted to the readout device by an electrical coil acting through the walls of the capsule.

Piezometers incorporate a porous filter stone ahead of the diaphragm, which allows the fluid to pass through but prevents soil particles from impinging directly on the diaphragm.

ADVANTAGES & LIMITATIONS

The 4500 Series Vibrating Wire Piezometers and Pressure Transducers have outstanding long-term stability and reliability, and low thermal zero shift. Cable lengths of several kilometers are no problem and the frequency output signal is not affected by changing cable resistances (caused by splicing, changes of length, terminal contact resistances, etc.), nor by penetration of moisture into the electronic circuitry.

A thermistor, located in the housing, permits the measurement of temperature at the piezometer location.

All-stainless steel construction and evacuation of the capsule¹ guarantees a high level of corrosion resistance. Integral gas discharge tubes inside the main housing protect against lightning damage.

Standard porous filters are made from sintered stainless steel. High air-entry ceramic filters are also available.

Vented versions of all models are available to provide automatic compensation for barometric pressure fluctuations. Negative pressures up to 1 bar can be measured.

Corrosion resistant and high temperature 4500 models are also available. Refer to the 4500CR and 4500HT datasheets for more information.

Vibrating wire pressure transducers are not suitable for the measurement of rapidly changing pressures: for these purposes Model 3400 transducers should be used.²

¹Evacuation does not apply to vented models

²Model 4500AR may also be used.

Contact GEOKON for more information.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| Model | Standard Ranges | Over Range | Resolution | Accuracy ¹ | Linearity | Temperature Range ² | Thermal Zero Shift | Diaphragm Displacement | Length × Diameter | Mass |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 4500S/SV | 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3 MPa (1, 2, 3 MPa S only) | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 133 × 19.1 mm (S) 146 × 19.1 mm (SV) | 0.12 kg (S) 0.20 kg (SV) |
| 4500SH | 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.5, 10, 20 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 194 × 25.4 mm | 0.44 kg |
| 4500AL/ALV | 70, 170 kPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.1% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 133 × 25.4 mm | 0.25 kg |
| 4500B/BV | 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3 MPa (1, 3 MPa B only) | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 133 × 17.5 mm | 0.10 kg |
| 4500C | 350, 700 kPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.05% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 165 × 11 mm | 0.09 kg |
| 4500DP | 70, 170, 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 187 × 33.3 mm | 0.90 kg |
| 4500HD | 70, 170, 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.5 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 203 × 38.1 mm | 1.50 kg |
| 4500H ³ | 70, 170, 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 140 × 32 mm ⁴ 140 × 25.4 mm | 0.30 kg |
| 4500HH ³ | 5, 7.5, 10, 20, 35, 75, 100 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | 143 × 25.4 mm | 0.30 kg |
| 4580-1 (Barometer) | 200 mbar ² | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. ⁵ | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.01% F.S./°C | n/a | 110 × 63.5 mm | 1.18 kg |
| 4580-2/2V | 17, 35 kPa (17 kPa 2V only), | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. ⁵ | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.01% F.S./°C | n/a | 165 × 38 mm | 0.86 kg |
| 4580-3V | 7 kPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. ⁵ | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.01% F.S./°C | n/a | 165 × 63.5 mm | 1.72 kg |
| 4500AR ⁶ | 7, 17, 35, 70, 170, 350, 700 kPa; 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 75, 100, 150 MPa | 1.5 × rated pressure | 0.025% F.S. ⁵ | ±0.1% F.S. | < 0.5% F.S. (±0.1% F.S. optional) | -20 °C to +80 °C | < 0.05% F.S./°C | < 0.001 cm ³ at F.S. | varies according to pressure range | varies according to pressure range |

Note: PSI = kPa × 0.14503, or MPa × 145.03. Piezometers with a range of 350 kPa and higher are capable of reading negative pressures to -100 kPa. Contact GEOKON for more information.

¹Accuracy established under laboratory conditions.

²Other ranges available on request.

³All high pressure sensors are potentially dangerous and care must be taken not to over-range them beyond their calibrated range. Sensors are tested to 150% of the range to provide a factor of safety.

⁴For 70 and 170 kPa range only.

⁵Depends on readout system.

⁶Power Supply Voltage Range: 6 V (min), 12 V (nom), 24 V (max).

Power Supply Current: 15.5 mA @ 12 V @ 20 °C.

Operating Temperature Range: 0° to +70 °C.

VW Output Signal Voltage: 5 V square wave @ fundamental vibrating wire frequency.

VW Output Signal Impedance: 50 ohms

MODEL 4500S/SV/SH STANDARD PIEZOMETERS

The Model 4500S/SV Standard Piezometer is designed to measure fluid pressures such as ground water elevations and pore pressures when buried directly in embankments, fills, etc. It is also suitable for installation inside boreholes, observation wells and standard (>19 mm diameter) piezometer riser pipe.

The Model 4500SH is designed with a heavy duty housing. The vented version (Model 4500SV) provides automatic compensation for barometric pressure changes, via a cable with an integral vent tube.



MODEL 4500AL/ALV STANDARD PIEZOMETERS

The Model 4500AL is designed for low-pressure ranges. The vented version (Model 4500ALV) provides automatic compensation for

barometric pressure changes, via a cable with an integral vent tube.



MODEL 4500B/BV/C SMALL DIAMETER PIEZOMETERS

These piezometers are designed to enable the automation of small diameter piezometer standpipes.

The 4500B and 4500BV are designed to fit inside 19 mm pipe and the 4500C fits inside a 12 mm pipe.



MODEL 4500DP DRIVE POINT PIEZOMETERS

The standard Model 4500DP Drive Point Piezometer has the transducer located inside a housing with an EW drill rod thread and removable pointed nose cone. The unit can be pushed directly into soft ground with the signal cable located inside the drill rod. This model is ideally suited for

use in soft clays and landfills. The piezometer may be recovered at the end of the job. The Model 4500DP is available with a variety of thread configurations allowing for installation using cone penetrometer or other drill rods with adapters.



MODEL 4500HD HEAVY DUTY PIEZOMETER

The Model 4500HD Heavy Duty Piezometer is designed for direct burial in fills and dam embankments. The 4500HD is used in conjunction

with heavily armored cable to withstand earth movements during construction. Recommended for use in earth dams.



MODEL 4500H/HH PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS

The Model 4500H and 4500HH Pressure Transducers are supplied with 1/4-18 female NPT (4500H) and 7/16-20 60 degree female medium pressure (4500HH) fittings to permit

the transducer to be coupled directly into hydraulic or pneumatic pressure lines. Other pipe thread sizes are also available.



MODEL 4580 BAROMETER AND PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS

The Model 4580 Pressure Transducers are designed for very low fluid pressure measurements, such as groundwater elevations in wells, water levels in streams, weirs, flumes, etc.

Changes in water levels of as little as 0.2 mm can be measured. The Model 4580-1 is a barometer used to measure atmospheric pressure changes.



MODEL 4500AR AUTORESONANT PIEZOMETER

The Model 4500AR "Autoresonant" Piezometer is designed for use with data acquisition systems incapable of reading standard (pluck and read) vibrating wire sensors. It can also be used where low frequency (< 20 Hz) dynamic measurements

are required. The Model 4500AR is powered using a 6-24 VDC supply, which yields a 5 V square wave output at the sensor frequency. This high-output offers excellent noise immunity and enhanced signal transmission over long cables. The Model 4500AR is available in standard pressure ranges, with corresponding resolution, linearity and accuracy.



ORDERING INFORMATION

CABLES

- 02-250V6-E/M:** Blue PVC Cable, 6 mm (0.250") Ø, 2 twisted pairs.
- 03-250V0-E/M:** Black Vinyl Cable, 6 mm (0.250") Ø, 3 twisted pairs.
- 02-250PILT-E/M:** Violet Polyurethane Cable, 6 mm (0.25") Ø, 2 twisted pairs, low temperature (-40 to +80 °C), 50 ohm
- 02-313PI-E/M:** Black Polyurethane Cable, with integral straining wire, 2 twisted pairs.
- 02-313V6-E/M:** Blue PVC Cable, 8 mm (0.313") Ø, 2 twisted pairs with Kevlar reinforcement.
- 02-335VT8-E/M:** Yellow Polyurethane Cable, with integral 3 mm (0.125") Ø polyethylene vent tube, 9 mm (0.335") Ø, 2 twisted pairs.
- 02-500PE1A-E/M:** Black Polyethylene Cable, with served armor, 13 mm (0.500") Ø, 2 twisted pairs, overall braided shield.

FILTER STONES

- 4500-1A:** Replacement stainless steel filter stone assembly for Model 4500AL Piezometer.
- 4500-1B:** Replacement stainless steel filter stone assembly for Model 4500B Piezometer.
- 4500-1C:** Replacement stainless steel filter stone assembly for Model 4500HD Piezometer.
- 4500-1S:** Replacement stainless steel filter stone assembly for Model 4500S Piezometer.
- 4500-1SH:** Replacement stainless steel filter stone assembly for Model 4500SH Piezometer.

- 4500-1-1:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500S/4500B piezometers, 1 bar.
- 4500-1-2:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500S/4500B piezometers, 2 bar.
- 4500-1-5:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500S/4500B piezometers, 5 bar.
- 4500-2-1:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500AL piezometers, 1 bar.
- 4500-2-2:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500AL piezometers, 2 bar.
- 4500-2-5:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500AL piezometers, 5 bar.
- 4500-2-6:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500HD piezometers, 1 bar.
- 4500-2-7:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500HD piezometers, 2 bar.
- 4500-2-8:** Replacement high air entry filter stone assembly for 4500HD piezometers, 5 bar.
- 4500-3:** Replacement stainless steel mesh type filter, mesh only, for 4500S/4500B piezometers.
- 4500-5:** Factory sealed piezometer cap for shipping saturated piezometers with HAE filters, S size.
- 4500-5A:** Factory sealed piezometer cap for shipping saturated piezometers with HAE filters, AL size.
- 4500-5B:** Factory sealed piezometer cap for shipping saturated piezometers with HAE filters, HD size.

SPLICE KITS

- 4500-9-HD:** Splice kit for armored cable, factory splice only.
- 4500-9-HDF1:** Splice kit for armored cable, field use.
- 4500-9-HDF2:** Splice kit for armored to unarmored cable, field use.
- 4500-9-EP:** Epoxy Resin and Hardener (138cc).
- 4500-9-SSI:** Splice kit for settlement systems, for vented electrical cable and fluid filled tubes.
- 4500-10:** Splice Kit for 6 mm (0.250") cable, complete with butt splices and epoxy.
- 4500-11:** Splice Kit for 9 mm (0.335") vented cable, complete with butt splices, tube union and epoxy.
- 4500-12:** Splice Kit for 10 mm (0.375") cable, complete with butt splices and epoxy.
- 4500-13:** Splice Kit for 13 mm (0.500") cable, complete with butt splices and epoxy.
- 4500-14:** Splice Kit for 16 mm (0.625") cable, complete with butt splices and epoxy.
- 4500-15:** Splice Kit for 5 mm (0.187") cable, complete with butt splices and epoxy.
- 4500-16:** Splice Kit for 8 mm (0.312") cable (not SR), complete with butt splices and epoxy.

CONNECTORS

- 4500-20:** 10-Pin Male Connector with Cap.
- 4500-20V:** 10-Pin Male Pigtail with tinned leads.
- 4500-21:** 10-Pin Female Connector with Cap
- 4500-21V:** 10-Pin Female Pigtail with tinned leads.

ACCESSORIES

- 4500-6:** Canvas bag.
- 4500-7:** Moisture trap with desiccant capsules (2) for 3 mm (1/8") polyethylene tube vent line.
- 4500-8:** Desiccant capsule for moisture traps.
- 4500-40-1:** Magnetic Shield for 19 mm (3/4") Ø sensor.
- 4500-40-2:** Magnetic Shield for 25 mm (1") Ø sensor.
- 4500-40-3:** Magnetic Shield for 38 mm (1.5") Ø sensor.
- 4580-1-ENCL:** Standard enclosure for Barometer. Includes mounting plate, clamp, and breather vent.
- CON-A350:** Kellems Grip for 6–8 mm (0.22–0.32") Ø Cable.
- CON-A351:** Kellems Grip for 7–9 mm (0.29–0.37") Ø Cable.