Introduction
The aim of this document is to specify and describe the LPS35HW water resistant properties with respect to the applicable international standards, selected for similarity with the final application: ISO 22810 and IEC 60529 (IP code).

To compare the behavior of LPS35HW pressure sensor with the above reported international standards, dedicated tests have been performed by an ST accredited laboratory.

Figure 1: External laboratory accreditation certificate

For additional static and dynamic tests performed to characterize the water resistant capability of LPS35HW, please contact the local ST sales support.
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LPS35HW package details

The LPS35HW is a digital output barometer that is available in a holed ceramic LGA package. Please refer to the LPS35HW datasheet for package outline and mechanical data.

The LPS35HW is intrinsically waterproof thanks to the ceramic cavity base and the potting gel that covers the sensible element and the readout electronics.

The package is closed on the top with a holed metallic cap that is attached to the ceramic base through an epoxy glue. In this region the package is considered water resistant and not fully sealed against water.

Refer to Figure 3: “CCLGA – 10L (3.5 x 3.5 x 1.85 mm) water resistance details” for package sealing characteristics.
2 IEC 60529 (IP code) – Degrees of protection provided by enclosures

Depending on their potential exposure to foreign objects, electrical devices must, according to IEC 60529, belong to a specific type of protection. The types of protection are also called IP codes. The abbreviation IP stands for “ingress protection”.

The IP codes indicate the level of protection that the enclosure provides against the ingress of hazardous parts and solid foreign objects (marked by the first characteristic numeral of the IP code) and against harmful effects due to the ingress of water (marked by the second characteristic numeral of the IP code).

Where there is no data available to specify a protection rating with regard to one of the criteria, the digit is replaced with the letter “X”. The digit “0” is used where no protection is provided.

Please refer to the IEC 60529:2010 standard for the full description and definition of each degree of protection.
3 Test setup and process

Tests were performed on LPS35HW production parts that have been submitted to the following steps:

1. Preconditioning phase
   a. 24h at 125 °C
   b. 48h at 60 %/ 60 °C
2. two cycles of JEDEC compliant reflow process at 260 °C
3. soldering on adapter boards with a third JEDEC compliant process

Adapter boards of LPS35HW have been used together with plastic caps and commercial O-rings (1 mm diameter and 1 mm thickness – nitrile, 70 shore hardness) by the external laboratory to apply the requested testing condition. The test setup is shown in Figure 6: “Plastic cap and standard o-ring mounted on the parts”.

Figure 5: Plastic cap and standard o-ring used for water stress tests

The plastic cap is mounted on the LPS35HW evaluation board with the O-ring placed between the plastic cap itself and the device under test. Four screws allow the sealing of the system to emulate the vertical force induced on LPS35HW cap by a gasket/chassis system in the final application.
The plastic cap has two plastic tubes on top of it: one connected to the inlet for water loading and the other one connected to other DUT in series, as described in Figure 7: “Devices connected in series for IPx8 test”. After the water is loaded into the package, overpressure is applied through the inlet, keeping the whole system perfectly closed.

For each test, 3 adapter boards with LPS35HW production parts have been tested.

The tests for IPx7 – temporary immersion up to 1 m – were made by completely immersing the LPS35HW in water so that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Tested with the lowest point of the enclosure 1000 mm below the surface of the water, or the highest point 150 mm below the surface, whichever is deeper
2. The duration of the test is 30 min

The test conditions for IPx8 – continuous immersion – are subjected to agreements between the manufacturer and user, but they shall be more severe than those prescribed in
IPx7 tests and they shall take account of the condition that the enclosure will be continuously immersed in water. In LPS35HW case, parts have been immersed in water at 20 °C and subjected to a pressure of 5bar for 60 minutes. After that, parts have been dried with Nitrogen before being tested.
4 Test outcomes

4.1 IPx7

Stress test for IPx7: 30 min at a pressure of 0.11 bar in water immersion (equivalent at ~1.1 m water depth).

Figure 8: IPx7 test results

4.2 IPx8

Stress test for IPx8: 1h at a pressure of 5 bar in water immersion (equivalent at ~50 m water depth).

Figure 9: IPx8 test results

4.3 CEI/IEC 60529 (IP code) - results and remarks

The LPS35HW has been successfully tested for IPx7 and IPx8 standards. All the parts tested recovered properly after the stress conditions applied.
ISO 22810 horology– water-resistant watches

ISO 22810 horology – water-resistant watches, has been drawn up to meet a global demand for clear and unambiguous specifications in this area. It establishes the requirements and specifies the test methods used to verify the water resistance of watches.

Please refer to the standard Reference number ISO 22810:2010 for the full list of stress tests.

5.1 Applicable stress tests from ISO 22810

Three applicable tests have been selected to stress LPS35HW as follows.

- 4.3.2 water resistance to overpressure:
  - Water immersion
  - Raise the pressure in the container in 1 minute to an overpressure of 5 bar
  - Hold at the selected overpressure for 10 minutes
  - After 1 minute, reduce the pressure back down to ambient pressure

- 4.3.3 water resistance at shallow depth
  - Immerse the device in water to a depth of 10 cm ± 2 cm
  - Keep the device under water for 1 hour

- 4.3.5 water resistance on exposure to thermal shocks
  - Immerse the device in water to a depth of 10 cm ± 2 cm
  - Water at 40 °C for 5 minutes
  - 1 minute transfer to the next condition
  - Water at 20 °C for 5 minutes
  - 1 minute transfer to the next condition
  - Water at 40 °C for 5 minutes

5.2 Test setup and process

Tests were performed on LPS35HW production parts that have been submitted to the following steps:

1. Preconditioning phase
   a. 24h at 125 °C
   b. 48h at 60 % / 60 °C

2. Two cycles of JEDEC compliant reflow process at 260 °C

3. Soldering on adapter boards with a third JEDEC compliant process

Adapter boards of LPS35HW have been used together with plastic caps and commercial O-rings (1 mm diameter and 1 mm thickness – nitrile, 70 shore hardness) by the external laboratory to apply the requested pressure condition. The test setup is shown in Figure 10: “Plastic cap and standard o-ring used for water stress tests applied on parts soldered on adapter boards”. The plastic cap is mounted on the LPS35HW evaluation board with the O-ring placed between the plastic cap itself and the device under test. Four screws allow the sealing of the system to emulate the vertical force induced on LPS35HW cap by a gasket/chassis system in the final application. The plastic cap has two plastic tubes on top.

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a According to Test 4.1, not reported here, the temperature must be under control and between 18 °C and 25 °C and water temperature equal to ambient temperature in all the test (except for Test 4.3.5).

b The device must be immersed completely in a suitable container filled with water. Raise the pressure in the container in 1 min to a minimum overpressure of 2 bar. Hold it at this pressure for 10 min. Then, in 1 min, reduce the pressure back down to ambient pressure. Higher overpressure values can be specified by the manufacturer, as per ST’s indication of 5 bar.
of it: one connected to the inlet for water loading and the other one connected to the outlet as venting hole. After the water is loaded into the package, overpressure is applied through the inlet, keeping the outlet perfectly closed. For each applicable test, 3 adapter boards with LPS35HW production parts have been tested.

Figure 10: Plastic cap and standard o-ring used for water stress tests applied on parts soldered on adapter boards

5.3 Test outcomes

5.3.1 Results: water resistance to overpressure - Test 4.3.2

The device is put under strain according to the following procedure:

- Water immersion
- Raise the pressure in the container in 1 minute to an overpressure of 5 bar\(^a\)
- Hold at the selected overpressure for 10 minutes
- After 1 minute, reduce the pressure back down to ambient pressure

The absolute accuracy is reported in the last column before and after the stress test.

\(^a\) The device must be immersed completely in a suitable container filled with water. Raise the pressure in the container in 1 min to a minimum overpressure of 2 bar. Hold it at this pressure for 10 min. Then, in 1 min, reduce the pressure back down to ambient pressure. Higher overpressure values can be specified by the manufacturer, as per ST's indication of 5 bar.
5.3.2 Results: water resistance at shallow depth - Test 4.3.3

The device is put under strain according to the following procedure:

- Immerse the device in water to a depth of 10 cm ± 2 cm
- Keep the device under water for 1 hour

The absolute accuracy is reported in the last column before and after the stress test.

![Figure 12: Test 4.3.3 results – DUT 1](image)

5.3.3 Results: water resistance at thermal shock - Test 4.3.5

The device is put under strain according to the following procedure:

- Immerse the device in water to a depth of 10 cm ± 2 cm
- Water at 40 °C for 5 minutes
- 1 minute transfer to the next condition
- Water at 20 °C for 5 minutes
- 1 minute transfer to the next condition
- Water at 40 °C for 5 minutes

The absolute accuracy is reported in the last column before and after the stress test.

![Figure 13: Test 4.3.5 results](image)

5.3.4 ISO 22810 - results and remarks

The LPS35HW has been successfully tested for all the applicable tests related to ISO 22810 horology -- water-resistant watches. All the parts tested recovered properly after the stress conditions applied.
5.4 Conclusions

LPS35HW has been successfully tested for:

- CEI IEC 60529 – IP Code IPx7 and IPx8
  - 30 min at a pressure of 0.11 bar in water immersion (equivalent at ~1.1 m water depth) and 1 hour at a pressure of 5 bar in water immersion (equivalent at ~50 m water depth).

- ISO 22810 horology – water-resistant watches
  - LPS35HW can be considered water resistant to overpressure, water resistant at shallow depth and water resistant to thermal shocks

It should be noted that LPS35HW package is intrinsically waterproof in the ceramic base and potting gel, while it is water resistant on the metal lid in the region of the sealing line.

Special care must be taken into account when designing the final application/product in order to properly seal the rest of the sensitive components (electronic components, pcb, connectors, displays, battery, etc…) through specific gasket/enclosures design.

The final product must be re-qualified to achieve the same applicable standards, even if less stringent (i.e. IPx6, etc…).

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\(a\) Refer to Section 4.1 for the applicable tests and conditions.
ISO 22810 horology– water-resistant watches

5.5 Conformity certificate

Figure 14: Conformity certificate

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We certify that the batch of LPS35HW sensors described below, submitted to conformity tests according ISO 22810: 2010, paragraphs 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.6, and according to IEC 60529: 2010, paragraphs 14.2.7 (degree of protection IPX7) and 14.2.8 (degree of protection IPX8, immersion equivalent 50m of water for 1 hour), in the Metrological Labs of Metra s.r.l.

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