Manual

Oxygen module FCX-MP1000-Extern-FH-CH





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2 Customer Service

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3 Security Information

Safety hazards that can endanger humans or do damage to the devices are specially mentioned in the user manual.

Before installing the device you should read the instructions carefully. Please take note of all paragraphs that point out possible hazards.

Warnings and instructions are expressed as followed:



Means that ignoring this instruction can endanger humans



Means that this instruction has to be followed in order to prevent damage to the device





4 Measuring Principle

The sensor module is a complete solution for measuring oxygen within the range of 0...1000 ppmO2. The sensor and the electronics are connected via board. The sensor is encapsulated in a pressure tight flow housing. The electronics amplify the sensor signal and transform it into a linear current output signal 4...20mA (according to IEC 60381)

In the picture below the schematics of zirconia sensing elements are shown.



Zirconium oxide, heated to about 450 °C, is penetrable for oxygen ions. A voltage applied to the sensor therefore pumps the oxygen out of the inner chamber. At a constant gas pressure, the quantity of oxygen pumped out is equal to the quantity of oxygen molecules diffusing in through the capillary, and within a certain range it is independent of the voltage applied between the electrodes. The measurement current it proportional to the quantity of oxygen molecules pumped away. The relationship between the oxygen partial pressure and sensor current is governed by the formula

$$I_{L} = ([A]/1000) \times [O2ppm],$$

where

- I_L = sensor current
- A = sensor output current in 1000ppm O2 (μ A)
- $pO_2 = oxygen concentration (vol ppmO2)$

The sensor module performs four tasks:

- Regulation of the heating power of the sensor
- Amplification of the microampere signal from the sensor
- Linearization of the relation between oxygen partial pressure and sensor current
- Conversion of the amplified signal into a standardised current output signal

The sensor and module are calibrated to one another at the factory. The heating voltage must be custom-adjusted for each sensor to bring the temperature to exactly 450 °C. The sensor is not directly replaceable, and cannot be used with other modules.



5. Operation Start

5.1 **Mechanical Installation**

The dimensions of the board are 75 x 40 mm. On every corner are mounting holes with a diameter of 3,5 mm.





The board holds highly sensitive switches. While installing make sure that no components get damaged mechanically

5.2 **Pneumatical Connections**

The flow housing has two pressure ports with 6 mm diameter. The flow direction is from the top part (with the bulb-form appearance) to the bottom part where the sensor connecting wires comes out.



Do never use silicone tubes.



5.3 Electrical Connections



5.3.1 Supply

The module gets supplied with 7...28VDC through the clamps 1 (+) and 2 (-), approx. 200mA (24VDC).

5.3.2 Analog Output

For the output signal the clamps 3 (+) and 4 (-) can be used.





6 Environment Condition

Also see item 11 in our specifications, especially for the temperature and humidity range (noncondensing).

- Not to be operated outdoors.
- Protect the module against humidity
- The sensor is best operated in oxygen concentrations below 1000 ppmO2, but can see short periods of atmospheric oxygen (20.9 vol%O2). Continuous exposure (> 2 min) of the sensor with oxygen concentrations above 1 vol%O2 slows the sensor response and limits the lifetime of the sensor.

The temperature of the sensor is 450°C. Be aware of possible dangers while handling sensitive gas mixtures.



Potentially explosive Atmosphere

The device mustn't be opened in a potentially explosive atmosphere.

7 Warm Up Time

The modules need a warm up time of approx. 3 minutes

8 Gas Flow

The following points should be noted:

- The flow should not be less than 0.1 l/min and no greater than 1.0 l/min; ideally, it should be 0.5 l/min.
- We recommend placing an appropriate filter upstream of the module, since contaminants brought in by the flow can significantly shorten the service life of the sensor.
- Avoid condensation (H₂O) in the sensor housing.





9 Calibration

All necessary adjustments and calibrations are being done at the production site. The output signal is to be read as followed:

 pO_2 (ppm) = 1000 (ppm) (I_{out} [mA] – 4 [mA]) / 16 [mA]

means:

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pO_2: oxygen partial pressure in ppm of the total pressure I_{out}: output current in mA
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9.1 Calibration Adjustments and Periodical Check-ups

It is recommended to check the device periodically by running it under regular lab conditions and flush the sensor with pure nitrogen (6N) to check the zero-point. After flushing the sensor for 1 minute the output current should be 4.005 +/-0.005 mA.

9.2 Adjustment Span and Zero

The modules are calibrated and each module is supplied with a calibration sheet. The result of the measuring at an environmental temperature of 25°C and in pure nitrogen should be 0+/-50 ppm. Should there be higher differences as expected try following procedure.



- 1 Attach the module to the supply
- 2 Expose the sensor with a gas with known concentration and in the range 1000+/-10 ppm.
- 3 After 10min. adjust the output signal using the span potentiometer. In a clean environment the amplifier should have an output signal of 20,00 mA (±0,05 mA).
- 4 Flow pure N₂ (6N).
- 5 After approx. ca. 10min. adjust the output signal to 4,050 mA $\pm 0,05$ mA using the zero potentiometer.

This completes the calibration.



10 Important Advice

10.1 Restrictions

- 1 Don't separate the sensor from the circuit board.
- 2 Don't change the length of the lead wires.
- 3 Do not continuously operate the sensor in a high oxygen concentration (> 0.1 % O₂) If the sensor is exposed to such high oxygen concentration, limited output over 20mA will be observed. Should this happen, please turn off the power source.
- 4 Please use regulated DC power source with current capacity over 1 ampere/pc. If current capacity is not sufficient, the sensor module will not operate correctly.
- 5 This sensor module was adjusted for O_2 - N_2 system, so abnormal output maybe observed if there are other gases present.
- 6 Don't use in a gas that contains the halogen atoms (F, Cl, Br) such as the flon gas. The sensor will be damaged by decomposition of the flon gas.
- 7 SO_x, NO_x und H_2S will damage the performance of the sensor. Therefore, please do not use sensor module in the atmosphere that contains these gases.



11 Specifications

Measurement Ranges	: 01000 ppmO ₂	
Supply	: 24 VDC nominally (728 VDC)	
Current supply	: typ. 200 mA (24 VDC). Turn off peak approx. 0,7 A	
Power Consumption	: 2 W	
Output	: 420 mA, linear	
Accuracy	: ±50 ppmO2	
Repeatability	: ±5% Reading	
Temperature Influence	: measuring faults [in % pO ₂] ~ pO ₂ [% x (T _e [°C] – 25°C) / 500 T _e = environmental temperature of the sensors	
Response Time	: < 8 sec. T ₉₀	
Gas Temperature	: -10+50 °C	
Environmental temperature	: -20+70 °C	
Humidity	: 85% RH non-condensing	
Dimensions L x W x H	: 75 x 40 mm	
Weight	: 100 g	







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