



MultiGas Infrared Module NDIR

- NON-DISPERSIVE INFRARED SENSOR (NDIR), SENSORS
- MULTIGASNDIR
 - o CO2 CO N2O CNHM CH4 C2H6 C3H8 C4H10 CF4 H2O

NDIR Sensor = non-dispersive infrared sensor Featuring high-performance light-emitting diodes (IR-LED) and thermal micro-radiators



Overview

The RITTER MultiGas Sensors NDIR Module (non-dispersive IR sensor) has been specially developed for use in high-quality gas analysis. In the design phase special emphasis was placed on high stability and a low detection limit. These goals could be fully achieved by using high-performance light-emitting diodes (IR-LED) and thermal micro-radiators which were adapted to the requirements of gas detection. In the spectral range from 2 μ m to 12 μ m, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, water vapor and sulphur hexafluoride can be safely detected down to the ppm range with this innovative sensor platform.

The various photometric components such as detectors, emitters, measuring sample cell, etc. will be assembled user-specifically in a high-quality tabletop casing by RITTER.





Applications

- Biogas research
- Environmental and process measuring technology.
- Elemental analysis
- TOC-analysers
- Industrial gas analysis
- Natural gas analysis



Characteristics and Benefits

- Group of detectable gases: CO₂ CO N₂O CH₄ C_nH_m* CF₄ SF₆ H₂O
- Measurement technology: NDIR-Sensor (non-dispersive IR sensor)
- Measurement accuracy ±2% of Full Scale (F.S.)
- No cross-sensitivity to H₂
- Operating temperature: 5 45 °C
- Operating pressure: 800 1200 mbar (hPa) abs.
- Flow rate range: 1 ltr/day 100 ltr/h
- Warm-up time: 2 min
- Response time (t90): ≈ 3 sec
- Interface USB, on request RS 232
- Sensor cuvette: Aluminium, gold plated for sensor length 100 ≥ mm.
- Incl. temperature compensation
- Incl. data acquisition software
- In tabletop casing, overall dimensions W x H x L 171 x 85 x 246 mm, weight approx.
 1,9 kg
- Gas connection: PVDF screw-type tube connection for tube $Ø_i$ 4 mm, $Ø_a$ 6 mm
- Power supply: 24 VDC (incl. power plug 100 240 VAC / 24 VDC)





General Features	
Measurement technology	Innovative NDIR Sensor (non-dispersive infrared
	sensor)
Detectable gases:	CO CH CF SF
Number of simultaneously detectable gases:	max. 3 per sensor unit
Measurement ranges:	See
	Table of Measurement Ranges
Flow rate range:	5 ~ 300 ltr/h
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Max. gas inlet pressure:	300 mbar
Pressure loss (without additional optional sensors):	10 @ 100 / 35 @ 200 / 70 @ 300 (mbar @ ltr/h)
Temperature compensation:	Yes
Data acquisition software:	Yes
Lifetime of IR radiation source:	> 40 000 h
Measurement cuvette:	Aluminium, with measurement ranges ≤1%
	gold-plated inside
Cuvette sealing:	Viton O-ring
Casing:	High-quality table-top casing, aluminium
Dimensions:	(W x H x L): 171 x 86 x 290 mm
Weight:	approx. 2 kg
Gas connections:	PVDF screw-type tube connection for tube Ø 4
	mm, Ø 6 mm

Measuring response								
Linearity error:	< ± 1% F.S.							
Repeatability:	± 0.5% F.S.							
Long term stability zero:	< ± 2% F.S. / week							
Long term stability span:	< ± 2% F.S. / month							
Temperature influence of zero point	< 1% F.S. / 10K							
Temperature influence of span:	< 2% F.S. / 10K							
Cross sensitivity:	< 2% F.S.							
Pressure influence:	< 1.5% / 10hPa of reading							
Warm-up time:	2 min							
Response time (t):	≈ 3 sec							
Sampling frequency by software:	≤ 10 Hz							
Detection limit:	See							
	Table of Detection Limits							
Resolution:	0.5 x detection limit							
Water vapour:	No influence with measurements of CO and CH							





Electrical features							
Power Supply:	24 VDC incl. power plug 100 ~ 240 VAC						
	50/60 Hz: 24 VDC						
Average power consumption:	< 1W						
Interface:	USB (standard), RS232 / CANbus / CANopen						
	(options)						
	incl. data transmission cable 1 m						
Analogue voltage output (option):	0 – 2 V / 0 – 5 V / 0 – 10 V						

Climatic conditions	
Operating temperature:	+15 ~ +45 °C
Storage temperature:	−20 ~ +60 °C
Operating pressure:	800 ~ 1200 hPa (mbar)
Ambient humidity:	0 ~ 95% rel. humidity
	Condensing inside of sensor must be prevented!

* Analysis of C H: The calibration of sensors for C H will be performed with propane. Aromatic hydrocarbons are also measured but with a different weighting.

This means that the sensitivity of the sensor is significantly smaller with these gases than with other hydrocarbons. Recalibration





List of standard measurement ranges *1 (and detection limits *2)

	Standard Measuring Ranges with respective Detection Limits (% of F.S. *3)															
	100	50	30	20	10	5	1	5,000	2,000	1,000	500	300	100	50	10	1
	Vol.%	Vol.%	Vol.%	Vol.%	Vol.%	Vol.%	Vol.%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
CO2	~ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)		(< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	√ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	~	(< 0.3%)	~ (< 0.3%)		
со	~ (< 0.2%)	~ (< 0.2%)	~ (< 0.2%)		~ (< 0.2%)	~ (< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)	(< 0.3%)	~ (< 0.5%)	(< 0.5%)					
N ₂ O	(< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~	~			~	(< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.3%)			
C _n H _m *4	~ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~	~ (< 0.2%)	~ (< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)	(< 0.5%)	~ (< 0.5%)						
CH ₄	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.3%)	~ (< 0.5%)						
CF ₄	~ (< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)	(< 0.2%)					(< 0.02%)	(< 0.05%)							
SF ₆	~ (< 0.1%)	(< 0.1%)	~ (< 0.1%)					~ (< 0.2%)	~	(< 0.5%)			~ (< 0.3%)	~ (< 0.3%)		
H ₂ O						~	~	~								

*1 A standard measurement range is defined by 🗸 / *2 (= 3 σ) in Percent of Full Scale / *3 F.S. = Full Scale / *4 Calibration with Propane

Infrared module NDIR Ultraviolet module NDUV





Calibration

- Readjustment of the zero-point is recommended once a week.
- Contamination of the measuring cuvette can lead to shifting of the endpoint. Due to the integrated filter, re-adjustment of the endpoint is generally not required – but can be performed once a year.
- Additionally, cartridges filled with an inert and the respective test gas for recalibration of the zero and endpoint can be provided.
- Long-term drift is < 1% of Full Scale (F.S.) / 24 h.

Recalibrations

The following recalibration intervals are recommended for IR sensors:

- Zero-point: Weekly with inert gas, e.g. Nitrogen
 The recalibration of the zero point is described in the software manual.
- Endpoint (full scale): Every 3 months with suitable calibration gas