

CARBON MONOXIDE SENSING

DESCRIPTION

The Sensor Pack monitors multiple air quality parameters across 16 zones, independently reporting on each. Each sensor pack contains sensors for air velocity, temperature, humidity, and pressure. With a reference to clean air, it cancels sensor drift, ensuring more accurate and consistent data compared to standard wall-mounted solutions. All required sensors for a specific application are pre-installed in one sensor pack, making calibration effortless through a tool-free replacement process.



WHY

Monitoring for carbon monoxide (CO) is critical because it's an odorless, colorless gas that can be extremely harmful when inhaled. CO is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels such as gas, oil, coal, and wood. It competes with oxygen in the bloodstream, preventing oxygen from reaching vital organs and tissues, which can lead to CO poisoning.

Health and Safety: High concentrations of carbon monoxide can be harmful to humans. Exposure to CO can lead to symptoms like dizziness, headaches, nausea, and in severe cases, it can even be fatal. Monitoring helps ensure that CO levels remain within safe limits, protecting the health of individuals who use or work in the facility.

Compliance with Regulations: Many safety regulations and building codes require monitoring for carbon monoxide in enclosed spaces, including parking structures, to maintain safe environments for occupants and to comply with legal standards.

Early Detection of Issues: Monitoring systems provide early detection of elevated CO levels, allowing for prompt investigation and intervention if there's a problem with vehicle emissions, ventilation systems, or any other source contributing to increased CO levels within the facility.

Optimizing Ventilation: Monitoring CO levels helps determine if ventilation systems are effectively removing CO from indoor spaces. It ensures that adequate fresh air is brought in and that exhaust systems are efficiently removing contaminants, preventing CO buildup.

Monitoring CO for demand-controlled ventilation involves using carbon monoxide levels as indicators to regulate the amount of fresh air brought into a space. By tracking carbon monoxide levels, ventilation systems can be adjusted or activated as needed to ensure sufficient fresh air circulation and reduce CO concentration to safe levels. This method optimizes ventilation by responding dynamically to actual needs rather than relying on fixed schedules, potentially reducing energy consumption while ensuring adequate air quality based on real-time conditions.



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HOW IT WORKS

The sensor uses solid polymer electrochemical technology which is based on the principle of electrochemical catalytic reaction caused by the target gas. This reaction leads to an electrical signal that is directly proportional to the gas concentration. The sensor is composed of three catalytic electrodes, a solid electrolyte, and gas diffusion holes. The gas reaches the working electrode of the sensor through the diffusion holes, an electrochemical redox reaction occurs on the porous micro-surface of the electrode, the solid electrolyte conducts electron transfer, and generates a current signal as an output. The current signal is used to characterize the gas concentration.

SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Value	Units
Technology	ElectroChemical	
Range	0-10	ppm
Humidity Range	15-95	%
Resolution	0.001	ppm
Accuracy	± 5	% (FS)
Response ¹	30	S
Recovery ¹	120 s	
Overload	10	ppm
Calibration	2	Year(s)

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CROSS SENSITIVITY

Gas¹	Formula	Concentration (ppm)	Response (ppm)
Ammonia	NH ₃	50	0
Chlorine	Cl ₂	1	0
Ozone	О3	50	0
Hydrogen	H ₂	1000	500
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	50	0
Hydrogen Cyanide	HCN	50	0
Nitrogen Dioxide	NO ₂	10	0
Sulfur Dioxide	SO ₂	10	0
Benzene	C ₆ H ₆	986.5	0
Ethanol	C ₂ H ₆ O	104.2	0
Ethylene Oxide	C ₂ H ₄ O	14.4	0
Methane	CH ₄	3%/vol	0
Acetylene	C ₂ H ₂	1%/vol	0
Formaldehyde	CH₂O	1	0
Isobutene	C ₄ H ₈	300	0
Methylene Chloride	CH ₂ Cl ₂	30	0

^{1.} Table is not complete for all gases, and the sensor may be sensitive to other gases



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