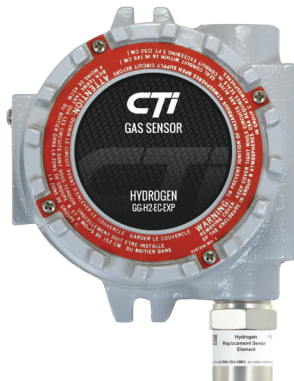


GG-H2-EC-EXP HYDROGEN SENSOR



Installation and Operation Manual

Warning

**Use this product only in the manner described in this manual.
If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by Calibration Technologies, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.**

This equipment should be installed by qualified personnel.

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General Description

The GG-H2-EC-EXP sensor is a +24 VDC, three-wire, 4/20 mA sensor for hydrogen which utilizes proven electrochemical sensor technology for fast and accurate detection. The GG-H2-EC-EXP provides real-time continuous monitoring of hydrogen concentrations accurately without false alarms. Two ranges are available: 0-2,000 ppm and 0-10,000 ppm H₂ (0-1% or 0-25%LEL).

The GG-H2-EC-EXP provides an industry standard linear 4/20 mA output signal compatible with most gas detection systems and PLCs. The output signal is not affected by drastic temperature and moisture variations, or by other atmospheric variations.

The transmitter circuit board is sealed in potting compound, protecting sensitive electronic components and copper tracing from corrosion.

Installation

Locating the sensor

One of the most important considerations when installing GG-H2-EC-EXP sensors is that they must be easily accessible for calibration and maintenance. Since hydrogen gas is lighter than air, the sensor should be located close to the ceiling. This is where hydrogen gas will typically accumulate. This mounting location will usually provide the best personnel and property protection.

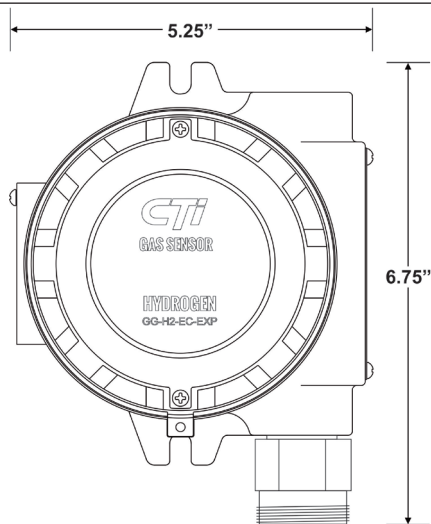
As a general rule of thumb, try to mount sensors within 30 feet of hydrogen gas sources.

Caution: Remove protective label.

The sensor is shipped with a label installed over the gas diffusion port of the electrochemical cell to preserve cell life. The cell will not detect H₂ gas with this label installed. Remove label and discard during installation.

Installation Guidelines:

- Remove and discard the protective label
- Always mount the sensor vertically, with the sensor pointing down.
- Must be easily accessible for calibration and maintenance.
- Mount the sensor close to the potential leak source.
- For optimum detection, mount sensor close to ceiling (1' to 3' below ceiling).
- Take air movement and ventilation patterns into account.
- To prevent electrical interference, keep sensor and wire runs away from mercury vapor lights, variable speed drives, and radio repeaters.
- Protect sensor from physical damage (forklifts, etc.)
- If mounting on a wall with studs, the mounting screws should be screwed into the studs.
- Never mount the sensor in CA (controlled atmosphere) rooms because normal atmospheric levels of oxygen are required for operation.
- For highly critical locations, more than one sensor should be installed in each room.
- Mount sensor enclosure through the mounting holes as shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1: Mounting Dimensions**

Operation

Start-up

Sensor can be response tested and/or span calibrated immediately after power up. Allow 60 seconds for power up time delay of sensor to end (green power LED will flash during power up).

Start-Up Test:

- 1) One person exposes each sensor to calibration gas
- 2) The second person stays at the control unit to determine that each sensor, when exposed to the gas, is connected to the proper input and responds, causing appropriate alarm functions.

LED functions (see Figure 2 on page 8)

Calibration

The GG-H2-EC-EXP sensor comes factory calibrated and should require only minimal adjustments after installation. There are two pots on the preamp that are used for calibration (see Figure 2).

Note: Never measure sensor output in mA. Always use mVDC or VDC voltmeter settings.

Zero Calibration: After the sensor is installed and has been powered up for a minimum of 8 hours, the unit can be zero calibrated by the following:

- Be sure the unit is in clean air.
- Adjust the Zero pot until the sensor outputs 40 mV from TP [-] to TP [+] (see Figure 2).

Note: To zero the sensor immediately after power up or cell replacement, unplug cell from the transmitter and adjust signal to 40 mV.

Span Calibration: Do not adjust the span pot without certified calibration gas. If span adjustment is required, use the following procedure:

- To enter calibration mode (disables all filtering and averaging), turn the Zero pot clockwise 1/4 turn and then back again. Successful entry into calibration mode will be indicated by the Power (green) LED blinking twice per second. Calibration mode will time out automatically after 4 minutes.
- Apply span gas at 0.5 to 0.8 L/min.
- Sensor should react to gas within 15 seconds.
- Once the output signal has peaked (or 2 minutes maximum) adjust the Span pot until the correct output is achieved (see **Figure 2**). With full-scale span gas, the calculated span value is 200 mV.
((span gas / sensor range * 16 + 4) (mA output))

Note: Below are a few response characteristics which may be an indication that the gas sensor is at or near the end of its useful life. If any of these are observed, the sensor element should be replaced:

- Slow response to / recovery from calibration gas.
- Failure of the output to reach 40% of the calibration gas value prior to span adjustment.
- Unable to achieve correct output during span.

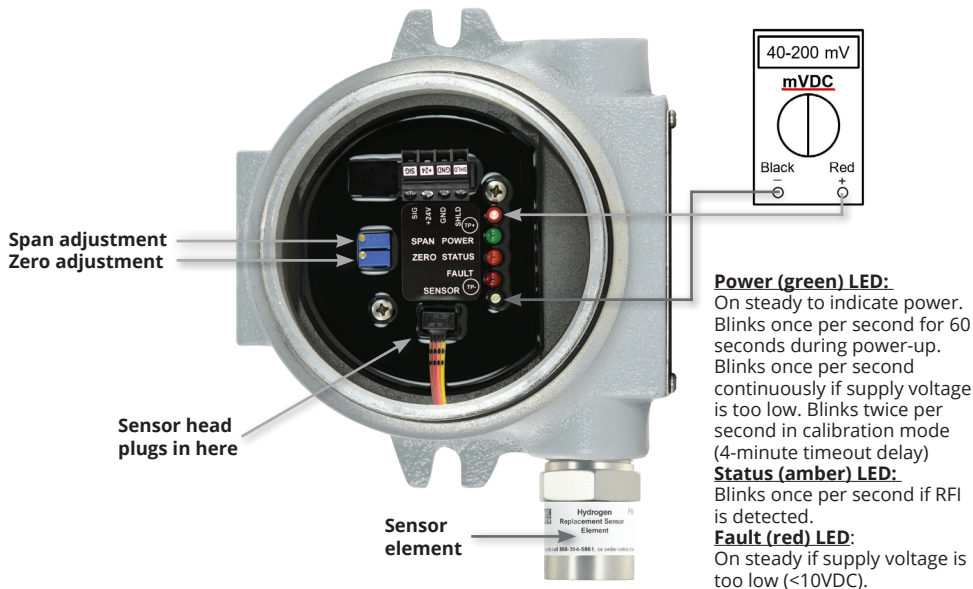


Figure 2: Sensor board components and zero/span adjustment

Maintenance

The GG-H2-EC-EXP was designed for long life and minimal maintenance. For proper operation, it is essential that the test and calibration schedule be adhered to. Calibration Technologies recommends the following maintenance schedule

Maintenance Guidelines:

- The sensor is shipped with a factory calibration. Sensor should be calibrated 6 months from purchase date.
- Calibrate the detector at least once every 6 months.
- Calibration should be performed with certified calibration gas. Calibration kits and replacement cylinders are available from Calibration Technologies.
- All tests and calibrations must be logged.
- Always disconnect power at the controller before performing any wiring at the sensor.

Sensor Life: These electrochemical cells are extremely reliable, but several things can cause the cell chemicals to become depleted including:

- a period of time
- exposure to high temperatures
- continuous, long term exposure to hydrogen

When the cell becomes depleted, the unit will give no indication of failure other than that the sensor will not respond. For this reason, it is **absolutely essential that these sensors be calibrated on a regular basis**. Typical cell life will be two to five years. When the cell becomes depleted, a replacement cell can be obtained from Calibration Technologies. Simply unplug the cell's ribbon cable from the transmitter, unscrew cell from enclosure, discard, and replace it with a new one.

The new cell can be span-calibrated immediately, however, an 8-hour warm-up period is required before zeroing, if necessary.

Replacement sensor element:
Order number: **GG-H2-EC-RC-EXP**

Specifications

Input Power: +24 VDC, 40 mA

Detection Principle: Electrochemical

Detection Method: Diffusion

Gases: Hydrogen (H₂)

Ranges:

0-10,000 ppm (1%) standard

0-2,000 ppm

Output Signal:

Linear 4/20 mA (max input impedance: 700 Ohms)

Response Time:

T₅₀ = less than 30 seconds

T₉₀ = less than 60 seconds

Accuracy:

+/- 5% of full-scale, dependent time since last calibration

Zero Drift: Less than 0.1% of full-scale per month, non-cumulative

Span Drift: Less than 3% per month

Linearity: +/- 0.5% of full-scale

Repeatability: +/- 1% of full-scale

Temperature Range:

-4°F to +122°F (-20°C to +50°C)

Humidity Range: 5% to 100% non-condensing

Dimensions: 6.75" high x 5.25" wide x 4.5" deep

Weight: 3.75 lbs

Power (green) LED: Blinks once per second for 60 seconds during power-up. If supply voltage is too low (<10VDC) or improperly grounded, will blink once per second continuously. Stays on steady to indicate power. Blinks twice per second in calibration mode (4-minute timeout delay).

Status (amber) LED: Blinks once per second if RFI (radio frequency interference) is detected.

Fault (red) LED: Stays on steady if supply voltage is too low (<10VDC).

Wiring Connections: 3-conductor, shielded, stranded, ≥ 20 AWG cable (General Cable C2525A or equivalent) up to 1500 ft.

Terminal Block Plug (Field Wiring): 26-12 AWG, torque 4.5 lbs-in.

Enclosure: Copper-free aluminum body, epoxy powder coat finish, neoprene gasket, for hazardous areas.

NEC/CEC:

Class I, Division 1 & 2, Groups B, C, D

Class II, Division 1, Groups E, F, G

Class II, Division 2, Groups F, G

Class III

NEMA/EEMAC: 3, 4, 4X, 7BCD, 9EFG

UL Standard: 1203

CSA Standard: C22.2 No. 30

FM Classification No.: 3615

ATEX Certificate KEMA 02 ATEX 2265U

IEC Standards EN:60079-0, EN:60079-1, EN:60529

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Calibration Technologies, Inc. (CTI) warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of two years (including the cell), beginning on the date of shipment to the buyer. This warranty extends only to the sale of new and unused products to the original buyer. CTI's warranty obligation is limited, at CTI's option, to refund of the purchase price, repair, or replacement of a defective product that is returned to a CTI authorized service center within the warranty period. In no event shall CTI's liability hereunder exceed the purchase price actually paid by the buyer for the Product.

This warranty does not include:

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- b) any product which in CTI's opinion, has been misused, altered, neglected or damaged by accident or abnormal conditions of operation, handling or use;
- c) any damage or defects attributable to repair of the product by any person other than an authorized dealer or contractor, or the installation of unapproved parts on the product

The obligations set forth in this warranty are conditional on:

- a) proper storage, installation, calibration, use, maintenance and compliance with the product manual instructions and any other applicable recommendations of CTI;
- b) the buyer promptly notifying CTI of any defect and, if required, promptly making the product available for correction. No goods shall be returned to CTI until receipt by the buyer of shipping instructions from CTI; and
- c) the right of CTI to require that the buyer provide proof of purchase such as the original invoice, bill of sale or packing slip to establish that the product is within the warranty period.

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