Molecular Property Spectrometer™ Technology (MPS)

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Detect over 15 Flammable gases Sensor Poisoning solved TrueLEL[™] Multi-Gas accuracy Zero calibration for 5 years Hydrogen ready



Molecular Property Spectrometer[™] technology accurately detects over 15 hazardous gases in one MPS sensor for better safety and more operational efficiency.

A higher standard of flammable gas detection. Keep people and premises safer, with more efficient and accurate testing. Building on over 50 years of gas expertise, Crowcon is pioneering advanced molecular property spectrometer (MPS[™]) sensor technology that detects and accurately identifies over 15 different flammable gases in one device. Now available in Crowcon's flagship Xgard Bright fixed detector, as well as its T4x and Gasman portable products.



	Portable	Fixed		
Sensor Poisoning	The MPS [™] sensor has been designed for today's multi-gas environments, resists contamination and prevents sensor poisoning. Give your teams peace of mind with a purpose-built device in any environment.			
TrueLEL™ Multi-Gas accuracy	The MPS [™] sensor accurately detects and identifies over 15 different flammable gases automatically in real time without the need for calibration for 5 years or a correctional factor. Guarantee accurate readings, with no false alarms or non-alarms due to real-time environmental compensation.			
Reduced Fleet Maintenace/Zero calibration for 5 years	The MPS [™] sensor technology does not require calibration or scheduled maintenance over its 5-year+ lifecycle when fitted into our Gasman product*, which reduces interruptions to your operations and increases up-time. The sensor self-monitors and automatically reports any problems with its operation, giving greater peace of mind as well as reduced total cost of ownership. The larger your fleet, the greater the benefits.	The MPS [™] sensor technology does not require calibration and no maintenance over its 5-year+ lifecycle meaning a lower total cost of ownership. Scheduled maintenance is no longer needed removing interruptions to your operations. The sensor self-monitors and automatically reports any problems with its operation, giving greater peace of mind as well as reduced cost of ownership.		
Hydrogen ready	The MPS [™] sensor is tailor-made for Hydrogen detection. Increased in industrial processes, Infrared detectors cannot identify Hydrogen, so until now, the only option has been Pellistor detection with limitations around accuracy and more susceptible to poise With the MPS [™] sensor, only one device is needed saving space without compromising on safety.			
Increased Battery Life	Our portable flammable gas detectors with an MPS sensor help protect workers for longer periods by increasing the battery life by over double therefore reducing the reliance on charging and device down time.			
Zone 0	ATEX Zone 0 / Type 1 approved T4x and Gasman MPS enables operators to enter an area in which an explosive gas atmosphere is present continuously or for long periods without fear their Gasman will ignite their environment.			



TrueLEL™ Gas Detection

Gas	Formula	Detection Range	Accuracy (0-50 %LEL)	
Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Ethane	C ₂ H ₆	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Hydrogen	H ₂	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Isobutane	HC(CH ₃) ₃	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Isobutylene	C ₄ H ₈	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Isopropanol	C ₃ H ₈ O	0-100 %LEL	±10 %LEL	
Methane	CH ₄	0-100 %LEL	±3 %LEL	
Methyl ethyl ketone	C ₄ H ₈ O	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Octane	C ₈ H ₁₈	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Propane	C ₃ H ₈	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Propylene	C_3H_6	0-100 %LEL	±5 %LEL	
Toluene	C ₇ H ₈	0-100 %LEL	±12 %LEL	
Xylene	C_8H_{10}	0-100 %LEL	±12 %LEL	

Performance

	Resolution	0.1 %LEL		
Resolution Response time (T90)		< 20 seconds		
	Calibration	Factory calibrated		

Environmental Operating Range

Temperature	— 40 to 75 °C		
Humidity	0 to 100 %RH		
Pressure	80 to 120 kPa		

Flammable Gases Detected

Gas	Formula	Class5	Detection Range (%LEL)	% Volume of gas at 100 %LEL (ISO 10156)	MPS Accu- racy 0 to 50 %LEL (ISO 10156)	% Volume of gas at 100%LEL (IEC60079- 20-1)	MPS Ac- curacy 0 to 50 %LEL (IEC60079- 20-1)
Butane	C ₄ H10	4	0-100 %LEL	1.8	±5 %LEL	1.4	±5 %LEL
Ethane	C_2H_6	4	0-100 %LEL	3.0	±5 %LEL	2.4	±5 %LEL
Hydrogen	H ₂	1	0-100 %LEL	4.0	±5 %LEL	4.0	±7 %LEL
Isobutane	HC(CH ₃) ₃	4	0-100 %LEL	1.8	±5 %LEL	1.3	±9 %LEL
Isobutylene	C_4H_8	4	0-100 %LEL	1.8	±5 %LEL	1.8	±5 %LEL
Isopropanol	C ₃ H ₈ O	4	0-100 %LEL	2.0	±10 %LEL	2.0	±20 %LEL
Methane	CH_4	3	0-100 %LEL	5.0	±3 %LEL	4.4	±3 %LEL
MEK	C ₄ H ₈ O	5	0-100 %LEL	1.4	±5 %LEL	1.5	±16 %LEL
Pentane	C_5H_{12}	5	0-100 %LEL	1.5	±5 %LEL	1.1	±6 %LEL
Propane	C_3H_8	4	0-100 %LEL	2.1	±5 %LEL	1.7	±6 %LEL
Propylene	C_3H_6	4	0-100 %LEL	2.4	±5 %LEL	2.0	±5 %LEL
Acetone	C ₃ H ₆ O	5	0-100 %LEL	2.5	±20 %LEL	2.5	±24 %LEL
Ethylene	C_2H_4	4	0-100 %LEL	27	±11 %LEL	2.3	±11 %LEL
Heptane	C_7H_{16}	5	0-100 %LEL	1.1	±12 %LEL	0.85	±15 %LEL
Octane	C_8H_{18}	6	0-100 %LEL	1.0	±12 %LEL	0.8	±15 %LEL
Styrene	C_8H_8	6	0-100 %LEL	1.1	±20 %LEL	1.0	±17 %LEL
Toluene	C_7H_8	6	0-100 %LEL	1.2	±12 %LEL	1.0	±13 %LEL
Xylene	C_8H_{10}	6	0-100 %LEL	1.1	±12 %LEL	1.0	±13 %LEL

Notes:

Accuracy guaranteed for methane across full environmental range.

Other gases will typically meet published tolerances across the full environmental range but guaranteed only near standard conditions: 20°C, 50%RH.

Accuracy (+) %LEL corresponds to a higher-than-delivered reading and Accuracy (-) %LEL corresponds to a lower-than-delivered reading.

The MPS is also confirmed to detect other gases including ammonia, acetylene, ethanol, and methanol.

Please consult Crowcon for more info about your requirement

Response to Non-Flammable Gases

Oxygen (O_2): Normal air has an O_2 concentration of 20.95% by volume. Higher ambient O_2 concentrations up to ~21.8 %VOL have little to no effect on the sensor. Concentrations exceeding this can be reported as a flammable gas at %LEL levels. The cross sensitivity is approximately 1.07 %LEL per 1 %vol O_2 (e.g., oxygen at 30 %vol in air, a 9.1 %vol enrichment, would read approximately 9.7 %LEL and be identified as Class 2 - Hydrogen Mixture). The sensor is immune to poisoning by O_2 .

*Note: if O_2 concentrations decrease, the sensor response will depend on what gas is displacing the oxygen. Flammable gases displace oxygen. Methane at 100% LEL (5 %VOL methane) will reduce oxygen's relative concentration by 1.05 % VOL in ambient air, meaning the O_2 concentration decreases from 20.9 to 19.85 %VOL. Such flammable-gas-caused O_2 depletions are already considered by the sensor calibration and therefore cause no unwanted effects on sensor output. *Calculated %LEL assumes normal "air" as the background. Actual %LEL is dictated by limiting oxygen concentration.

Carbon Dioxide (CO_2) : CO_2 is present at concentrations near 400 ppm in normal air. This ambient level of CO_2 is already considered by sensor calibrations. The sensor is unaffected by elevated CO_2 concentrations up to approximately 5,000 ppm. Concentrations above this can be misinterpreted by the sensor as flammable gas. The cross sensitivity is approximately 1.74 %LEL per 1,000 ppm CO_2 (e.g., CO_2 at 10,000 ppm would read approximately 17.4 %LEL). The sensor is immune to poisoning by CO2.

*Note: Exhaled human breath contains CO_2 at concentrations of approximately 4-5 %VOL (40,000-50,000 ppm). (During respiration, the CO_2 replaces oxygen, reducing its concentration from 20.95% by volume in normal air to 13.6-16% in exhaled air.) As such, breathing directly onto the sensor can cause it to falsely report flammable gas for a brief period.

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