

SOH-A2 Sulfur Dioxide – Hydrogen Sulfide



Introduction

Personal gas safety monitors can be found in almost every industry, with the requirement for multiple gas detection becoming commonplace.

Sulfur gases are toxic with a complex chemistry. Measuring both SO₂ and H₂S provides the information for separating the corrosive gases, but with different toxicologies.

Specification Sulfur Dioxide Channel

Performance	Sensitivity	nA/ppm in 10ppm SO ₂	140 to 250
	Response time	t90 (s) from zero to 10ppm SO ₂	< 15
	Zero current	ppm equivalent in zero air	< ± 0.2
	Resolution	rms noise (ppm equivalent)	< 0.2
	Range	ppm SO ₂ limit of performance warranty	20
	Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 10ppm SO ₂	< ± 2
	Overgas limit	ppm maximum SO ₂ for stable response to gas pulse	50
Lifetime	Zero drift	ppm equivalent change/year in lab air	< 0.5
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< 6
	Operating life	months until 80% original signal (24-month warranted)	24
Environmental	Sensitivity @ -20°C	% (output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 10ppm SO ₂	80 to 100
	Sensitivity @ 50°C	% (output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 10ppm SO ₂	70 to 100
	Zero @ -20°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	-0.2 to 0.2
	Zero @ 50°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	0.2 to 0.8
Cross Sensitivity	Filter capacity	ppm hours of Hydrogen Sulfide	nd
	H ₂ S sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	H ₂ S < 15
	NO ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	NO ₂ < -150
	Cl ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	Cl ₂ < -50
	NO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 50ppm	NO < 50
	CO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	CO < 2
	H ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	H ₂ @ 20°C < 1
	C ₂ H ₄ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	C ₂ H ₄ < 40
	NH ₃ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	NH ₃ < ± 0.5
Key Specifications	Temperature range	°C	-30 to 50
	Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
	Humidity range	% rh continuous (see note below)	15 to 90
	Storage period	months @ 3 to 20°C (stored in sealed pot)	6
	Load resistor	Ω (recommended)	10 to 47
	Weight	g	< 6

Figure 1 SO₂ Channel response to 20ppm SO₂

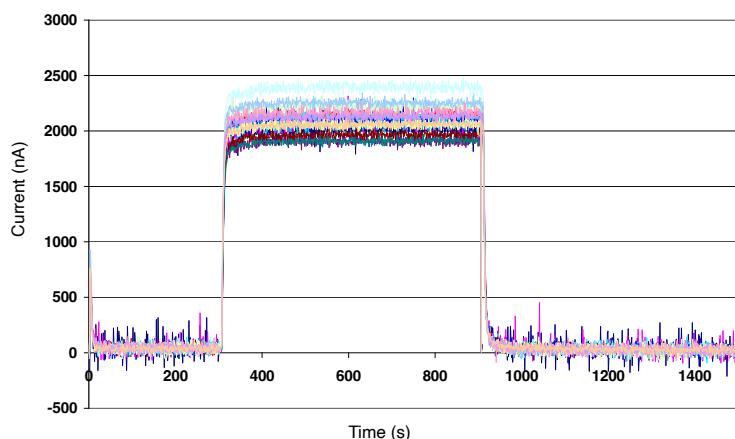


Figure 1 shows the SOH-A2 fast response, stable output and return to baseline in 20ppm SO₂.

Figure 2 SO₂ Channel Sensitivity Temperature Dependence

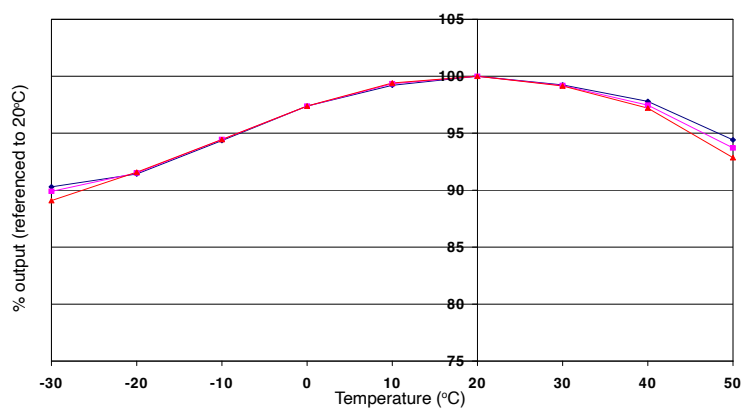


Figure 2 shows the % variation in sensitivity caused by changes in temperature.
The data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Figure 3 Channel Zero Temperature Dependence

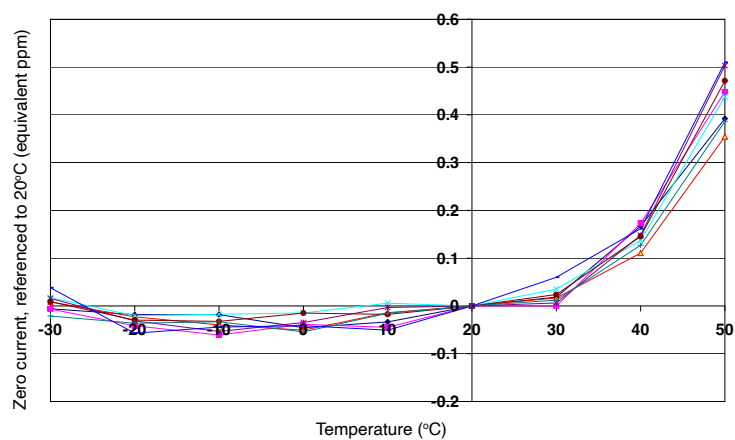
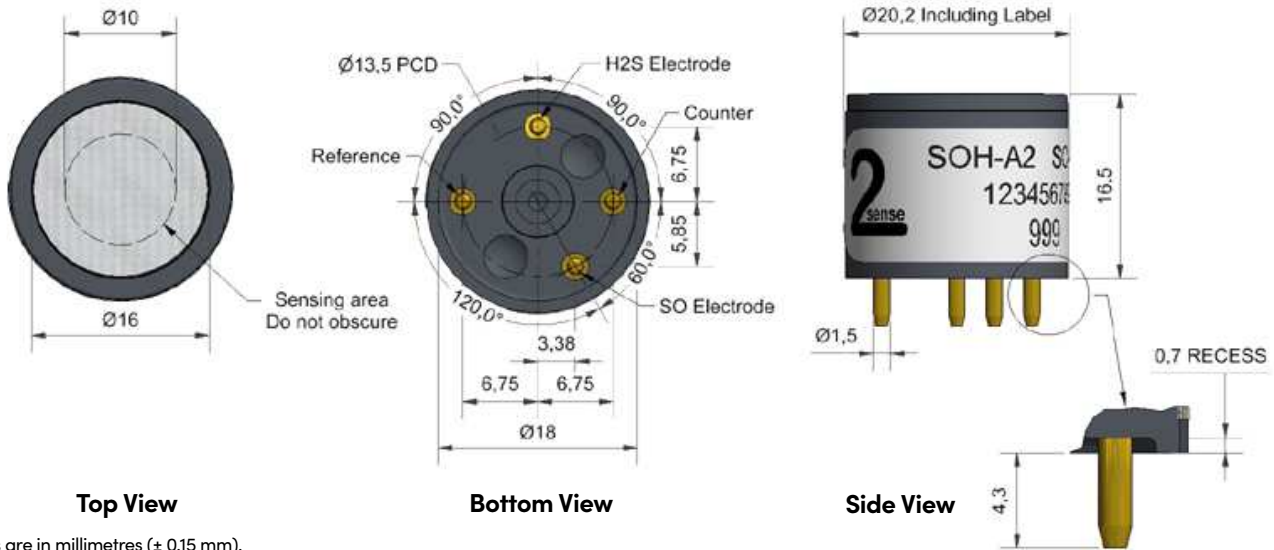


Figure 3 shows the variation in zero output caused by changes in temperature, expressed as ppm gas equivalent, referenced to the zero current at 20°C.
This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.



Dimensions are in millimetres (± 0.15 mm).

Specification Hydrogen Sulfide Channel

Performance	Sensitivity	nA/ppm in 20ppm H ₂ S	450 to 900
	Response time	t ₉₀ (s) from zero to 20ppm H ₂ S @ 20°C	< 25
	Zero current	ppm equivalent in zero air	± 0.25
	Resolution	rms noise (ppm equivalent)	< 0.1
	Range	ppm H ₂ S limit of performance warranty	100
	Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 20ppm H ₂ S	< ± 5
	Overgas limit	maximum ppm H ₂ S for stable response to gas pulse	200

Lifetime	Zero drift	ppm equivalent change/year in lab air	< 0.1
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< 2
	Operating life	months until 80% original signal (24-month warranted)	24

Environmental	Sensitivity @ -20°C	% (output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 20ppm H ₂ S	75 to 90
	Sensitivity @ 50°C	% (output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 20ppm H ₂ S	100 to 112
	Zero @ -20°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	± 0.05
	Zero @ 50°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	0.2

Cross Sensitivity	NO ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	NO ₂	< -30
	Cl ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	Cl ₂	< -25
	NO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 50ppm	NO	< 30
	SO ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	SO ₂	< 30
	CO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	CO	< 1.5
	H ₂ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	H ₂	< 0.3
	C ₂ H ₄ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	C ₂ H ₄	< 0.2
	NH ₃ sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	NH ₃	< 2



Figure 4 H₂S Channel Response to 25ppm H₂S

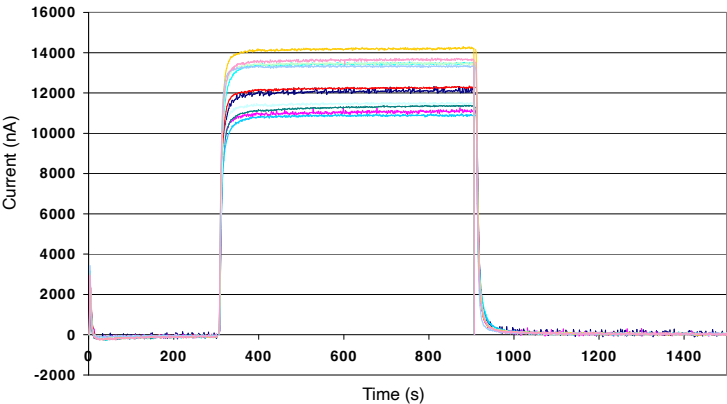


Figure 4 shows the SOH-A2 fast response, stable output and return to baseline in 20ppm H₂S.

Figure 5 H₂S Channel Sensitivity Temperature Dependence

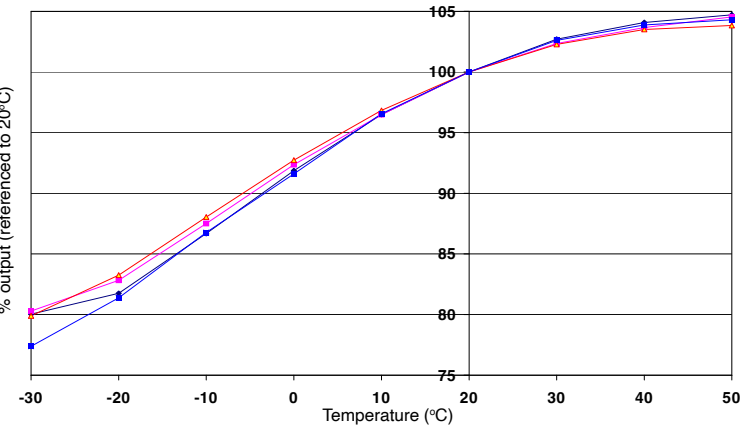


Figure 5 shows the % variation in sensitivity caused by changes in temperature.
The data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Figure 6 H₂S Channel Zero Temperature Dependence

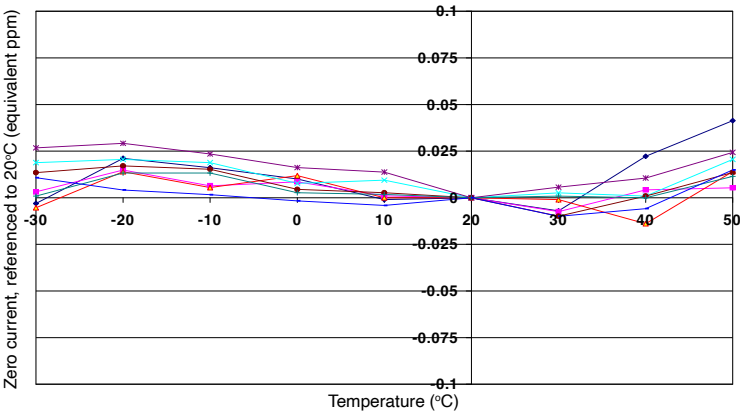


Figure 6 shows the variation in zero output caused by changes in temperature, expressed as ppm gas equivalent, referenced to the zero at 20°C.
This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Note: Above 85% rh and 40°C a maximum continuous exposure period of 10 days is warranted. Where such exposure occurs the sensor will recover normal electrolyte volumes, when allowed to rest at lower %rh and temperature levels for several days.

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