



Formaldehyde (HCHO) Sensor 110-85X



DESCRIPTION

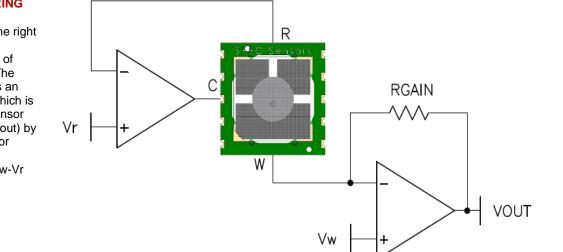
Interlink Electronics Screen Printed Electrochemical sensor (SPEC Sensor[™]) revolutionizes the current state of the art, enabling new applications in consumer, medical and industrial safety. Interlink Electronics offer the performance of the best quality electrochemical sensors at a fraction of the price. The 110-85x family Formaldehyde sensors are small and low-profile, facilitating easy integration into wireless, portable, and other IoT solutions. These sensors are ideal for health, environmental, industrial, and residential monitoring, because of their high performance, low cost, and small size. IE'S Formaldehyde Sensor are available in three packages (110-850, 110-851, 110-852).

BENEFITS

- Small Size & Low Profile
- Sensitive in the ppm range
- Not poisoned by sulfides, Chlorides, Ammonia
- Accurate & Linear Response
- Long Life (10 +years)
- 100% Factory Tested
- Fast Response
- Ultra-Low Power < 50 uW max
- ROHS Compliant

APPLICATIONS

- Indoor Air Quality
- Internet of Things
- Smart Home
- Industrial Safety
- Personal Safety



BASIC MEASURING CIRCUIT

The diagram at the right shows the basic measuring circuit of SPEC sensors. The sensor generates an electric current which is converted into sensor output voltage (Vout) by an op-amp/resistor combination. Notes: Vbias = Vw-Vr





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SPECIFICATIONS

| Description | Typical | Unit | Notes |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Measurement Range | 0 to 20 | ppm | 1,2,3 |
| Lower Detection Limit | 0.05 | ppm | 1,2 |
| Resolution | 0.02 | ppm | 1,2 |
| Accuracy | ± 1 | % | 1 |
| Response Time – T (90) | < 30 | seconds | 1 |
| Sensitivity Range | 30 ± 15 | nA/ppm | 1 |
| Expected Operating Life | 10 | years | 1 |
| Operating Temperature Range | -30 to 55 | °C | 3 |
| Operating Humidity Range | 10 to 95 | % | 3,4 |
| Operating Pressure Range | 0.8 to 1.2 | atm | 3 |
| Operating Bias Range | 150 | mV | |
| Power Consumption | 10 to 50 | uW | 2 |

At standard conditions (25 °C, 50% RH, 1 atm), unless otherwise indicated.
Depends on circuit design.

3. Recommended operating range, The sensor may be damaged, and warranty voided if operated outside the specified range. For the best optimum accuracy operate sensor at -20 to 40 °C and 15 to 90 % RH.

4. Non-condensing

CROSS SENSITIVITY

Most chemical sensors exhibit some cross-sensitivity to other gases. The following table lists the relative response of common potential interfering gases, and the concentration at which the data was gathered.

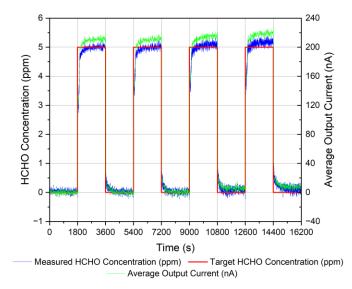
| Gas/Vapor | Concentration | Typical Response PPM HCHO |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Formaldehyde | 10 ppm | 10.0 |
| Hydrogen | 200 ppm | 11.2 |
| Nitrogen Dioxide | 5 ppm | 0.7 |
| Ozone | 0.82 ppm | -0.1 |
| Sulfur Dioxide | 10 ppm | 3.6 |
| Hydrogen Sulfide | 25 ppm | 53.6 |
| Ethanol | 200 ppm | 98.8 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 400 ppm | 97.8 |
| Ethylene | 50 ppm | 41.1 |
| Chlorine | 10 ppm | -1.9 |
| Nitric Oxide | 10 ppm | 7.5 |
| Ammonia | 100 ppm | -0.1 |





ACCURACY

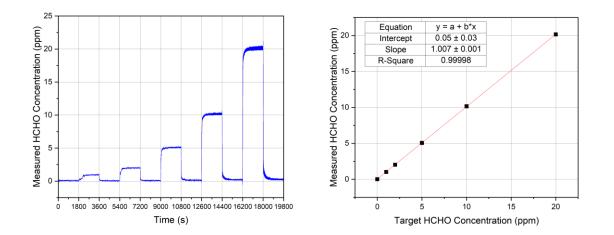
The Figure shows response of a set of 57 sensors exposed 4 times 5 ppm HCHO test gas. Data showed sensors accuracy at 5 ppm within less than \pm 1%. Sensors are calibrated at 5 ppm test gas.



LINEARITY

The Figure shows response of a set of 5 sensors exposed to 1, 5, 10 and 20 ppm HCHO test gas. Data showed sensors output is linear from 0 to 20 ppm. Sensors are calibrated at 5 ppm HCHO gas.

This stepped gas test shows the robustness of the sensor with fast response at each step.



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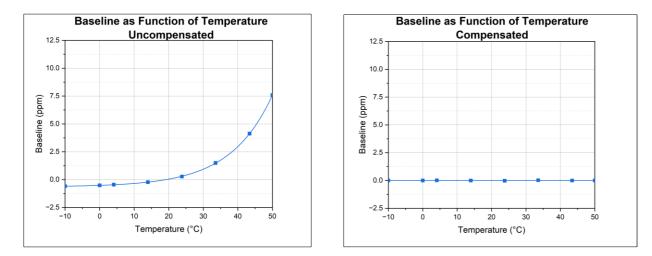




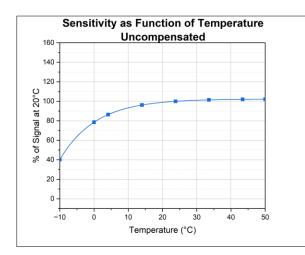
TEMPERATURE EFFECT

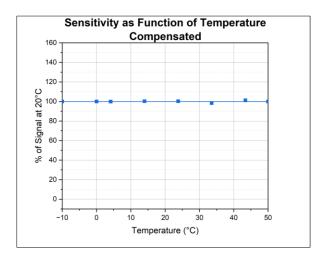
Temperature fluctuations have a predictable, easily compensated effect on the sensor signal. The figures below show the typical Temperature dependency of the output and baseline of HCHO sensor under constant humidity of 40-50 % RH. This is a very uniform and repeatable effect, easily compensated for in hardware or software.

Baseline (Normalized to 20 C):



Sensitivity (Normalized to 20 C):





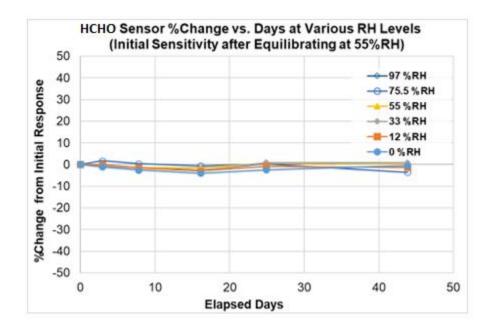




HUMIDITY EFFECT

SPEC HCHO sensors have been tested under a range of humidity conditions to ensure stable response during periodic exposure to varying conditions.

As shown in figure at right, presenting data collected over 6 weeks, the response of the sensors remains within $\pm 5\%$ of the initial signal over the 6-week test period.



IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

<u>All sensor designs are made for air monitoring @ 1 atm +/- 0.2 atm.</u> Because applications of use and device implementation are outside our control, SPEC Sensors cannot guarantee performance in a given device or application, and disclaims any and all liability, therefore. **Customers should test under their own conditions to ensure the sensors are suitable for their requirements.**

Contact the factory to discuss specific concerns that might damage the sensor performance or life.

- Condensation and Water (1)
- Saltwater Contamination (1)
- High Temperature Operation (> 70C) for more than 1 month
- Low Humidity Operation (< 15% RH) for more than 3 months
- High Bias voltage
- Highly contaminated air over a prolonged period
- High levels of particles or soot (unless proper filtering is provided)
- (1) Use of porous PTFE membrane or filter cap may address this concern)





MARKING INFORMATION

All gas sensors are tested and marked at the Interlink electronics factory. Sensors include a label with an alpha-numeric code and a two-dimensional bar code. The codes include the information indicated in the table below.

| | Sensor Serial Number | Sensor Part Number | Target Gas | Date Code (YYMM) | Sensitivity (nA/ppm) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Alpha-Numeric Code | | 110850 | HCHO | 2312 | 22.14 |
| Two-Dimensional(2D) bar code | 121423061106 | 110850 | нсно | 2312 | 22.14 |

ORDERING INFORMATION

| Part Number | Package |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 110-850 | Pinned |
| 110-851 | Thin Castellation |
| 110-852 | Thick Castellation |





SENSOR STORAGE, HANDLING AND SOLDERING

This information embodies various general recommendations concerning the storage, handling, and manual soldering conditions for Sensor. Moreover, sensors are NOT warranted and should NOT be used in high temperature soldering (reflow) or pre-tinning baths.

Sensor & Module Handling

Handle sensors with care. Take precautions, including but not limited to the following:

- A. DO NOT apply excessive pressure to the top or bottom of the sensor module.
- B. Whenever possible, handle or contact the sensor module from the sides of the PCB or substrate.
- C. Light vacuum pressure is possible during handling, DO NOT apply vacuum over gas sensor port.
- D. If the sealed sensor package is opened, DO NOT re-seal use vacuum or nitrogen gas. DO NOT reseal with desiccant.
- E. DO NOT obstruct the gas sensor port by making direct contact with any tape, apparatus, weights, etc.
- F. DO NOT use silicone or other conformal coatings around the sensor or gas portholes.
- G. Operators are requested to wear powder-free antistatic gloves.

Manufacturing Assembly Floor Environment

Interlink Electronics recommends that the manufacturing assembly floor environment be maintained at controlled conditions:

A. Temperature: 18 - 26°C

- B. Relative Humidity: 40 to 60%
- C. Pressure: 1.0 ± 0.2 atm

Sensor & Module Storage Conditions

The shelf life for sealed, packaged components is 12 months from the pack seal date, when stored in the factorysealed bag under the following conditions:

- A. Temperature: 5 to 25 °C
- B. Relative Humidity: 20 to 80%
- C. Pressure: 1.0 ± 0.2 atm
- D. Storage Time: 12 months

When moving from Storage Conditions to the Manufacturing Assembly Floor Environment, the sensors should be allowed to equilibrate at the new conditions for at least 24 hours prior to manufacturing.

Module Attach Soldering Process

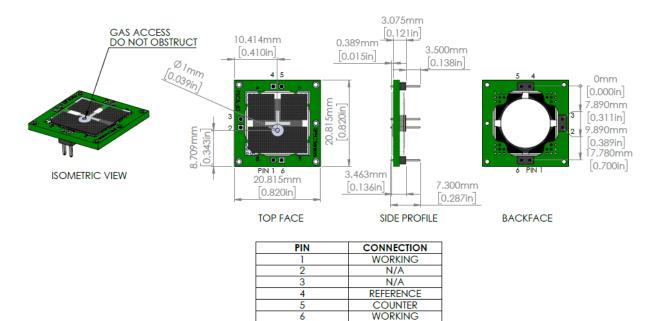
Hand solder only. Keep the soldering iron or solder process tool away from the sensor. The sensor should not see pre-heat temperatures above 70 °C. There have been suggested cases where a heat sink cover over the sensor may be applicable to protect the sensor during processing. No Application notes to this approach available. Only to be used as reference only.

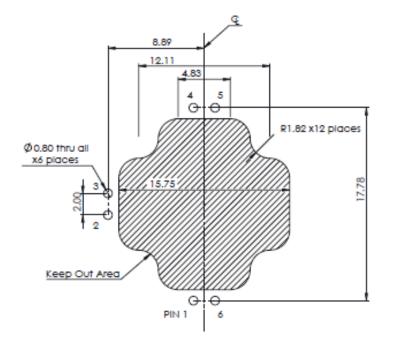
- A. DO NOT heat sensor above 70 °C.
- B. Hand or peripheral process type approach
- C. Use solder wire alloy with the lowest possible eutectic temperature.
- D. Use the lowest possible soldering iron temperature.
- E. Contact the host board with the soldering iron at a 45° angle on the solder pad.
- F. Keep the soldering iron away from the top and bottom of the sensor module.
- G. DO NOT place in reflow, wave or IR reflow type processes.
- H. DO NOT place mounted board in a wash.





110-850 Pinned Package





| PIN | CONNECTION |
|-----|------------|
| 1 | WORKING |
| 2 | NC |
| 3 | NC |
| 4 | REFERENCE |
| 5 | COUNTER |
| 6 | WORKING |

Notes: -(6) 0.8 mm driled diameter Holes -Recommended Socket (for removable sensor option) PN: 3M 950502-60102-AR -If using socket, keep out area may not be required. Use caution.

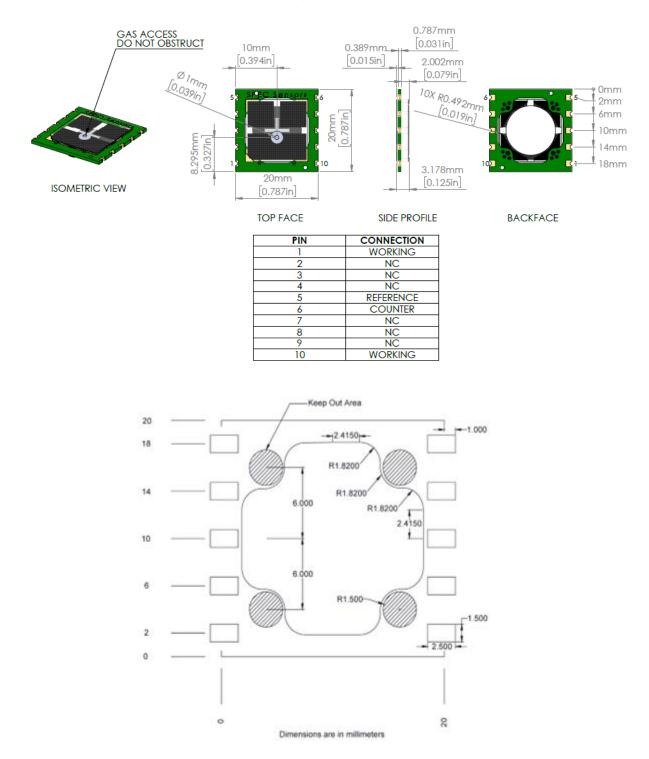
Dimensions are in millimeters

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