

MEMS THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY HYDROGEN SENSOR

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DESCRIPTION

The PGS1000 series of hydrogen sensors detects hydrogen concentration in air by measuring the change in thermal conductivity of the gas mixture. Hydrogen and air have very different thermal conductivity. Variation in hydrogen concentration results in significant changes in the thermal conductivity of the gas mixture.

The PGS1000 series uses Posifa's second generation thermal conductivity die that is packaged in an SMD form factor. It uses two thermal conductivity dies in a differential configuration: one sealed in dry air and acting as a reference; the other exposed to the gas mixture. Such a design achieves an excellent signal-to-noise ratio due to common-mode noise rejection and maximizatin of signal amplification. In addition, the sensor is excited with a pulsed waveform (400 ms on and 1000 ms off), resulting in a heater temperature that is almost the same as the ambient. This ferature lends the sensor to intrinct safety.

Like any thermal-conductivit-based hydrogen sensors, Posifa sensors are subject to specific cross sensitivity with other gases whose thermal conductivity are also significantly different from that of air, such as humidity, and hydrocarbon gases (e.g. methane). Therefore Posifa's hydrogen sensors perform optimally in applications where interfering gases are absent, or their cross sensitivity is within acceptable margin of error required by the application.

When deployed in a suitable environment, Posifa's MEMS thermal conductivity hydrogen sensor is superior to competing technologies. It is fast responding, long-term stable, and low cost.



FEATURES

- Broadest available ranges, up to 100% vol
- Fast response time < 1.4 s
- Temperature compensation
- Pulsed excitation minimizes heater temperature for safe operation
- Long-term stable

APPLICATIONS

- Hydrogen leak detection
- Process monitoring

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

- Operating Temperature: -25 to 85 °C
- Storage Temperature: -40 to 90 °C
- Shock: 100 g peak (5 drops, 3 axis)



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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Test Conditions: Vdd = 3.3 Vdc, Ta=21°C | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| SPECIFICATIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT | CONDITIONS | |
| Detection Gas | Hydrogen in Air | | | | | |
| Principle of Detection | Thermal Conductivity | | | | | |
| Range (PGS1004) | | 0 - 4 | | vol% | | |
| Output | 0 | | 40000 | count | I ² C communication | |
| Resolution (PGS1004) | | 1 | | ppm | | |
| Accuracy | | 6 | | % reading | | |
| Repeatability | | 0.05 | | % F.S. | | |
| Long-term Stability | | 0.1 | | % F.S./year | | |
| Response Time | | | 1.4 | second | | |
| Start-up Time | | 0.5 | | second | | |
| Operating Temperature | - 25 | | 85 | °C | | |
| Storage Temperature | - 40 | | 90 | °C | | |
| Supply Voltage | 4.75 | 5 | 5.25 | V | | |
| Current Consumption | | 8 | | mA | Average | |
| Cross Sensitivity to Humidity | | 30 | | ppm / %RH | at 25 °C | |
| Cross Sensitivity to CH4 | | 13 | | % | | |
| Weight | | 6 | | g | | |



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OUTPUT DESCRIPTION

Hydrogen concentration in ppm = output count

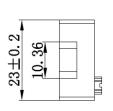
For example when the output count = 15000, the hydrogen contration is 15000 ppm (or 1.5% vol).

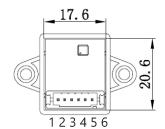


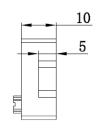
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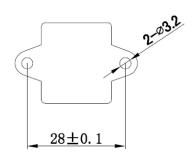
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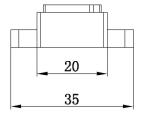
PACKAGE DIMENSIONS











Unit: mm

| PIN | Description | | |
|-----|-------------|--|--|
| 1 | N/C | | |
| 2 | SCL | | |
| 3 | SDA | | |
| 4 | N/C | | |
| 5 | GND | | |
| 6 | VDD | | |

Note

Mating connector is JST S6B-PH-SM4-TB.



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ORDERING INFORMATION

| PART NUMBER | SPECIFICATIONS |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| PGS1004 | 0 to 4% vol, I2C output |

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