

#### TAKING INVENTIVE STEPS IN INFRARED ....

NITROUS OXIDE
INFRARED SENSOR
TEMPERATURE
COMPENSATED
NON-CERTIFIED VERSION
GOLD SERIES TYPE
MSH-N₂O/NC/TC



PATENT NUMBER: GB 2372099B; US 6,753,967 B2

### **FEATURES**

- High sensitivity to nitrous oxide
- Standard sensor size
- Fast Response
- Internal temperature signal
- Gas diffusion sampling
- Temperature compensated detector elements
- Wide operating temperature range
- Low power

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Dynament infrared sensors operate by using the NDIR principle to monitor the presence of target gas. The sensor contains a long life tungsten filament infrared light source, an optical cavity into which gas diffuses, a dual temperature compensated pyroelectric infrared detector and an integral thermistor to monitor the internal temperature. The infrared source should be driven externally with a constant voltage supply switched at a fixed frequency with a 50% duty cycle. The dual pyroelectric detector produces two output signals in response to pulsed incident radiation from the source:

- An active signal which decreases in the presence of target gas
- A reference signal which is used to monitor the intensity of the source

Both signals are composed of a DC offset voltage (typically 0.7V - 1.0V) with a small superimposed response signal alternating in sympathy with the source drive voltage. The alternating signal must be extracted and amplified in order to obtain a measure of the peak to peak value for both the active and reference. The ratio of active to reference peak to peak signals is essentially independent of variations in source intensity over time and this ratio reduces in the presence of target gas. It is the reduction in this ratio that is used to determine the target gas concentration. The reduction in ratio is non-linear and the gas concentration can be extracted using the expression:

[concentration] =  $(-(\ln (1 - (1 - Ratio/zero)/span)) / a) ^ (1/b)$ 

Where **zero** is the ratio in the absence of target gas, **span** is determined during calibration and a = 0.000192, b = 1.000 and the typical **span** = 0.34 for a range of 0-5000ppm N<sub>2</sub>O.

The internal temperature signal is used to measure the temperature inside the sensor. This temperature measurement is used to correct for the ideal gas law and also to correct for any optical filter effects on zero and span as a function of temperature. The internal temperature is typically 10°C higher than ambient at 20°C due to the heat generated from the infrared source. This internal heating beneficially reduces the probability of water condensing within the optical cavity.

Further details on the sensor, interfacing circuitry and signal extraction can be found in the Dynament application notes, on the Dynament web site or by contacting Dynament directly.



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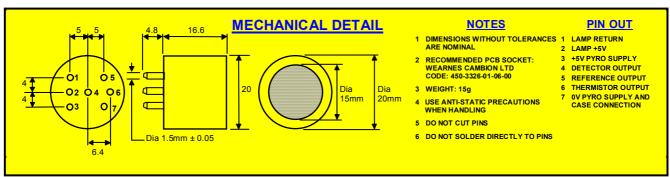
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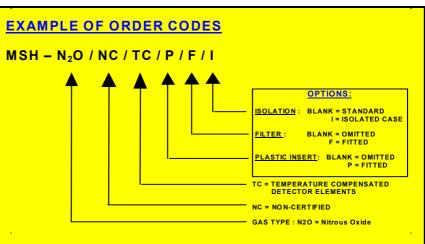
<u>SPECIFICATION</u>	
Maximum Power Requirements:	5V d.c. 60mA max. (50% duty cycle source drive)
Minimum operating voltage:	3.0V d.c. (50% duty cycle source drive)
Source drive frequency :	2.0Hz minimum, 3.0 Hz typical, 4.0 Hz maximum
Active mV pk-pk output in N <sub>2</sub> :	2.2mV typical @ 3Hz, 50% duty cycle
Reference mV pk-pk output in N <sub>2</sub> :	4.0mV typical @ 3Hz, 50% duty cycle
Sensitivity (reduction in active signal) at 20°C, 2Hz, 50% duty cycle:	10% typical @ 2000ppm N₂O 20% typical @ 5000ppm N₂O
Measuring range:	0 — 1000ppm up to 0-1% volume N₂O
Resolution:	1% of measuring range
Warm up time:	To final zero ± 40ppm : <20s @20°C (68°F) ambient To specification: < 30 minutes @20°C (68°F) ambient
Response Time T <sub>90</sub> :	<30s @20°C (68°F) ambient
Zero Repeatability:	± 40ppm @20°C (68°F) ambient
Span Repeatability:	± 40ppm @20°C (68°F) ambient
Long term zero drift:	± 20ppm per month @20°C (68°F) ambient
Operating temperature range:	-20°C to +50°C (-4°F to 122°F)
Storage temperature range:	-20°C to +50°C (-4°F to 122°F)
Humidity range:	0 to 95% RH non-condensing.
MTBF:	> 5 years
Temperature signal:	Integral thermistor for temperature monitoring
Weight:	7 grams

Refer to Technical Data Sheet TDS0022 – General Description for further information



#### **Available sensor options:**

- P = Removable 45 micron plastic insert dust filter
- F = Replaceable, self adhesive, microporous PTFE filter
- I = Case isolated from 0V pin



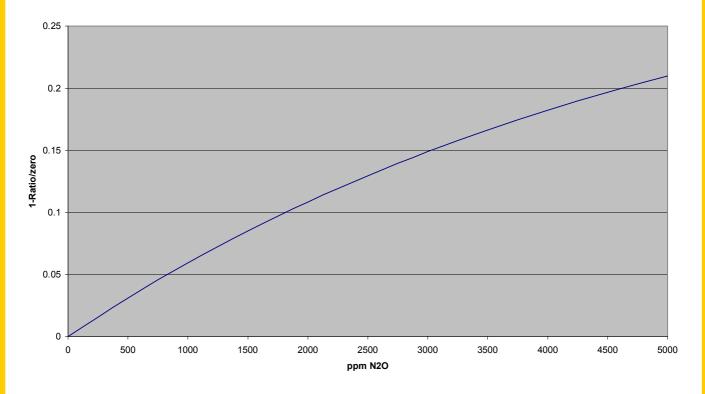


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## Typical response curve





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