



ExplorIR[®]-W CO2 Sensor

📈 Measurement range: 0-5%; 0-20%; 0-100%

🔋 Battery applications ⚡ Low power 🔒 Robust 🌡️ Temp & RH



Overview

ExplorIR®-W is a robust, low power CO2 sensor, with optional temperature and RH% sensing.

The sensor is built to reliably measure CO2 levels in harsh environments, up to 100% concentration. This includes applications exposed to varying degrees of pressure, and high vibration conditions.

Its low power requirement also makes it ideal for battery powered systems, including portable, wearable and self-powered applications.

ExplorIR®-W CO2 sensor is built on our unique patented LED technology platform and optical designs. It's this solid-state technology that enables best-in-class power consumption, lifetime and durability.

Applications

ExplorIR®-W is available in measurement ranges from 0-5%, 0-20%, and 0-100% concentration. The sensor is suitable for a range of process control, and similar demanding applications.

It can be used for battery applications, where low power consumption is required. This includes IoT applications, such as wearables.

Examples of markets where ExplorIR®-W CO2 sensors are being successfully used:

- Agriculture
- Diving
- Aerospace
- Incubators
- Refrigeration
- Healthcare
- Safety
- Food packaging
- Food storage/ transportation

Benefits

- Reliable in harsh, volatile environments
- Ideal for low power and battery applications
- Up to 50X lower power than typical NDIR CO2 sensors
- Low maintenance
- Suitable for wireless, portable, wearable and self-powered systems
- Integrates with wireless IoT networks such as ZigBee, Wifi, LoRa, Bluetooth, SigFox and EnOcean

Features

- Vibration and shock resistant
- Solid-state - no moving parts, no heated filaments
- Low power/energy consumption - 3.5mW
- >15 years lifetime
- Measures up to 100% CO2 concentration
- Optional temperature and RH% sensing
- Non-heating
- Digital (UART) or analogue (Voltage) output
- RoHS compliant
- Manufactured in the UK



General performance

Start-up time¹	1.2 secs
Operating conditions- Temperature	0°C to 50°C (standard) -25°C to 55°C (extended range)
Operating conditions- Humidity²	0 to 95% RH, non-condensing
Recommended storage	-30°C to +70°C

CO₂ measurement

Sensing method	Solid-state Non-Dispersive InfraRed (NDIR) absorption Patented solid-state LED and detector Patented gold-plated optics
Sample method	Diffusion
Measurement range	0-5% 0-20% 0-100%
Accuracy³	± (70ppm+5% of reading) (100% range ± (300ppm+5% of reading))
Calibration	Autocalibration ⁴
Non-linearity (voltage output)	< 1% of FSs
Pressure dependence⁵	0.15% of reading per mbar in normal atmospheric conditions
Operating pressure range⁶	500mbar – 10 bar 900-1100mbar (with T and RH)
Response time (to a step change in gas level)⁷	10 secs - 2 mins

Electrical

Power input⁸	3.25 to 5.5V. (3.3V recommended) Peak Current 33mA Average Current <1.5mA
Power consumption⁸	3.5mW
Connector	2x5 2.54mm header ⁹
Communication	UART (standard) Voltage (alternative output)

Warranty

Sensor warranty¹⁰	1 year
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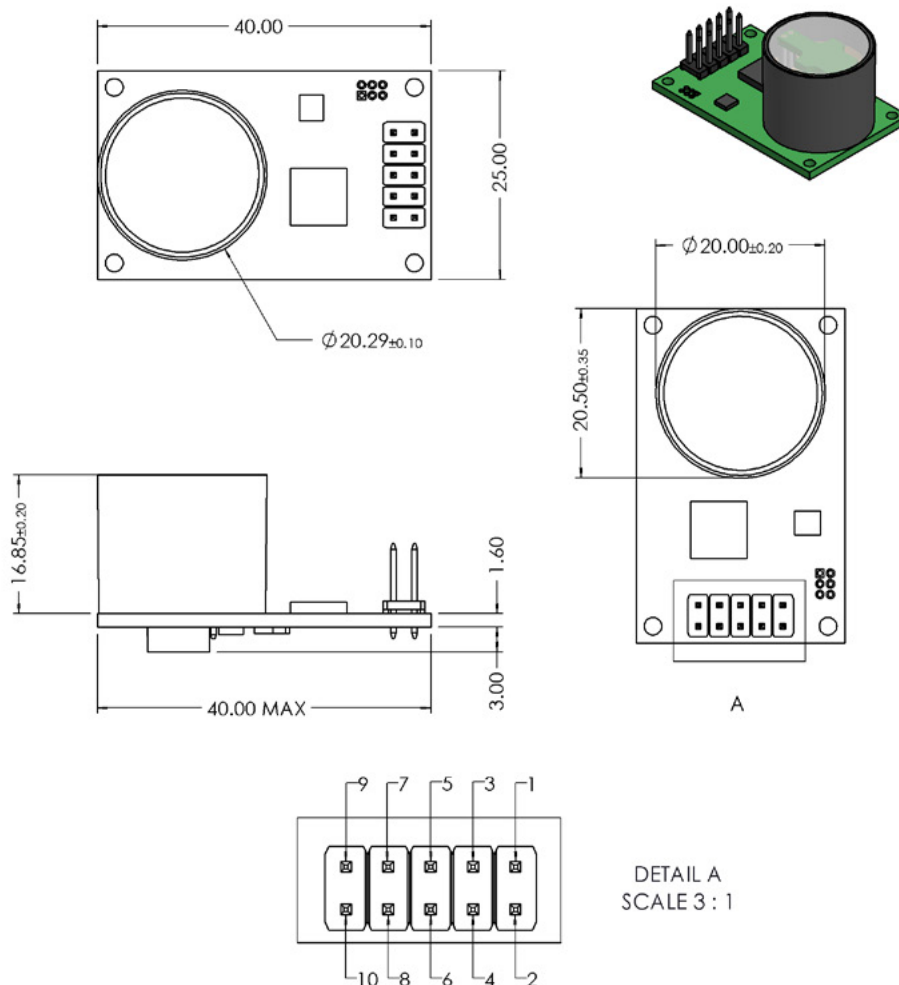
Optional Temperature & Relative Humidity (RH) Measurement¹¹

Sensing method	RH%: Capacitive Temperature: Bandgap
Measurement range	-25 to +55 °C 0 to 95% RH
Resolution	0.08 °C 0.08% RH
Absolute Accuracy⁸	+/- 1 °C 0°C to 55°C +/- 3% RH 20°C to 55°C +/- 2 °C over full temperature range +/- 5% RH over full temperature range
Repeatability	+/- 0.1 °C +/- 0.1 % RH

- 1 Time to a valid reading is determined by digital filter setting. Typically, 4-8 seconds.
- 2 For extended operation in high temperature and humidity environments, contact GSS
- 3 All measurements are at NTP unless stated otherwise.
- 4 For correct operation, the sensor must experience CO2 concentrations close to fresh air at some time in an 8 day period. For further details, please [contact us](#) to request our application note on Autocalibration.
- 5 Calibrated for 1013mbar. External pressure calibration required but our sensors have been tested up to 40 bar.
- 6 GSS can supply advanced pressure correction advice when operating outside normal atmospheric conditions.
- 7 Response time to a step change in gas level is dependent on application/filter/flow rate/diffusion.
- 8 Power measurements for standard CO2 sensor with 2 readings per second. Temperature and RH% measurements increase power consumption.
- 9 Part no: BF041-10-C-0685-0295-N-G
- 10 Gas Sensing Solutions Ltd (GSS Ltd) offers a limited one (1) year manufacturer's warranty on its products commencing from the date of original purchase. The warranty is limited to defects in materials and workmanship and does not cover damage or abnormal wear and tear resulting from abuse, misuse, or accidental damage. The warranty excludes operational damage due to exposure to blasts or other threats such as excessive abrasion or flames. Unauthorized repairs or alterations void the product warranty. GSS Ltd cannot and does not assume liability for defective products not manufactured or supplied by it even though such be used in conjunction with products manufactured by GSS Ltd.
- 11 Temperature and Humidity derived from Sensirion SHT21 chip. Please [contact us](#) to request the datasheet.

Technical drawings

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FUNCTION	PIN #	PIN #	FUNCTION
FRESH AIR ZERO	10	9	N/C
NITROGEN ZERO	8	7	SENSOR Tx (OUT)
GND	6	5	SENSOR Rx (IN)
GND	4	3	+3.3V
N/C	2	1	GND

Put it to the test

Our evaluation kit contains everything you need to test the sensor for your project requirements. The USB cable allows you to easily connect the ExplorIR®-W sensor to your PC, for real-time CO2 readings.

- CO2 sensor (including adapter if specified)
- USB connecting cable
- Evaluation guide on USB stick

Please visit our website to [request a quote](#) for an evaluation kit.

Technical support

The GSS team are specialists in CO2 sensor design, manufacture and customisation. We can advise how best to integrate our award-winning sensors into your product or process. The GSS team are specialists in CO2 sensor design, manufacture and build. Whether it's a fixed unit, portable instrument, wearable device, or energy harvester, our engineering team have the experience to help bring your project to life.

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