



HALO 3 CH₂O

Trace Formaldehyde Analyzer

GASES & CHEMICALS

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Designed for formaldehyde analysis in laboratory and process applications:

- Accuracy traceable to the world's major national reference labs
- Industry-proven technology
- Freedom from the need for span calibrations
- No periodic sensor replacement/maintenance
- Low ppb detection limit
- Wide dynamic range and no drift

Advancing Accurate, Consistent & Drift-Free CH₂O Measurements

Formaldehyde (CH₂O) is a key impurity in fuel cell hydrogen, where it is responsible for the degradation of the proton exchange membrane, adversely affecting performance. Tiger Optics delivers a powerful analytical tool for the measurement of trace CH₂O for diverse applications. The low detection limit allows monitoring for compliance with SAE J2719, ISO 14687 or similar purity standards and protects fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) from damage.

Based on powerful Continuous-Wave Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy (CW-CRDS), with a proprietary laser lock cell, the HALO 3 CH₂O is free of drift, guaranteeing consistent and reliable trace CH₂O

detection in nitrogen, hydrogen and other inert gases. Highly specific to the target molecule, CW-CRDS also prevents cross-interferences from distorting your measurement. Plus, there is no need to perform costly and time-consuming zero and span calibrations, saving both time and money with continuous, online service.

The HALO 3 CH₂O gives you unsurpassed speed of response and ease of use. In sum, the HALO 3 analyzer serves a range of applications where trace gas measurement is extremely critical, such as sensor validation, gas standard preparation, and fuel cell hydrogen purity analysis.

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Performance		Dimensions	H x W x D [in (mm)]
Operating range	See table below	Standard sensor	8.73 x 8.57 x 23.6 (222 x 218 x 599)
Detection limit (LDL, 3σ/24h)	See table below	Sensor rack	8.73 x 19.0 x 23.6 (222 x 483 x 599)
Precision (1σ, greater of)	± 0.75% or 1/3 of LDL	(fits up to two sensors)	
Accuracy (greater of)	± 4% or LDL		
Speed of response	< 3 min to 95%		
Environmental conditions	10°C to 40°C		
	30% to 80% RH (non-condensing)		
Storage temperature	-10°C to 50°C		
Gas Handling System and Conditions		Weight	
Wetted materials	316L stainless steel	Standard sensor	34 lbs (15.4 kg)
	10 Ra surface finish		
Gas connections	1/4" male VCR inlet and outlet		
Leak tested to	1 x 10 ⁻⁹ mbar l / sec		
Inlet pressure	10 – 125 psig (1.7 – 9.6 bara)		
Flow rate	<1 slpm		
Sample gases	Nitrogen and hydrogen		
Gas temperature	Up to 60°C		
		Electrical	
		Alarm indicators	2 user programmable
			1 system fault
			Form C relays
		Power requirements	90 – 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
		Power consumption	40 Watts max.
		Signal output	Isolated 4–20 mA per sensor
		User interfaces	5.7" LCD touchscreen
			10/100 Base-T Ethernet
			802.11g Wireless (optional)
			RS-232
			Modbus TCP (optional)
		Certification	CE Mark

Performance, CH ₂ O:	Range	LDL (3σ)	Precision (1σ) @ zero
In Nitrogen	0 – 40 ppm	5 ppb	1.7 ppb
In Hydrogen*	0 – 40 ppm	6 ppb	2.0 ppb

*For fuel cell hydrogen analysis according to ASTM Standard Test Method D7941, the method detection limit (MDL) is **5 ppb**, as determined via U.S. EPA 40 CFR Part 136 Appendix B (95% Confidence Limit).

Contact us for additional analytes and matrices.
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