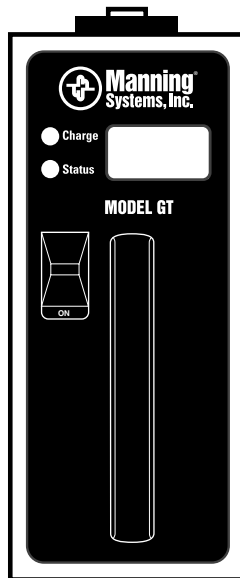


Instruction and
Maintenance Manual
Rev C

GT-CO₂

Portable Carbon Dioxide Sensor



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Introduction

This manual has been prepared to help in the operation and maintenance of the Manning Systems portable GT-CO₂ Sensor.

This manual must be carefully followed by all individuals who have or will have the responsibility for using or servicing the sensor. If in doubt about a procedure, please contact Manning Systems, Inc. before proceeding.

1 Sensor Description

The GT-CO₂ is a portable, battery operated instrument for the measurement of carbon dioxide concentrations in ambient air. Figure 1 shows the operating controls and features of the GT-CO₂.

Specifications

Electrical Power: Rechargeable NiCad battery
– 4 hours of operation on a full charge

Charger: Standard 120 VAC

Display: Backlit LCD, two line by eight character alphanumeric

Pump: Miniature rotary vane type,
0.8 L/minute nominal

Alarms: Two concentration alarms,
one pump out alarm, one low battery alarm

Standard Accessories: Carrying case,
30" telescoping wand, battery charger,
and flow meter

Optional Accessories: Calibration Tee

Sensor Type: Carbon Dioxide selective
infrared

Ranges Available:

0–1%

0–5%

Accuracy: ± 3% of full scale

Resolution: 0.01%

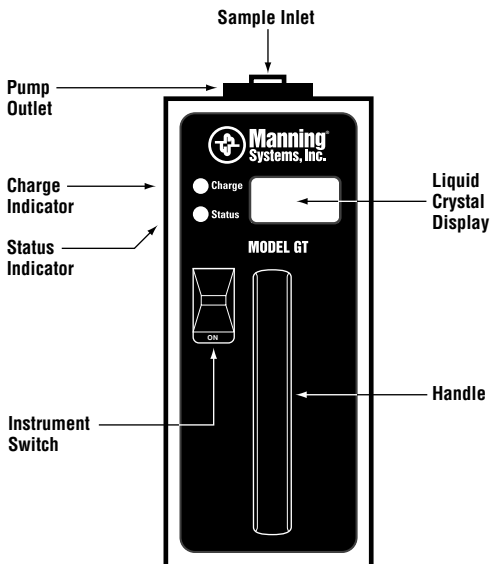
Operating Ambient Temperature Range:
+32°F to +120°F

Storage Temperature: +32°F to +120°F,
recommend cool environment (50–75°F)

Weight: 6 lbs.

Dimensions: Approx 8" x 6" x 3 1/2"

Figure 1: Operating controls and features of the GT-CO₂



2 Operation

A Operating the Sensor

The GT-CO₂ is shipped ready for use. When power is first applied, the LCD display will scroll through three screens:

- Range of the unit
- Current warning setpoint
- Current alarm setpoint

The unit displays a warm up value and “Warm UP” for one minute before readings are accurate. The Status Light flashes during warm up. After the warm-up period, the Status Light is continuously lit and the LCD display will indicate the current carbon dioxide gas value.

Note: Always keep the GT-CO₂ in an air conditioned office and plugged into the charger when not in use.

The “Charge” LED indicator to the left of the LCD display provides a visual confirmation that the unit is charging.

B Response Test

Prior to use, the unit should first be tested for proper response. This can be done simply by breathing into the inlet with the detector operating, as CO₂ is exhaled when you breathe. The display should show increasing CO₂ concentration. If not, do not use it for field measurements.

C Sample Inlet Port

The GT-CO₂ is shipped with a sample inlet fitting and can be used with or without the extension wand.

When using the extension wand, the internal walls of the tubing must be kept dry. Do not allow liquid to be pumped into the unit.

D Response and Recovery Time

Under normal conditions, the instrument will reach 90% of final value within one minute. The GT-CO₂ recovers to nominal CO₂ levels within 10–20 seconds.

E Alarm Functions

The GT-CO₂ provides both visible and audible gas concentration alarms. Two levels are provided, with adjustable setpoints for each alarm.

When the gas concentration exceeds the warning setpoint, the LCD display will flash “WARNING” and the audible beeper will sound intermittently. If the alarm setpoint is exceeded, the display will flash “ALARM” and the audible beeper will sound continuously.

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Setpoint Adjustment:

The Warning and Alarm setpoints are adjusted using potentiometers inside the instrument. Remove the side panel to gain access. Figure 2 shows the location of these pots. The following steps detail the adjustment of setpoints:

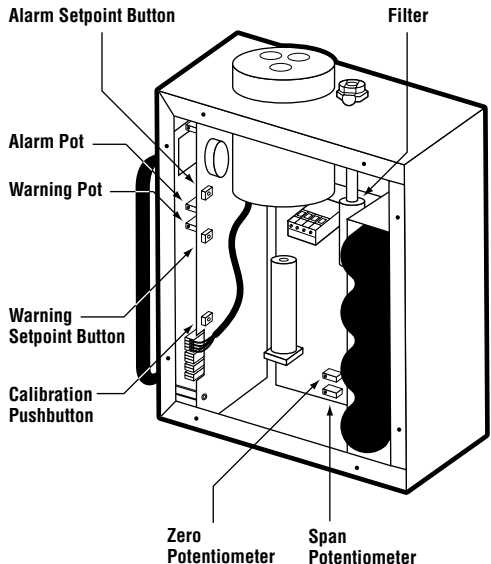
- 1) With the unit running, push and hold the “Warning Setpoint Button” (see Figure 2). The display will show the current warning setpoint value. With a small screwdriver, turn the “Warning Pot” until the value in the display shows the desired setpoint. Then release the “Warning Setpoint Button.”
- 2) The “Alarm Setpoint” adjustment procedure is identical, except the “Alarm Setpoint Button” and the “Alarm Pot” are used.

Pump Out Alarm:

A pump continuously delivers an air sample to the gas sensor at approximately 0.8 LPM. Should the pump fail, the LCD will read *PUMP OUT* and the audible horn will sound intermittently.

A flowmeter is included to allow quick verification of proper flow. To check flow, turn the instrument on and connect the sampling wand. Place the tip of the wand into the tubing adapter attached to the flowmeter. Hold the flowmeter vertically and verify that the flow is above the red mark on the flowmeter. Proper flow should always be verified before use.

Figure 2: Warning and Alarm Setpoint Adjustment



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Low Battery Alarm:

The instrument is powered by a rechargeable NiCad battery. **The instrument should be charging at all times when not in use.**

Should the battery condition become weak during operation, the LCD display will indicate *LOW BATT* and the beeper will sound intermittently, leaving about 15 minutes of operation. After a low battery condition, place the unit on charge for 16 hours before using again.

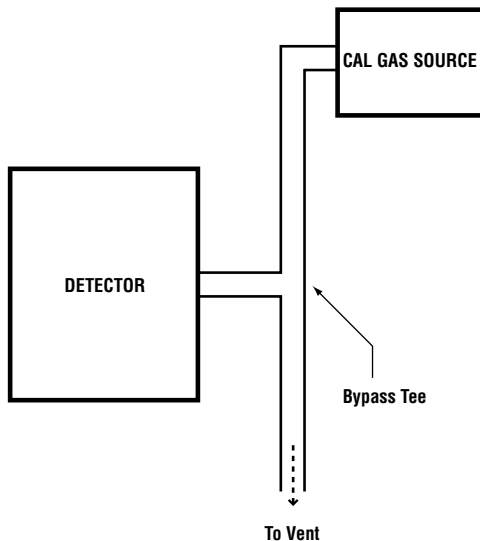
F Calibration

Calibration is recommended every six months in normal use.

The ZERO and SPAN potentiometers are used during calibration and located on the board beneath the side panel. The side panel is removed by taking out the eight screws in the side of the unit (see Figure 2).

The calibration procedure requires the use of a bypass tee to allow calibration gas to be drawn into the unit at atmospheric pressure (see Figure 3). The calibration gas flow should be such that you can feel a slight amount of calibration gas flowing out of the open side of the tee. This insures that the unit is not drawing in ambient air which would dilute the calibration gas and result in an inaccurate calibration. **Do not feed calibration gas directly into the unit under pressure. The bypass tee must always be used during calibration.**

Figure 3: Calibration flow schematic



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Zero Calibration:

Do not attempt to zero the instrument without certified calibration gas.

- With the side panel removed, push the *CALIBRATION PUSH-BUTTON* to put the unit in calibration mode (see Figure 2).
- Using the bypass tee as shown in Figure 3, apply nitrogen gas for two minutes.
- After two minutes, adjust the Zero Potentiometer (shown in Figure 2) until the unit display reads 0.00%.

Span Calibration:

Do not attempt to span the instrument without certified calibration gas.

- Always perform a zero calibration prior to the span calibration.
- Using the bypass tee as shown in Figure 3, apply span gas for two minutes.
- After two minutes, adjust the span potentiometer (shown in Figure 2) until the display reads the value of the span gas.

Push the *CALIBRATION PUSHBUTTON* to return the unit to normal operating mode.

Manning Systems provides a rapid turn-around factory calibration service. Contact Manning Systems for details. Manning also provides Calibration Kits with appropriate calibration gas.

3 Maintenance

A Maintenance

It is essential that the test and calibration schedule be followed. Manning Systems recommends the following maintenance schedule:

- Response test prior to each use.
- Calibration should be performed with certified calibration gas every six months, and all tests must be logged.
- Check filter every six months. Replace if dirty or moist (see Figure 2).

Sensor Life: The infrared sensor is extremely reliable, but the following can shorten the sensor's life:

- exposure to liquid
- rough handling and vibration

Typical sensor life under normal use is five years or more. When the sensor will no longer calibrate properly, return to Manning Systems for repair.

B Troubleshooting

The detector does not start: If the battery is run down, charge the unit for 16 hours before use.

Detector does not respond to carbon dioxide: Verify the proper flowrate using the supplied flowmeter. Perform calibration. If sensor won't calibrate, the sensor may need to be replaced. Contact Manning Systems for service.

PUMP OUT alarm: This condition is usually caused by a motor failure. Plug the charger into the unit and see if the motor starts. If not, contact Manning Systems for service.

High reading, won't clear: Leave the unit running outside for 10 minutes to clear the sensor. If it won't clear, contact Manning Systems for service.

4 Limited Warranty

1. Limited Warranty.

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