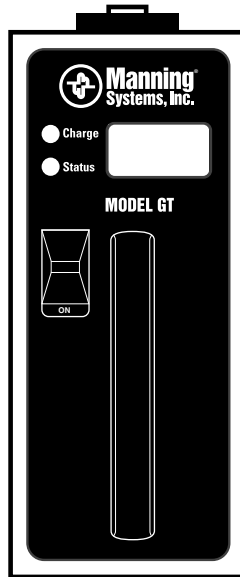


Instruction and
Maintenance Manual
Rev E

GT-NH₃

Portable Ammonia Sensor



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Introduction

This manual has been prepared to help in the operation and maintenance of the Manning Systems portable GT-NH₃ 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-NH₃ is a portable, battery operated instrument for the measurement of ammonia concentrations in ambient air. The standard range for ammonia is 1,000-20,000 ppm with 100 ppm resolution. Figure 1 shows the operating controls and features of the GT-NH₃.

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 LPM/minute nominal

Electronics: Designed to intrinsic safety standards

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: Ammonia selective bulk semiconductor

Range:

1,000 – 20,000 ppm
(not accurate below 1,000 ppm)

Accuracy: ± 5% of full scale

Resolution: 100 ppm

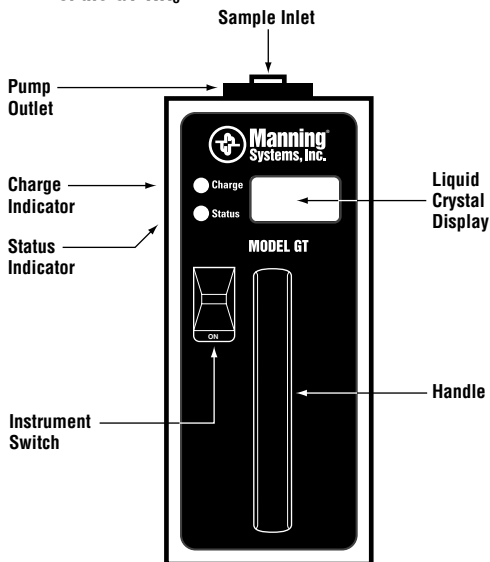
Operating Ambient Temperature Range: 0°F to +120°F

Storage Temperature: 0°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-NH₃



2 Operation

A Operating the Sensor

The GT-NH₃ 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 ammonia concentration.

In operation mode, the bottom line on the LCD display alternately flashes “NH₃” and the maximum detected concentration if it has exceeded 1,000 ppm. The maximum value is retained until the unit is turned off.

Note: Always keep the GT-NH₃ 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. With the detector operating, place the inlet near the mouth of an open bottle of household ammonia. The display should show increasing ammonia concentration. If not, do not use it for field measurements.

C Sample Inlet Port

The GT-NH₃ 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. Water on the walls of the tubing can absorb ammonia gas. To dry, allow the unit to pump dry, ambient air for 15 minutes.

D Response and Recovery Time

Under normal conditions, the instrument will reach 90% of final value within two minutes. This is dependent on concentration and temperature.

Recovery time for the sensor depends on duration and concentration of exposure.

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E Interferences

The GT-NH₃ is specific to ammonia, and though the bulk semiconductor sensor is sensitive to some other gases (such as solvents and alcohols), those gases would have to be present in very high concentrations to cause a reading on the GT-NH₃.

F Alarm Functions

The GT-NH₃ 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.

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.

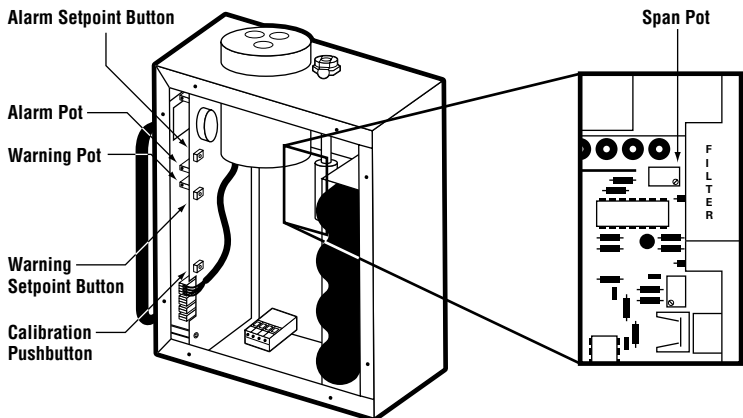


Figure 2: Warning and Alarm Setpoint Adjustment

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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.

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 fifteen minutes of operation. After a low battery condition, place the unit on charge for 16 hours before using again.

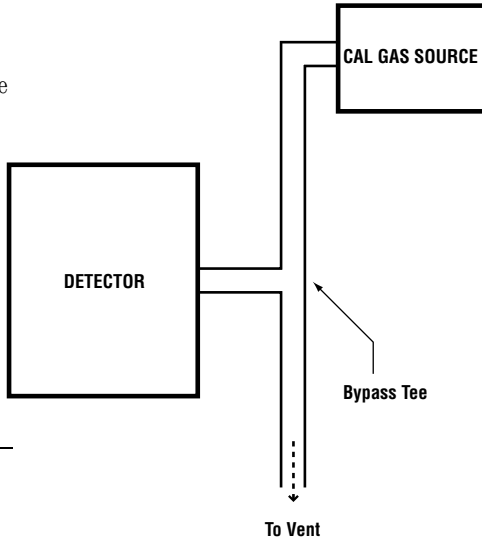
G Calibration

Calibration is recommended every six months in normal use. Span gas must be 10,000 ppm NH_3 and must be balanced in air, not nitrogen.

The SPAN potentiometer is used during calibration and is located on the board beneath the side panel that is removed by loosening the eight screws in the side of the unit (see Figure 2).

The calibration procedure requires the use of a bypass tee to allow span gas to flow past the sample inlet without creating variable pressure or dilution problems. **Calibration gas cannot be fed into the flow cell under pressure from any outside source.**

Figure 3: Calibration flow schematic



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Zero Calibration:

Each unit is factory zeroed. Zero adjustment should not be made in the field.

Span Calibration:

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

Run the unit for at least 10 minutes prior to calibration. With the side panel removed, push the *CALIBRATION PUSHBUTTON* to put the unit in *CAL MODE*.

Using the bypass tee as shown in Figure 3, apply 10,000 ppm span gas for 2 minutes. The flow rate of span gas should be high enough that at least 0.5 L/min is flowing out of the calibration tee. This can be measured with the supplied flowmeter and insures that air is not being drawn into the unit and diluting the calibration gas.

After 2 minutes adjust the *SPAN* potentiometer until the display reads 10,000 ppm.

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

Manning Systems provides a rapid turnaround 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. Expose sensor to ammonia/water solution to verify proper sensor response and alarm functions.
- 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 bulk semiconductor is extremely reliable, but the following can shorten the sensor's life:

- exposure to liquid
- storage in areas other than an air conditioned office

Typical sensor life under normal use is three 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 ammonia:

Please note that the GT-NH₃ is not accurate below 1,000 ppm. 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.

Manning Systems, Inc. (“Manning”) warrants to the original purchaser and/or ultimate customer (“Purchaser”) of Manning’s Products (“Product”) that if any part thereof proves to be defective in material or workmanship within eighteen (18) months of the date of shipment by Manning or twelve (12) months from the date of first use by the purchaser, whichever comes first, such defective part will be repaired or replaced, free of charge, at Manning’s discretion if shipped prepaid to Manning at 11511 W. 83rd Terrace, Lenexa, Kansas 66214, in a package equal to or in the original container. The Product will be returned freight prepaid and repaired or replaced if it is determined by Manning that the part failed due to defective materials or workmanship. The repair or replacement of any such defective part shall be Manning’s sole and exclusive responsibility and liability under this limited warranty.

2. Exclusions.

- A. If gas sensors are part of the Product, the gas sensor is covered by a twelve (12) month limited warranty of the manufacturer.
- B. If gas sensors are covered by this limited warranty, the gas sensor is subject to inspection by Manning for extended exposure to excessive gas concentrations if a claim by the Purchaser is made under this limited warranty. Should such inspection indicate that the gas sensor has been expended rather than failed prematurely, this limited warranty shall not apply to the Product.
- C. This limited warranty does not cover consumable items, such as batteries, or items subject to wear or periodic replacement, including lamps, fuses, valves, vanes, sensor elements, cartridges, or filter elements.

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