

TGS 4161 - for the detection of Carbon Dioxide

Features:

- * High selectivity to CO₂
- * Compact size
- * Low dependency on humidity
- * Long life and low cost
- * Low power consumption

Applications:

- * Indoor air quality control
- * CO₂ monitors

TGS4161 is a new solid electrolyte CO₂ sensor which offers miniaturization and low power consumption. A range of 350~10,000ppm of carbon dioxide can be detected by TGS4161, making it ideal for indoor air control applications.

The CO₂ sensitive element consists of a solid electrolyte formed between two electrodes, together with a printed heater (RuO₂) substrate. By monitoring the change in electromotive force (EMF) generated between the two electrodes, it is possible to measure CO₂ gas concentration.

The top of the sensor cap contains adsorbent (zeolite) for the purpose of reducing the influence of interference gases.

TGS4161 exhibits a linear relationship between Δ EMF and CO₂ gas concentration on a logarithmic scale. The sensor displays good long term stability and shows excellent durability against the effects of high humidity.



The figure below represents typical sensitivity characteristics of TGS4161. The Y-axis is indicated as Δ EMF which is defined as follows:

$$\Delta\text{EMF} = \text{EMF}_1 - \text{EMF}_2$$

where

EMF₁ = EMF in 350 ppm CO₂

EMF₂ = EMF in listed gas concentration

The figure below shows typical humidity dependency of TGS4161. Again, the Y-axis is indicated as Δ EMF which is defined as follows:

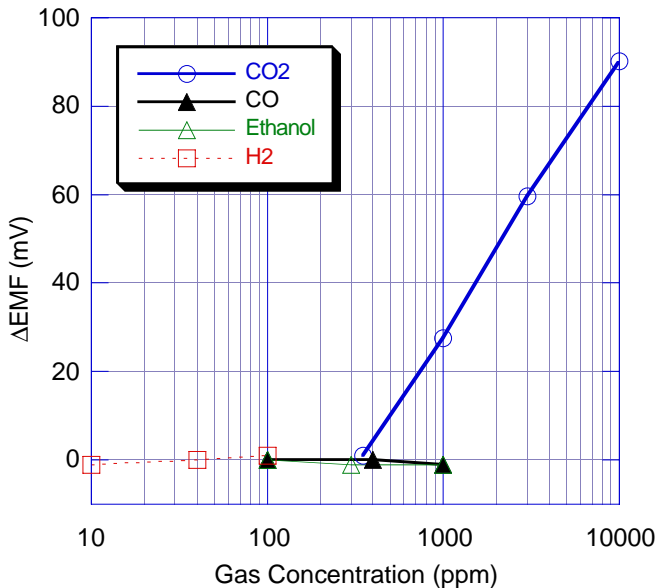
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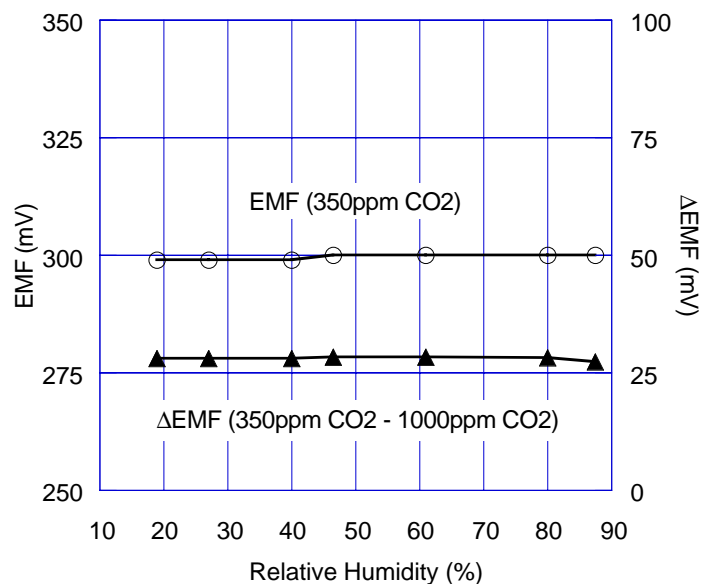
EMF₁ = EMF in 350 ppm CO₂

EMF₂ = EMF in 1000ppm CO₂

Sensitivity Characteristics:



Humidity Dependency:

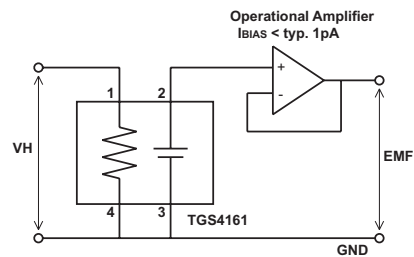


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Basic Measuring Circuit:

The TGS4161 sensor requires heater voltage (V_H) input. The heater voltage is applied to the integrated heater in order to maintain the sensing element at a specific temperature which is optimal for sensing. Electromotive force (EMF) of the sensor should be measured using a high impedance ($>100\text{ G}\Omega$) operational amplifier with bias current $< 1\text{ pA}$ (e.g. Texas Instruments' model #TLC271). Since the solid electrolyte type sensor

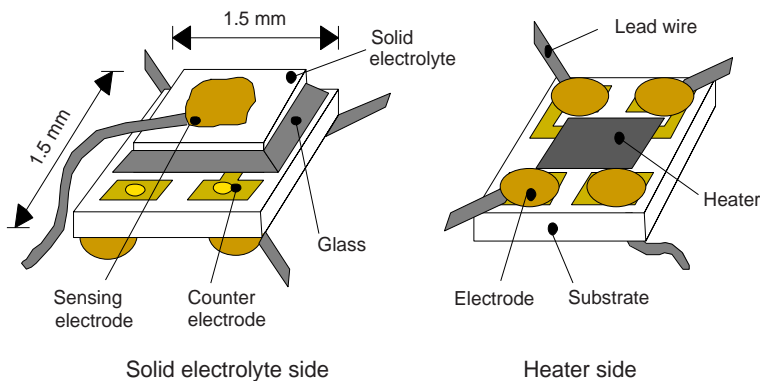
functions as a kind of battery, the EMF value itself would drift using this basic measuring circuit. However, the change of EMF value (ΔEMF) shows a stable relationship with the change of CO_2 concentration. Therefore, in order to obtain an accurate measurement of CO_2 , a special microprocessor for signal processing should be used with TGS4161. Figaro can provide a special evaluation sensor module (AM-4-4161) for TGS4161.



Specifications:

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| Model number | | TGS 4161 | | |
| Sensing element type | | Solid electrolyte | | |
| Target gases | | Carbon dioxide | | |
| Typical detection range | | 350 ~ 10,000 ppm | | |
| Electrical characteristics | Heater resistance | R_H | $70 \pm 7\Omega$ at room temp. | |
| | Heater current | I_H | approx. 50mA | |
| | Heater power consumption | P_H | approx. 250mW | |
| | Electromotive force | EMF | 220~490mV in 350ppm CO_2 | |
| | Sensitivity | ΔEMF | 44~72mV | EMF(350ppm CO_2)-EMF(350ppm CO_2) |
| | Heater voltage | V_H | $5.0 \pm 0.2\text{V}$ (DC) | |
| Sensor characteristics | Response time | approx. 1.5 min. (to 90% of final ΔEMF value) | | |
| | Measurement accuracy | approx. $\pm 20\%$ at 1,000ppm CO_2 | | |
| Operating conditions | | $-10\text{--}50^\circ\text{C}$, 5~95%RH | | |
| Storage conditions | | $-20\text{--}60^\circ\text{C}$, 5~90%RH (store in moisture proof bag with silica gel) | | |
| Standard test conditions | Test gas condition | CO_2 in air at $20 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$, 65 \pm 5%RH | | |
| | Circuit condition | $V_H = 5.0 \pm 0.05\text{V}$ DC | | |
| | Conditioning period before test | 12 hours or longer | | |

Sensing Element Structure:



Structure and Dimensions:

