

FIS GAS SENSOR SP-42AF-01

for REFRIGERANT DETECTION (R134a)

The SP-42AF is a tin dioxide semiconductor gas sensor which has a high sensitivity to HFCs (e.g. Freon: R134a) with improved cross sensitivity to other gases. This sensor maintains strong resistance to chemical poisoning by a filter installed inside the sensor housing

Structure

Gas sensitive semiconductor material is formed on the alumina substrate on which the gold electrodes are printed. A thick film heater of ruthenium oxide is printed on the reverse of the substrate and placed in the plastic housing which uses double stainless-steel mesh (100 mesh) in the path of gas flow. This sensor has silicon poison proof silica filter (Fig 1b).

Operating conditions

Fig 2 shows the standard operating circuit for this model. The change of the sensor resistance (R_S) is obtained as the change of the output voltage across the fixed or variable resistor (R_L). In order to obtain the best performance and specified characteristics, the values of the heater voltage (V_H) circuit voltage (V_C) and load resistance (R_L) must be within the range of values given in the standard operating conditions shown in the specification table on the next page.

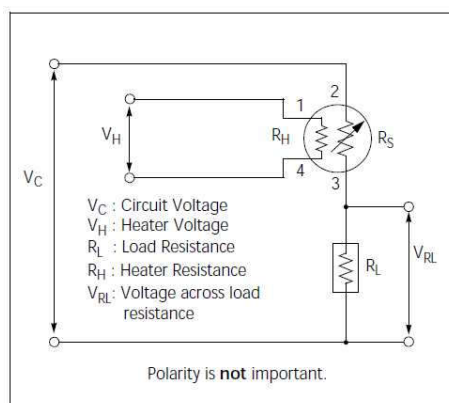


Fig 2. Standard circuit

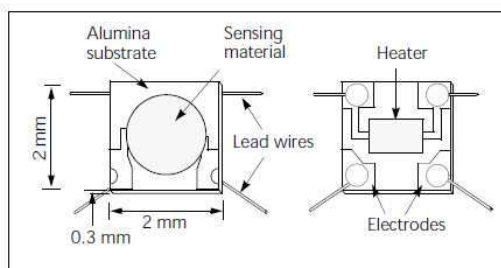


Fig 1a. Sensing element

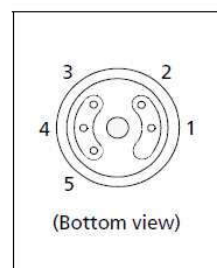


Fig 1c. Pin Layout

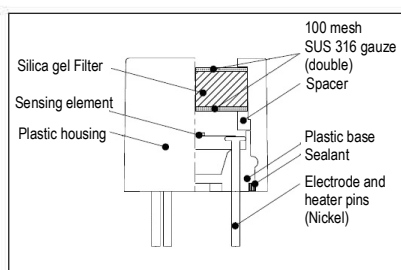


Fig 1b. Configuration

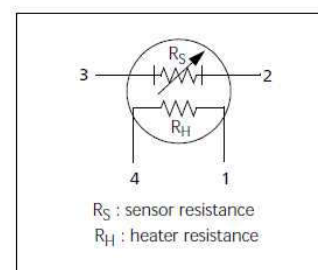


Fig 1d. Equivalent circuit

Sensitivity characteristics

Fig 3 shows the sensitivity characteristics curves of the SP-42AF (typical data). Sensitivity characteristics of the FIS gas sensors are expressed by the relationship between the sensor resistance and gas concentration. The sensor resistance decreases with an increase of gas concentration based on a logarithmic function.

The sensitivity characteristics of the SP-42AF-01 is specified by the following parameters.

- Sensor resistance level: at 100 ppm of 134a
- Sensor resistance change ratio: between R134a 100ppm and 300 ppm
- Sensitivity of R134a: the sensor resistance ratio of between in air and at R134a 100ppm

See the specification table on the next page for further details.

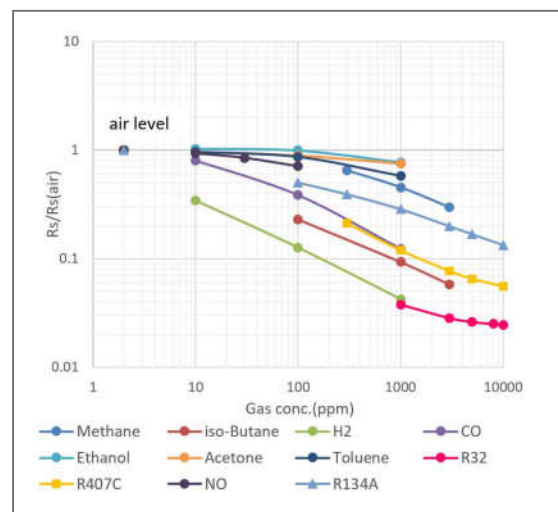


Fig 3. Sensitivity characteristics

Specifications: SP-42AF-01

A. Standard operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Specification	Conditions etc.
VH	Heater voltage	5.0 V \pm 4%	AC or DC
VC	Circuit voltage	5.0 V \pm 4%	AC or DC
RL	Load resistance	Variable (>200 Ω)	PS < 15 mW
RH	Heater resistance	40 Ω \pm 2 Ω	at room temperature
IH	Heater current	80 mA (Typical value)	IH = VH / RH
PH	Heater power consumption	400 mW (Typical value)	at VH=5V
PS	Power dissipation of sensing element	Less than 15mW	$P_S = \frac{(V_C - V_{RL})^2}{R_S}$

B. Environmental conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Specification	Conditions etc.
Tao	Operating temperature	-10 °C to 50 °C	
Tas	Storage temp	-20 °C to 60 °C	
RH	Relative humidity	Less than 95%RH (Do not condense into dew)	
(O ₂)	Oxygen concentration	21% \pm 1% (Standard condition)	Absolute minimum level: more than 18%.
		The sensitivity characteristics are influenced by the variation in oxygen concentration. Please consult us for details.	
Others		Exposure to solvents and/or silicone compounds must be avoided. Sensitivity characteristics may be affected.	

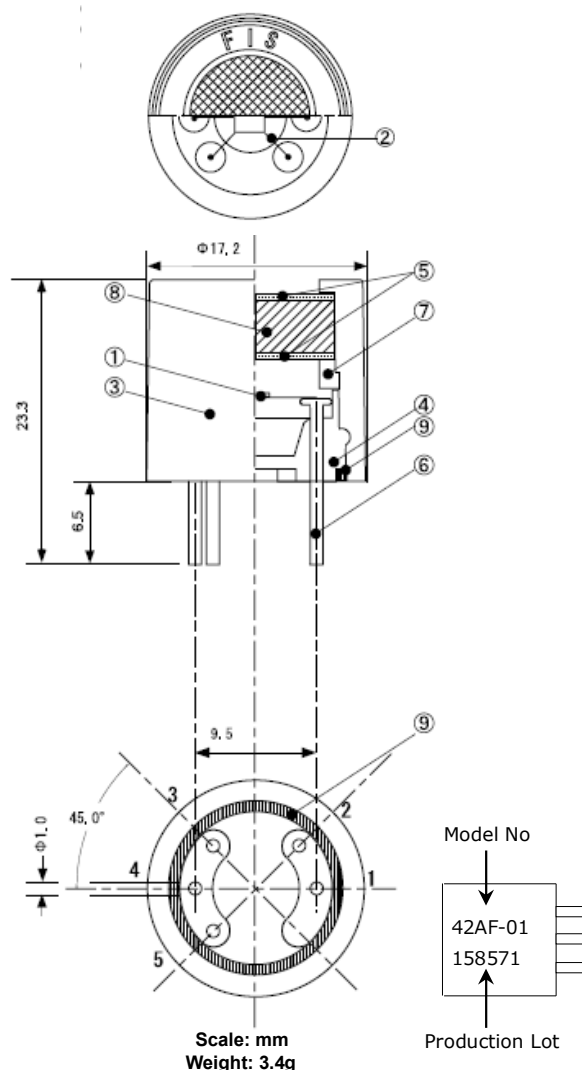
C. Sensitivity characteristics

Model	SP-42AF-01		
Symbol	Parameter	Specification	Conditions etc.
R _S	Sensor resistance	4k \sim 60k Ω	at 100 ppm of R134a
β	Sensitivity	0.50 \sim 0.70	$\frac{R_S(R134a\ 300\ ppm)}{R_S(R134a\ 100\ ppm)}$
Sensitivity of R134a		0.15 \sim 0.50	$\frac{R_S(R134a\ 100\ ppm)}{R_S\ (in\ air)}$
Standard Test Conditions:		Temp: 20 °C \pm 2 °C VC:5.0 \pm 1% Humidity:65% \pm 5% VH:5.0 \pm 1% (in clean air) RL:10 k Ω \pm 5% Pre-heating time: more than 48 hours	

D. Mechanical characteristics

Items	Conditions	Specifications
Vibration	Frequency: 5 -500 Hz Acceleration: 1.3G Sweep Time: 40min.	Should satisfy the specifications shown in the C. Sensitivity characteristics after test
Drop	Height: 60 cm Number of impacts: 3 times	

Dimensions



E. Parts and Materials

No.	Parts	Materials
①	Sensing element	Tin dioxide
②	Frame proof mesh	Noble metal alloy (Au-Pd-Mo)
③	Plastic housing	Nylon 46 (UL94HB, blue)
④	Plastic base	Nylon 46 (UL94HB, blue)
⑤	Mesh	SUS316 (100mesh, double)
⑥	Electrode pin	Nickel plated brass
⑦	Spacer	Nylon 46 (UL94HB, blue)
⑧	Filter	Silica gel
⑨	Sealant	Elastic resin sealant

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