

TGS 3870-F00 - for the detection of both Methane and Carbon Monoxide

Features:

- * Miniature size and low power consumption
- * High sensitivity and selectivity to both methane and carbon monoxide (CO)
- * Low sensitivity to alcohol vapor
- * Long life and low cost

Applications:

- * Combination methane and carbon monoxide detectors
- * Safety measures for lithium-ion batteries

TGS 3870-F00 is a micro-bead type semiconductor gas sensor for the detection of both methane and carbon monoxide. Using a micro-bead gas sensing structure, both methane and carbon monoxide can be detected with a single sensor element by periodic application of two different heater voltages (high and low). Miniaturization of the gas sensing bead results in a heater power consumption of only 38mW (average).

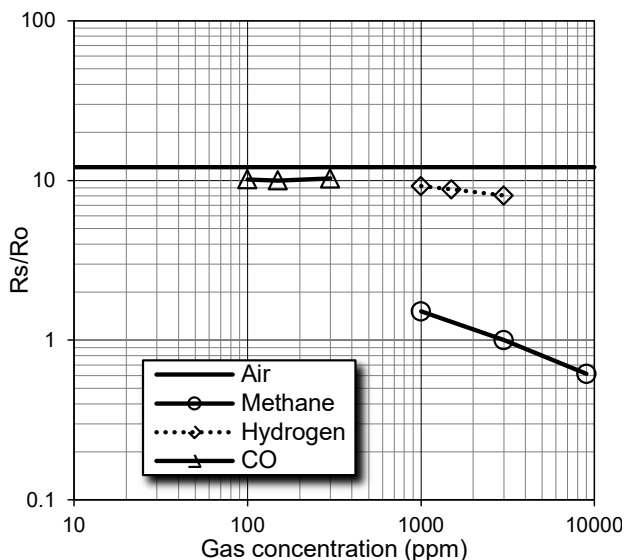
TGS 3870-F00 has low sensitivity to alcohol vapors (a typical interference gas in the residential environment) and has high durability, making the sensor ideal for consumer market gas alarms.



The figure below represents typical sensitivity characteristics, all data having been gathered at standard test conditions (see reverse side of this sheet). The Y-axis indicates sensor resistance ratio (R_s/R_o) which is defined as follows:

R_s = Sensor resistance in displayed gases at various concentrations
 R_o = Sensor resistance in 3000ppm of methane

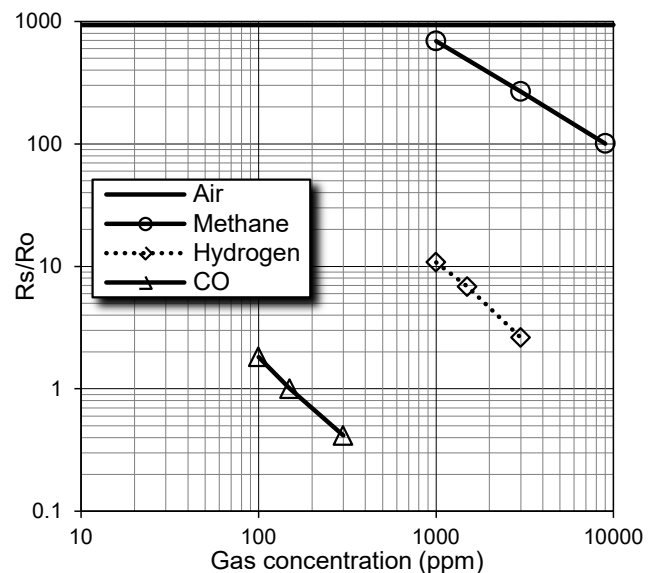
Sensitivity Characteristics (methane):



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R_s = Sensor resistance in displayed gases at various concentrations
 R_o = Sensor resistance in 150ppm of CO

Sensitivity Characteristics (CO):



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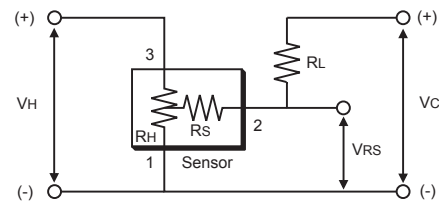
Basic Measuring Circuit:

The sensor requires two voltage inputs: heater voltage (V_H) and circuit voltage (V_C). The sensor has three pins: Pin #3--heater (+), Pin #2--sensor electrode (+), and Pin #1--common (-). To maintain the sensing element at specific temperatures which are optimal for sensing two different gases, heater voltages of 0.9V and 0.2V are alternately applied between pins #1 and #3 during a 20 second heating cycle.

Circuit voltage (V_C) is applied between both ends of the sensor (R_S) and a load resistor (R_L), which are connected in series, to allow measurement of voltage (V_{RS}).

Circuit voltage (V_C) should be applied only at the moment when the signal is taken from the sensor.

Please refer to the document "Technical Information for TGS3870-F00" for details regarding the timing and application of V_C and V_H.



Basic measuring circuit

Caution: Do not apply a constant circuit voltage (5.0V) or the sensor would not exhibit its specified characteristics.

Specifications:

Model number		TGS3870-F00	
Sensing principle		MOS type	
Standard package		Plastic base and metal can	
Target gases		Methane and Carbon Monoxide	
Typical detection range		Methane 1~25% LEL Carbon monoxide 50~1,000ppm	
Standard circuit conditions	Heater voltage	V _H	V _H H = 0.9V±3% for 5 sec. V _H L = 0.2V±3% for 15sec.
	Circuit voltage	V _C	5.0±0.2V DC pulse (refer to Technical Information for TGS3870-F00)
	Load resistance	R _L	variable (>0.75kΩ)
Electrical characteristics under standard test conditions	Heater resistance	R _H	3Ω±0.3Ω at room temp.
	Heater power consumption	P _H	120mW V _H H = 0.9V DC
			11mW V _H L = 0.2V DC
			38mW average
Sensor resistance	R _S	0.3kΩ~5.0kΩ in 3000ppm methane 2kΩ~40kΩ in 200ppm CO	
Sensitivity (change ratio of R _S)	β	0.44~0.7	$\frac{R_S(3000ppm CH_4)}{R_S(1000ppm CH_4)}$
		0.3~0.8	$\frac{R_S(300ppm CO)}{R_S(200ppm CO)}$
Standard test conditions	Test gas conditions	Target gas in air at 20±2°C, 65±5%RH	
	Circuit conditions	V _H H = 0.9V±2% for 5 sec. V _H L = 0.2V±2% for 15 sec. V _C = 5.0±0.2V DC pulse (refer to Technical Information for TGS3870-F00)	
	Preheating period before test	≥5 days	

The value of power dissipation (P_S) can be calculated by utilizing the following formula:

$$P_S = \frac{(V_{RS})^2}{R_S}$$

Sensor resistance (R_S) is calculated with a measured value of V_{RS} by using the following formula:

$$R_S = \frac{(V_{RS} - 0.5V_H)}{(V_C - V_{RS})} \times R_L$$

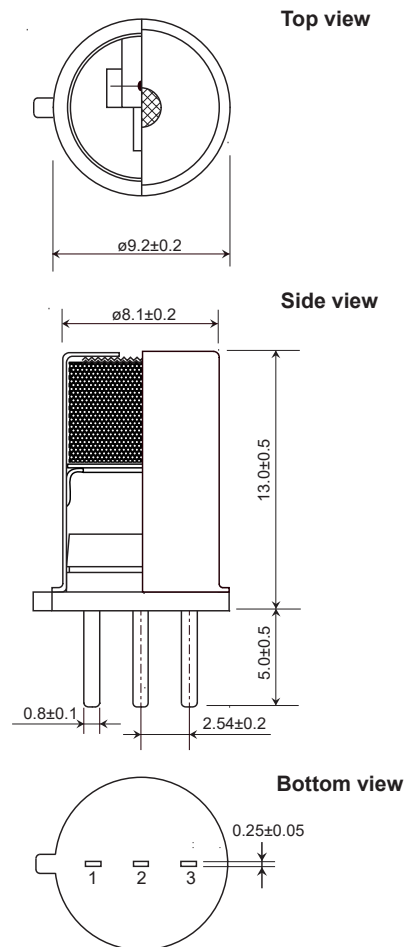
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Structure and Dimensions:



Pin connection: unit:mm
 1:Common(-)
 2:Sensor electrode (+)
 3:Heater(+)

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