Combustible Gas Sensor

# **Key Features & Benefits:**

- · Robust, Heavy Duty Design
- High Poison Resistance

# **Performance Characteristics**

#### **MEASUREMENT**

**Operating Principle** | Catalytic Oxidation

Gases Detected | Most combustible gases and

vapours

Range 0-100% LEL

Sensitivity | 12 to 16 mV/%methane

T90 Response Time
Poison Resistance
H<sub>2</sub>S Filter Lifetime
Linearity
Linear up to 5% methane

## **ELECTRICAL**

Operating Voltage | 2.0 ± 0.1 VDC

**Detector Operating Current** | 300mA in recommended circuit

**Resolution** | Electronics dependant

#### **MECHANICAL**

Casing Material | Stainless steel 316 Weight | 275 g (nominal)

Orientation Sensitivity None

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Operating Temperature Range | -20°C to +55°C Operating Pressure Range | 1 atm ± 10%

Operating Humidity Range | 0-100% RH non-condensing

### LIFETIME

Long Term Span Drift | <2 Long Term Zero Drift | <2 Recommended Storage Temp | 0°

<2% signal/month <2% LEL<sub>methane</sub>/month

age Temp | 0°C to 20°C Shelf life | 6 months in

Expected Operating Life

Warranty

6 months in sealed container

2 years in clean air12 months from date of

despatch

N.B. Flow rate of 300 ml/min. Conditions at 20°C, 50% RH, and 1013 mbar unless otherwise noted.

# **Options Available**

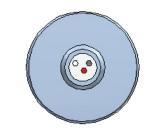
The CDH300 CiTipeL® Detector Head is available with a choice of thread sizes for attachment to a junction box or suitable alternative (see drawing). The standard options available are given below. (Note: Metric threads are for use outside of North America).

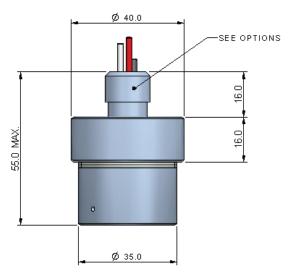
#### **Order Codes**

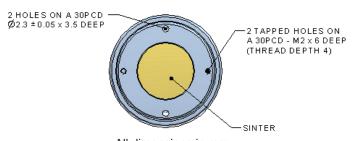
Other thread dimensions are available on request.

CDH300-A	½" ANPT taper connection	PM030-220
	3/4" ANPT taper connection	PM030-210
	M20 metric connection	PM030-250
CDH300-D	M16 metric connection	PM030-260

# **Product Dimensions**







All dimensions in mm
All tolerances ±0.15mm unless otherwise stated

# **Special Conditions for Safe Use**

The CDH Gas Sensing head shall only be installed in a suitably certified increased safety enclosure, which provides physical protection for the cable, and protects the epoxy resin potting compound from light. The installation of the CDH Sensing Head in the enclosure shall maintain an ingress protection rating better than code IP54 as stated in IEC 60529.

The CDH-Series Gas Sensing Head shall not be used as a safety related device.

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# **Product Approval**

CANADIAN STAND'S ASSOC'N



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Test Standard: CSA Std C22.2 No 30-M1986

Explosion-Proof Enclosures for Use in

Class 1 Hazardous Locations

Product Categories: Class 1, Groups A, B, C, D.

Certificate Number: LR 103143

**Approval Body:** 

Approval Body: SIRA CERTIFICATION SERVICE

Test Standard: EN 60079-0:2006 General Requirement EN 60079-1:2007 Flameproof Enclosures "d"

Product Categories: Ex d IIC T6 Gb, ⟨€x⟩ II2G, **(€**0518

Certificate Number: 01 ATEX1204X

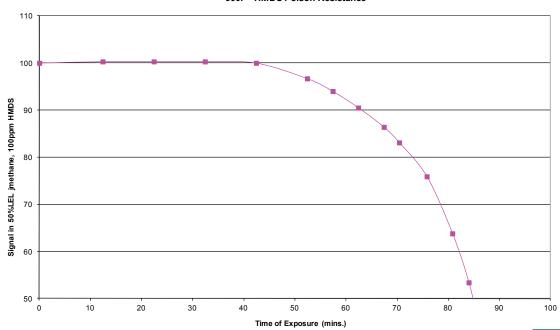
## **Poison Resistance**

The graphs below show the effects of typical silicone and sulphur containing compounds on a 300P CiTipeL<sup>®</sup>. Hexamethyl-disiloxane (HMDS) is chosen as an example of a particularly virulent poison the effects of which are irreversible. Hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) is also a commonly encountered poison.

The graphs show the results of accelerated tests on unprotected sensors - in practice it is extremely unlikely continuous levels of even a few ppm of HMDS would be encountered. Similarly 100ppm  $H_2S$  is approximately seven times the Short Term Exposure Limit in the UK.

From the graph, the 300P will operate for significantly longer in an environment containing silicone oil vapours than a traditional standard sensor. The effect of 100ppm  $H_2S$  is also very small, and upon removal of  $H_2S$  the sensor will return to its original sensitivity. In practice this means the 300P can operate for months or years in an environment where a traditional sensor may need replacing after a matter of days or weeks.

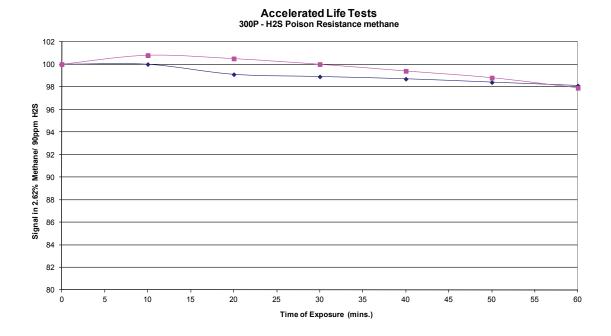
#### Accelerated Life Tests 300P - HMDS Poison Resistance



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# **Relative Sensitivity**

The table below shows the variation in response of a CDH300 CiTipeL® on exposure to a range of gases and vapours at the same %LEL concentration. The figures are experimentally derived and expressed relative to the methane signal (=100).

**Note:** The results are intended for guidance only. For the most accurate measurements an instrument should be calibrated using the gas under investigation.

Combustible Gas/ Vapour	%LEL Relative Sensitivity	Combustible Gas/ Vapour	%LEL Relative Sensitivity
Methane	100	Methane	100
Propane	55	Acetone	35
n - Butane	50	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	20
n - Pentane	40	Toluene	35
n - Hexane	30	Ethyl Acetate	30
n - Heptane	35	Hydrogen	80
n - Octane	30	Ammonia	100
Methanol	70	Cyclohexane	40
Ethanol	40	Leaded Petrol	50
iso - Propyl Alcohol	35	Unleaded Petrol	40

\*Each sensitivity has been rounded to the nearest 5%

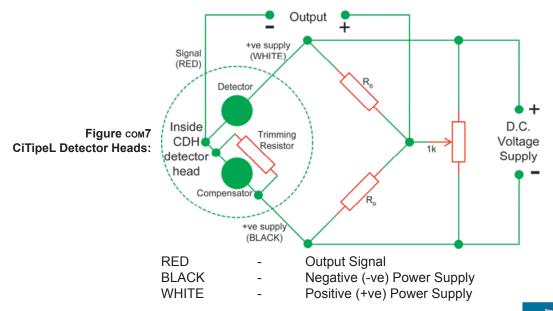




# Instructions specific to hazardous area installations (reference European ATEX Directive 94/9/EC, Annex II, 1.0.6.)

The following instructions apply to equipment covered by certificate number Sira 01ATEX1204X;

- 1. The equipment may be used with flammable gases and vapours with apparatus groups IIA, IIB and IIC and with temperature classifications T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 and T6.
- 2. The equipment is certified for use in ambient temperatures of -20°C to +40°C.
- 3. The equipment has not been assessed as a safety related device (as referred to by Directive 94 / 9 / EC Annex II, clause 1.5).
- 4. Installation of the equipment shall be carried out by suitably trained personnel in accordance with the applicable code of practice (e.g. EN 60079-14)
- 5. Inspection and maintenance of this equipment shall be carried out by suitably trained personnel in accordance with the applicable code of practice (e.g. EN 60079-17).
- 6. Repair of this equipment shall be carried out by suitably trained personnel in accordance with the applicable code of practice (e.g. EN 60079-19).
- 7. The CDH Series Gas Sensing Head shall only be installed in a suitably certified increased safety enclosure that provides physical protection for the cable and protects the epoxy resin potting compound from light. The CDH should be screwed into the de-energised enclosure until the maximum number of threads are engaged. The installation of the CDH in the enclosure shall maintain an ingress protection rating better than code IP54 as stated in EN 60529;1991. Electrical connection of the CDH Sensing Head to a suitable circuit should be made as described in Figure com 7.



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- 8. It is recommended that confirmation of adequate sensor performance be conducted on a regular basis by means of a defined, sensor calibration procedure. The calibration frequency will depend upon the environment in which the sensor is operated and on the perceived level of risk from the build up of flammable atmospheres.
- 9. The certification of this equipment relies upon the following materials used in its construction;

Enclosure material: 316 stainless steel, which contains less than 6% magnesium.

Sinter: 316 stainless steel 316L

Cement:	DW30	CW2248/HY956EN
Manufacturer Type of compound Colour Filler type and % Other additives	Flogates & Hikley Ceramic cement Off white 40% silica 25% MgO	Ciba-Geigy Epoxy resin Beige (natural) 55.2% trihydrated Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> 8.3%
Surface treatments	35% MgSO <sub>4</sub> None	None
Temperature index City Tech reference	Stable to 475°C RM 462	170°C RM 497

If the equipment is likely to come into contact with aggressive substances, then it is the responsibility of the user to take suitable precautions that prevent it from being adversely affected, thus ensuring that the type of protection is not compromised.

Aggressive substances: e.g. acidic liquids or gases that may attack metals, or solvents that

may affect polymeric materials.

Suitable precautions: regular checks as part of routine inspections or establishing from

the material's data sheet that it is resistant to specific chemicals.

10. The CDH Series Gas Sensing Head is available in several formats depending upon the operating voltage of the sensing elements. The Certification marking is shown below using the CDH300 Gas Sensing Head as an example:





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11. Certain substances are known to have a detrimental effect on catalytic elements as used in the CDH Series Gas Sensing Head.

Poisoning: Some compounds will decompose on the catalyst and form a solid barrier over the catalyst surface. This action is cumulative and prolonged exposure will result in an irreversible decrease in sensitivity. The most common of these substances are: lead or sulphur containing compounds; silicones; phosphates.

Inhibition: Certain other compounds, especially hydrogen sulphide and halogenated hydrocarbons, are absorbed or form compounds that are absorbed by the catalyst. The resultant loss of sensitivity is temporary and in most cases a sensor will recover after a period of operation in clean air.

In applications where it is suspected that poisons or inhibitors may be present, suitable protection for the CDH Series Gas Sensing Head should be provided.

#### SAFETY NOTE

This sensor is designed to be used in safety critical applications. To ensure that the sensor and/or instrument in which it is used, are operating properly, it is a requirement that the function of the device is confirmed by exposure to target gas (bump check) before each use of the sensor and/or instrument. Failure to carry out such tests may jeopardize the safety of people and property.

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Performance characteristics on this data sheet outline the performance of newly supplied sensors. Output signal can drift below the lower limit over time.

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