

Key Features & Benefits:

- Compact, open can design
- High poison resistance

Performance Characteristics

MEASUREMENT

Operating Principle	Catalytic Oxidation
Gases Detected	Most combustible gases and vapours
Range	0-100% LEL
Sensitivity	11 to 15 mV/%methane
T90 Response Time	<15 seconds
Poison Resistance	Highly Resistant
Linearity	Linear up to 5% methane

ELECTRICAL

Operating Voltage	2.0 ± 0.1 VDC
Detector Operating Current	280 mA in recommended circuit
Resolution	Electronics dependant

MECHANICAL

Casing Material	Stainless steel 316
Pin Material	KOVAR alloy
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

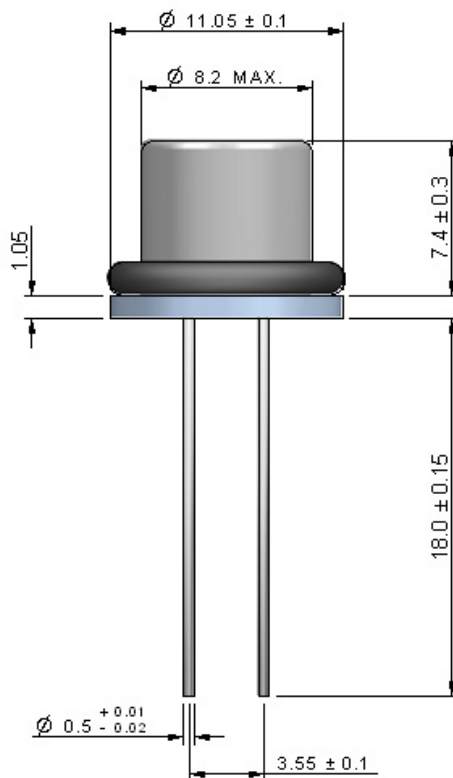
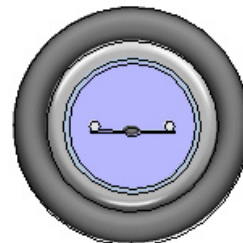
LIFETIME

Long Term Span Drift*	<1% signal/month
Long Term Zero Drift*	<1% LEL _{methane} /month
Recommended Storage Temp	0°C to 20°C
Shelf life	6 months in sealed container
Expected Operating Life	2 years in clean air
Warranty	12 months from date of despatch

* Measured over a 6 month period

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

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All tolerances ± 0.15 mm

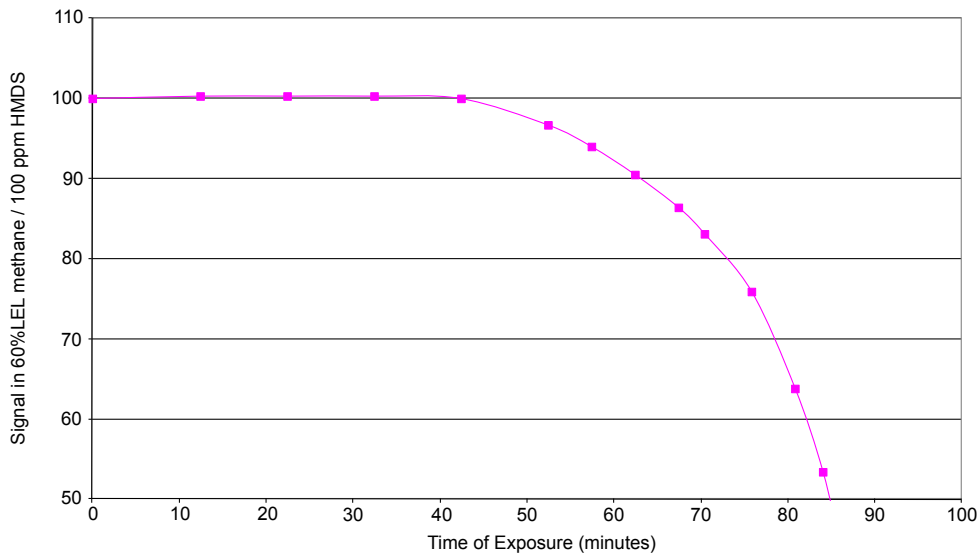
Poison Resistance

The graphs below show the effects of typical silicone and sulfur containing compounds on a 300PZ CiTipeL[®]. Hexamethyl-disiloxane (HMDS) is chosen as an example of a particularly virulent poison, the effects of which are irreversible. Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) is also a commonly encountered poison.

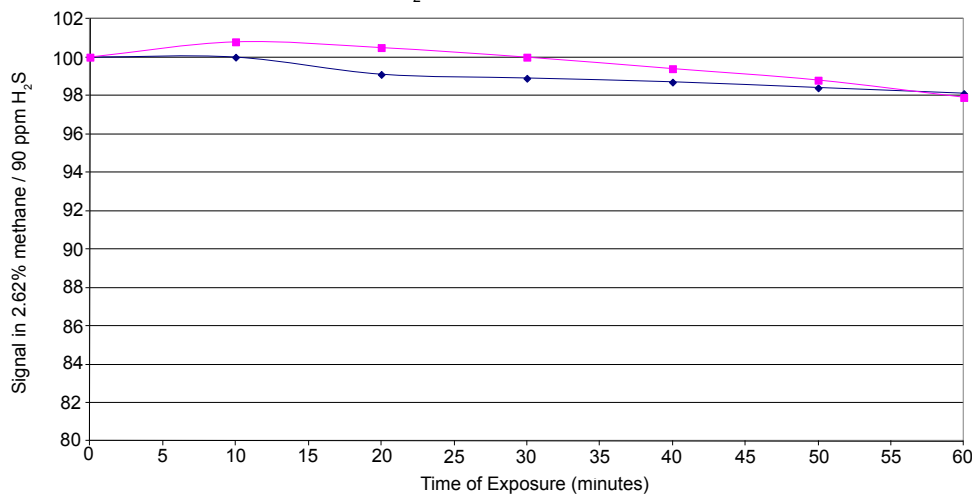
The graphs show the results of accelerated tests on unprotected sensors - in practice it is extremely unlikely continuous levels of even a few ppm of HMDS would be encountered. Similarly, 100 ppm H₂S is approximately seven times the Short Term Exposure Limit in the UK.

The 300PZ will operate for significantly longer in an environment containing silicone oil vapours than a traditional standard sensor. The effect of 100 ppm H₂S is also very small, and upon removal of H₂S the sensor will return to its original sensitivity. In practice, this means the 300PZ 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
300PZ - HMDS Poison Resistance



Accelerated Life Tests
300PZ - H₂S Poison Resistance methane



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	Relative Sensitivity	Combustible Gas/Vapour	Relative Sensitivity
Methane	100	Acetone	45
Propane	70	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	40
n - Butane	65	Toluene	20
n - Pentane	60	Ethyl Acetate	35
n - Hexane	40	Hydrogen	100
n - Heptane	40	Cyclohexane	40
n - Octane	25	Unleaded Petrol	35
Methanol	70	Ethylene	90
Ethanol	50	1,3, Butadiene	70
iso - Propyl Alcohol	40	Acetylene	75

*Each sensitivity has been rounded to the nearest 5%

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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