TGS 821 - Special Sensor for Hydrogen Gas

Features:

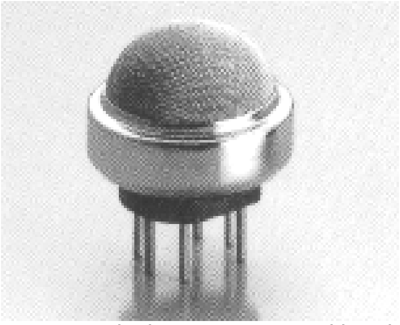
* High sensitivity and selectivity to hydrogen gas
* Good repeatability in measurement and excellent stability
* Uses simple electrical circuit
* Ceramic base resistant to severe environment

Applications:

* Hydrogen gas detection for:
  - transformer maintenance
  - batteries
  - steel industry usage
  - etc.

The sensing element of Figaro gas sensors is a tin dioxide (SnO_2) semiconductor which has low conductivity in clean air. In the presence of a detectable gas, the sensor's conductivity increases depending on the gas concentration in the air. A simple electrical circuit can convert the change in conductivity to an output signal which corresponds to the gas concentration.

The **TGS 821** has high sensitivity and selectivity to hydrogen gas. The sensor can detect concentrations as low as 50ppm, making it ideal for a variety of industrial applications.



The figure below represents typical sensitivity char-acteristics, all data having been gathered at standard test conditions (see reverse side of this sheet). The Y-axis is indicated as *sensor resistance ratio* (Rs/Ro) which is defined as follows:

Rs = Sensor resistance of displayed gases at various concentrations

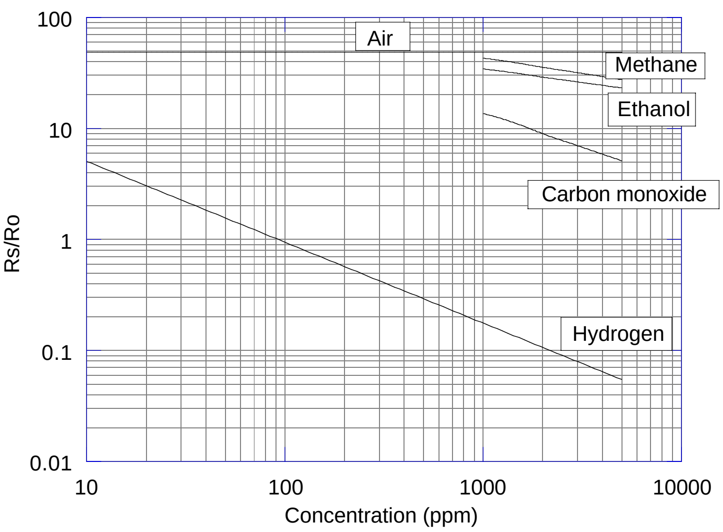
Ro = Sensor resistance at 100ppm of hydrogen

The figure below represents typical temperature and humidity dependency characteristics. Again, the Y-axis is indicated as *sensor resistance ratio* (Rs/Ro), defined as follows:

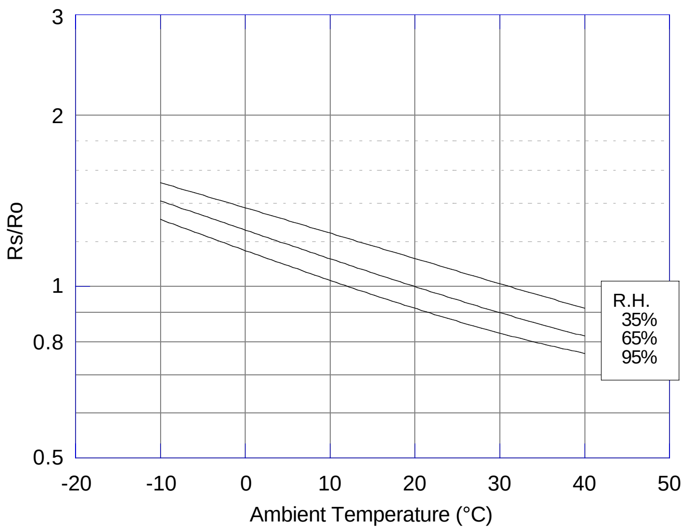
Rs = Sensor resistance at 100ppm of hydrogen at various temperatures/humidities

Ro = Sensor resistance at 100ppm of hydrogen at 20°C and 65% R.H.

Sensitivity Characteristics:



Temperature/Humidity Dependency:



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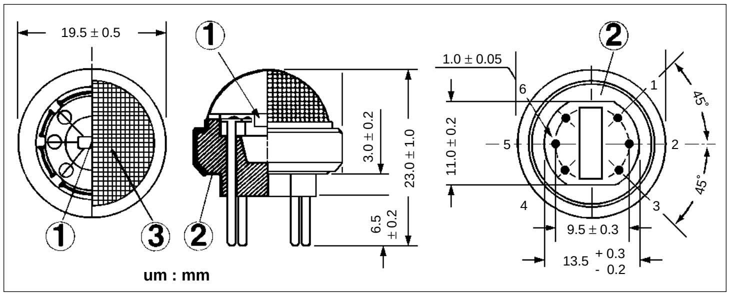
Structure and Dimensions:



(1) Sensing Element:
SnO2 is sintered to form a thick film on the surface of an alumina ceramic tube which contains an internal heater.

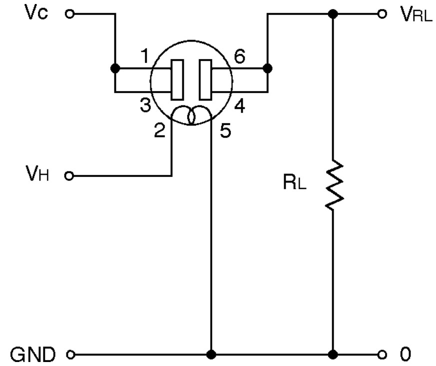
(2) Sensor Base:
Alumina ceramic

(3) Flame Arrestor:
100 mesh SUS 316 double gauze

Pin Connection and Basic Measuring Circuit:

The numbers shown around the sensor symbol in the circuit diagram at the right correspond with the pin numbers shown in the sensor's structure drawing (*above*). When the sensor is connected as shown in the basic circuit, output across the Load Resistor (V_{RL}) increases as the sensor's resistance (Rs) decreases, depending on gas concentration.

Basic Measuring Circuit:



Standard Circuit Conditions:

Item	Symbol	Rated Values	Remarks
Heater Voltage	V_H	5.0±0.2V	AC or DC
Circuit Voltage	V_C	Max. 24V	DC only Ps≤15mW
Load Resistance	R_L	Variable	0.45kΩ min.

Electrical Characteristics:

Item	Symbol	Condition	Specification
Sensor Resistance	Rs	Hydrogen at 100ppm/air	1kΩ ~ 10kΩ
Change Ratio of Sensor Resistance	Rs/Ro	$\frac{\text{Log}[Rs(H_2\ 100ppm)/Rs(H_2\ 1000ppm)]}{\text{Log}\ (1000ppm/100ppm)}$	0.60 ~ 1.20
Heater Resistance	R_H	Room temperature	38.0 ± 3.0Ω
Heater Power Consumption	P_H	V_H=5.0V	660mW (typical)

Standard Test Conditions:

TGS 821 complies with the above electrical characteristics when the sensor is tested in standard conditions as specified below:

Test Gas Conditions: 20°±2°C, 65±5%R.H.
Circuit Conditions: V_C = 10.0±0.1V (AC or DC),
V_H = 5.0±0.05V (AC or DC),
R_L = 4.0kΩ±1%
Preheating period before testing: More than 7 days

Sensor Resistance (Rs) is calculated by the following formula:

$$Rs = \left(\frac{V_C}{V_{RL}} - 1\right) \times R_L$$

Power dissipation across sensor electrodes (Ps) is calculated by the following formula:

$$Ps = \frac{V_C^2 \times Rs}{(Rs + R_L)^2}$$

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